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### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2018 NAESB STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT SURVEY**

Today, the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) released its biennial industry-wide survey to poll the energy sector for input on potential areas for new standards development that the organization should consider in 2019. As stated in the survey, “new technologies, policy directives and changing economic factors” have impacted the direction of the energy markets in unpredictable ways over the last decade and ensuring that the commercial business practices adopted by the industry are remaining consistent with developing industry initiatives is critical to the NAESB mission and ultimately, to supporting efficient gas and electric markets. Similar to the 2014 and 2016 surveys, the 2018 NAESB survey asks for input on a variety of development areas where standardization may support increased market efficiencies, decrease the costs of undertaking certain transactions, or add value to the business processes currently in place. Some of the standards development areas identified in the survey include blockchain technology, distributed generation, solar and wind generation and gas and electric market coordination.

Michael Desselle, Chairman of the NAESB Board of Directors, stated that “the NAESB survey is extremely important to the organization, and the energy industry overall, because it lays a foundation for the strategic direction and annual planning processes of NAESB, and is the first step leading to consensus-based business practice standards that support the energy markets.” He added that “while the survey asks for input on a number of specific standard development areas, there are opportunities to provide recommendations and comments outside of the areas identified, and I encourage survey respondents to take those opportunities, as all will be considered by our Board of Directors.”

The survey can be found through the following hyperlink: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NAESB\\_Survey\\_061518](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NAESB_Survey_061518) and responses are requested by July 16<sup>th</sup>. The results of the survey will be analyzed by the NAESB Board Strategic Plan Task Force before being presented to the NAESB Board of Directors during its September 6, 2018 meeting. The September meeting serves as the organization’s Meeting of the Members and Strategic Session, and in the past, has resulted in a number of recommendations that have been considered for inclusion on the NAESB annual plans. Like the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, participation in the industry-wide survey is encouraged by both NAESB members and non-members alike. If you have any questions, or would like more information on the NAESB 2018 Standards Development Survey, please contact the NAESB office ((713) 356-0060 or [naesb@naesb.org](mailto:naesb@naesb.org)).