##### September 10, 2025

**TO:** NAESB Members and Interested Industry Participants

**FROM:** NAESB Office

**RE:** Preparation of the 2026 Annual Plans: Meeting Announcements, Agendas and Call for Comments

Dear NAESB and Advisory Council Members,

As discussed during last week’s Board meeting, we are initiating the process to develop the 2026 Wholesale Electric Quadrant (“WEQ”), Wholesale Gas Quadrant (“WGQ”) and Retail Markets Quadrant (“RMQ”) annual plans. The annual plans that are adopted by the Board of Directors will define the standards development activities that NAESB will undertake next year, and the input provided by interested parties through this process will be extremely helpful as we determine the organization’s focus in 2026. As of today, we are seeking comments and suggestions for items to be considered by the Annual Plan Subcommittees for inclusion on next year’s quadrant annual plans.

The Annual Plan Subcommittees will hold virtual meetings on October 8, 2025 to discuss and draft each of the quadrant specific annul plans. Please provide any comments and/or suggestions for the subcommittees’ consideration by ***Friday, October 3, 2025***. Comments should be submitted to the NAESB office at [naesb@naesb.org](mailto:naesb@naesb.org).

Participation in the virtual meetings is open to any interested party. If you plan to attend any or all of the meetings, please register through the hyperlink(s) found below. The quadrant specific annual plans developed by the Annual Plan Subcommittees will be considered for approval by each of the Executive Committees the week of October 20th and forwarded to the NAESB Board of Directors for its consideration and finalization during the December 11, 2025 meeting.

| **Wednesday, October 8, 2025** | **Registration** |
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| WEQ Annual Plan Subcommittee  1:00 to 2:00 pm Central | Please call the NAESB office. |
| WGQ Annual Plan Subcommittee  2:00 to 3:00 pm Central | Please call the NAESB office. |
| RMQ Annual Plan Subcommittee  3:00 to 4:00 pm Central | Please call the NAESB office. |

As background information for the development of any comments, please find below hyperlinks to the NAESB Strategic Plan 2023-2025 and the 2025 annual plans approved by the Board of Directors on September 4, 2025.

* NAESB Strategic Plan 2023-2025: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/naesb_strategic_plan_2023_2025.pdf>
* 2025 WEQ Annual Plan: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/bd090425a2.docx>
* 2025 WGQ Annual Plan: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/bd090425a3.docx>
* 2025 RMQ Annual Plan: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/bd090425a1.docx>

The virtual meetings have been scheduled for one hour each, and the agendas for each of the meetings will be identical, except that each meeting will focus on quadrant specific annual plan development. The agendas for the meetings and comment instructions are posted on the Annual Plan Subcommittees webpage and can be found through the following hyperlink and this posted document: <https://naesb.org//annual_plan.asp>.

**Annual Plan Subcommittee Meetings**

**Wednesday, October 8, 2025**

**WEQ Annual Plan Subcommittee - 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm Central**

**WGQ Annual Plan Subcommittee - 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm Central**

**RMQ Annual Plan Subcommittee – 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm Central**

**agendaS**

1. **Administrative**

Welcome

Antitrust Guidance: [Antitrust and Other Meeting Policies Guidance](http://www.naesb.org/misc/antitrust_guidance.doc),

Adoption of Agenda

**2. Review all Quadrant Specific Comments & Draft the Proposed 2026 Quadrant Annual Plan**

* + 2025 WEQ Annual Plan: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/bd090425a2.docx>
  + 2025 WGQ Annual Plan: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/bd090425a3.docx>
  + 2025 RMQ Annual Plan: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/bd090425a1.docx>

**3. Vote to Forward the Proposed 2026 Quadrant Annual Plan to the Executive Committee**

**4. Other & New Business**

**5. Adjourn**

**2026 Annual Plan Development Process**

**Comment Instructions**

If you wish to provide input as part of this important process, please provide the specific information requested below, and forward your comments to the NAESB office ([naesb@naesb.org](mailto:naesb@naesb.org)).

All comments are welcome, and you should feel free to share this request for comments with your colleagues regardless of their status as NAESB members.

Comments will be posted on the NAESB webpage for the Annual Plan Subcommittee as they are received (<http://www.naesb.org/annual_plan.asp>).

Submitted comments should contain the following information:

* Your contact information, so that follow up questions can be asked if necessary.
* The relevant quadrant(s) to which the proposed annual plan item or modified existing annual plan item apply
* A description of the proposed item or a rationale for changing an existing item, with a designation of whether the item is to be considered for completion in 2026 or beyond.
* A level of priority for the proposed annual plan item, including a rough estimate of how much time will be needed for the standards development.
* Whether you or your staff and colleagues are interested in participating, and if you consider yourself a subject matter expert on the proposed or existing annual plan item
* Any other comments you would like to provide.

We look forward to hearing from you soon. Should you have any questions or need additional information, do not hesitate to contact the NAESB office at (713) 356-0060 or [naesb@naesb.org](mailto:naesb@naesb.org).