June 11, 2018

**TO:** NAESB Wholesale Electric Quadrant (WEQ) Members, Wholesale Gas Quadrant (WGQ) Members, and posted other Interested Industry Parties

**FROM:** Caroline Trum, NAESB Deputy Director

**RE:** Conference Call of the NAESB WEQ/WGQ FERC Forms Subcommittee – June 18, 2018

Dear All,

As previously announced, a conference call of the NAESB WEQ/WGQ FERC Forms Subcommittee has been scheduled for Monday, June 18, 2018 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM Central. During the meeting, the subcommittee will discuss feedback regarding the XML development for the FERC Forms. FERC staff has provided NAESB with the following for circulation with the industry prior to the meeting:

The Commission is updating our Forms collection system.  Work has been done on a custom XML solution and we are currently evaluating whether to adopt an XBRL standard instead of custom XML for the eForms Refresh program.  Our Forms collection process will be updated to replace Visual Fox Pro and will require industry to change the submission format using either approach.  We would like to know the following from the eForms Subcommittee.  (Please identify if you are an industry participant or a vendor):

1. What would be the difference in burden to your organization between implementing an XBRL data collection standard versus a custom XML solution?
2. From your experience, is one solution significantly easier/less burdensome to implement and maintain than the other? Why (e.g., open source tools, resource availability, etc.)?
3. Are there efficiency gains if your organization already uses XBRL to report data to other agencies or organizations?
4. What are the short-term and long-term benefits of one solution over the other? Which benefits are most valuable to your organization? What would be the biggest challenge to implementing either solution?
5. Do you prefer to implement an XBRL standard or a custom XML solution and why?

In preparation for this meeting, the subcommittee chairs have asked that participants submit written feedback responding to the above noted questions. All interested parties, regardless of membership status within NAESB, may submit a response. Please send any written responses to the NAESB Office ([naesb@naesb.org](mailto:naesb@naesb.org) or fax 713-356-0067) by **9:00 AM Central on June 18, 2018**.

All meeting materials will be posted to the subcommittee website (<https://www.naesb.org/ferc_forms.asp>) for members and the NAESB Current Committee Activities website (<https://www.naesb.org/committee_activities.asp>) for nonmembers. A list of all current NAESB members can be found through the following hyperlink: <https://www.naesb.org//pdf4/memstats.pdf>

As with all NAESB subcommittees, participation in this subcommittee is open to anyone wishing to participate or monitor; however, non-members will be charged a meeting attendance fee.  Inclusion on NAESB distribution lists, email exploders providing information concerning future meetings and other activities of the subcommittee is a membership benefit. Non-members can monitor the NAESB Current Committee Activities website noted above for information on meetings and work papers.

Members: If you plan to dial-in, please RSVP to the NAESB office through email ([naesb@naesb.org](mailto:naesb@naesb.org)) or phone (713-356-0060). Also, please let us know if you would like to be added to the subcommittee distribution list and email exploder to receive future notices.

Non-members: Individual non-members wishing to participate in a NAESB committee, subcommittee, or task force meeting must first register for the meeting and submit a meeting attendance fee.  The meeting participation fee, either by phone or in person, is $100 for meetings/conference calls of 4 hours or less and $300 for meetings/conference calls lasting more than 4 hours.  As an alternative, individual non-members may pay an annual (12 consecutive months) subcommittee/task force fee of $1000 (specific to a single subcommittee/task force) in lieu of the non-member individual meeting participation fee.  The annual subcommittee/task force fee will allow an individual non-member to participate in the single subcommittee/task force meetings/conference calls for a period of 12 consecutive months.  Please note that registration for the meetings is on an individual basis and does not extend to other employees from the same company.  Non-members wishing to follow the project may view the “NAESB Current Committee Activities” webpage (<http://www.naesb.org/committee_activities.asp>) for information on future meetings.

If you have any questions about participation on the subcommittee, please do not hesitate to contact the NAESB office at any time.

With Best Regards,

*Caroline Trum*

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**WEQ/WGQ FERC Forms Subcommittee**

**Conference Call and Webcasting**

**June 18, 2018 – 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM Central**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Administrative Item

* Antitrust Guidance: <http://www.naesb.org/misc/antitrust_guidance.doc>
* Adoption of Agenda
* Adoption of Draft Minutes
  + December 2, 2016

1. Discuss Participant Feedback Regarding Questions from FERC Staff
2. Discuss Next Steps and Future Meetings
3. Adjourn