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NAESB REACHES FINAL MILESTONE IN THE ELECTRIC INDUSTRY REGISTRY PROJECT

This week, the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) completed the final phase of a multiple year project to transition ownership and update the Electric Industry Registry (EIR) from the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC). The EIR is a tool that serves as the central repository for information used to electronically schedule power and support commercial transactions in the wholesale electric market.

Formerly known as the Transmission System Information Network (TSIN) and maintained by NERC, the tool supported the scheduling transactions for the bulk electric system of the eastern portion of the power grid, otherwise known as the Eastern Interconnection; however, through the transition process, it has now been expanded to also support transactions in the west, providing the industry with a single registry to support the entire nation. The transition of the EIR, related updates to its functionality and the incorporation of the Western Interconnection registry required the close coordination of NAESB, NERC, the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC), and the system administrator, Open Access Technology International, Inc. (OATI) to ensure success.

“The completion of the TSIN transition from NERC to NAESB is a testament to the cooperation and coordination among the two organizations,” said Mark Lauby, Vice President and Director of Standards at NERC. “The registry is a much needed tool for the industry and I commend NAESB’s hard work on this effort.”

Matt Hunsaker, Operations Manager with the WECC stated, “With the transition of the EIR from the NERC TSIN registry to the NAESB, the industry will continue to benefit from a central repository for information. WECC congratulates NAESB and OATI in a successful implementation of the WebRegistry tool that supports the EIR.”

“OATI is proud of the confidence NAESB placed with us to provide this mission-critical application” said Sasan Mokhtari, President and CEO of OATI, “and OATI will continue to serve the needs of the NAESB, WECC, and NERC communities to meet future challenges and emerging technologies.”

Michael Desselle, Chairman of the NAESB Board of Directors stated, “Moving forward, NAESB will continue to work with NERC, WECC and OATI to ensure that the EIR is meeting the needs of the industry and efficiently supporting the commercial transactions of the wholesale electric market.”

The North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) serves as an industry forum for the development and promotion of standards which will lead to a seamless marketplace for wholesale and retail natural gas and electricity, as recognized by its customers, business community, participants, and regulatory entities. It is composed of over three hundred corporate members in the energy industry and many more non-member volunteers who contribute to the drafting and adopting of NAESB standards. To learn more about NAESB, go to www.naesb.org, contact Denise Rager (drager@naesb.org) or call 713-356-0060.
