Dear Interested Parties --

The North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) is seeking your participation in its 2020 Standards Development Survey. As you may know, NAESB is an ANSI accredited standards setting body that supports the wholesale and retail natural gas and electricity markets through the development of standards, certification programs, industry tools and education. Over the last twenty-five years, NAESB has developed thousands of standards that add transparency, uniformity and security to market transactions and promote a more efficient and competitive marketplace. To support its mission, NAESB conducts a biennial, industry-wide survey to solicit the input of all interested parties concerning areas for potential standards development. This is done to ensure that new projects and initiatives undertaken by NAESB are reflective of current market trends and serve the industry in the most effective manner.

The questions included in this survey are intended to gauge your company’s interest in NAESB exploring standards development or other activities in the areas identified in the survey over the next twelve to eighteen months. Within each generalized area, respondents are encouraged to provide additional information concerning specific business practices, processes or transactions that may be benefited by standardization or reasons why standards development in the area should not be pursued by NAESB. Additionally, if you have colleagues with specific subject matter expertise in an area identified in the survey, please feel free to forward the survey to them or collaborate on your response. The information gathered through this survey will be reviewed by the NAESB Board of Directors and will inform its decisions concerning standards development activities and other endeavors that the organization will undertake and dedicate resources to over the next several years.

To participate in this process and submit a survey, please follow the instructions provided through the following hyperlink: 2020 NAESB Standards Development Survey. Responses are requested by the close of business on Friday, July 24, 2020.

For additional background information on NAESB and its work products, please visit the NAESB website (www.naesb.org), or contact the NAESB staff with any questions ((713) 356-0060 or naesb@naesb.org). Information concerning the survey results will be provided on the NAESB Board Strategy Committee’s designated web page as it becomes available: https://www.naesb.org/board_strategic_plan.asp.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to our organization –
Section 1 – Submitter Information

1. Please provide your contact information.

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Is your company a participate in the (check all that are applicable):

2. ☐ Wholesale Natural Gas Market as a ☐ Producer
   ☐ Pipeline
   ☐ Distributor
   ☐ Services or Technology Company
   ☐ End User
   ☐ Other Participant

3. ☐ Wholesale Electric Market as a ☐ Transmission Company
   ☐ Generator
   ☐ Distributor/Load Serving Entity
   ☐ End User
   ☐ Independent Grid Operator and Planner
   ☐ Marketer/Broker
   ☐ Technology or Services Company
   ☐ Other Participant

4. ☐ Retail Energy Market as a ☐ Retail Electric Service Provider/Supplier
   ☐ End User/Public Agency
   ☐ Retail Gas Market Company
   ☐ Retail Electric Utility
   ☐ Other Participant
5. □ If you do not fit into any of the market functions described in questions 2 through 4, or if one of your market functions has not been provided in questions 2 through 4, please describe your market function.

6. Are you a member of NAESB?
   □ Yes
   □ No

7. If you are not a member, why have you not joined NAESB?
   □ Financial reasons
   □ My organization is an affiliate of a member company
   □ NAESB’s activities are not current relevant to my organization
   □ My organization’s interests are represented by another entity
   □ I have been unaware of NAESB and/or its activities
   Other:
### Section 2 – Potential Standards Development Areas

Please indicate whether NAESB should consider standards development or other activities in the following areas within the next 18 to 24 months. Comments may be provided for each development effort.

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(https://www.naesb.org/misc/doe_gmi_062420.docx)

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**Comments**
Section 3 – General Comments

10. General Comments:

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this survey. Your feedback is valued and very much appreciated!