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NAESB MONTHLY UPDATE CONFERENCE CALL

WGQ: UPDATE ON WGQ CONTRACTS SUBCOMMITTEE: Mr. Sappenfield, chair of the WGQ Contracts Subcommittee, provided the update. As part of the 2016 WGQ Annual Plan, the WGQ Contracts Subcommittee has been assigned an item to investigate and potentially develop a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Master Agreement. The subcommittee will likely hold an initial meeting in March 2016 to begin discussions on the effort. Should the determination be made to develop a master agreement, it will likely be similar in substance to the other NAESB contracts. Development of such an agreement could take between nine and fifteen months.

WGQ & WEQ: UPDATE ON GAS-ELECTRIC HARMONIZATION ACTIVITIES AND FERC ORDER NO. 809: Ms. Crockett, chair of the WGQ, delivered the gas-electric harmonization update. The potential NAESB gas-electric harmonization efforts were discussed by WEQ and WGQ leadership during their meetings on December 9, 2015 prior to the NAESB Board of Directors meeting the following day. A variety of viewpoints were shared, particularly regarding the proposed gas-electric harmonization items on the 2016 WEQ and WGQ Annual Plans. During the NAESB Board of Directors meeting on December 10, 2016, the Board of Directors approved both annual plans, which are now posted to the NAESB website. The Gas Electric Harmonization (GEH) Forum will be holding an initial organization meeting on January 25, 2016 and is charged with providing a report back to the NAESB Board of Directors for the April 7, 2016 meeting. Mr. Booe indicated that Ms. Tierney and Mr. Thorn will serve as co-chairs of the GEH Forum. The meeting schedule is posted to the NAESB website.

WGQ & WEQ: UPDATE ON FERC FORMS SUBCOMMITTEE: Mr. Brooks, co-chair of the FERC Forms Subcommittee, provided the update. The subcommittee last met on December 7, 2015. During the meeting, a presentation was given by one of the meeting participants from Links Technology demonstrating how to create an XML schema. The subcommittee is currently working to complete an XML schema for FERC Form 1. Mr. Booe stated that this effort requires significant coordination with FERC staff and that the co-chairs of the subcommittee have been working with the NAESB office and FERC staff regarding the effort. Ms. Trum stated that the next meeting of the subcommittee will likely be held in February and that an announcement will be sent out by the NAESB office once a date is finalized.

WEQ: UPDATE ON NERC/NAESB IDC COORDINATION: Ms. York, chair of the WEQ Executive Committee, provided the update. Every month, NAESB and NERC hold conference calls to discuss areas of coordination between the organizations. The most recent topics of discussion have been NERC efforts regarding the NERC BAL-004, BAL-005, and BAL-006 Reliability Standards. NERC is planning to propose the retirement of its NERC BAL-004 Time Error Correction Reliability Standard and has indicated it will be sending a standards request to NAESB proposing that NAESB consider the reservation of its corresponding standard, WEQ-006 Manual Time Error Correction Business Practice Standards. NERC has indicated that its proposed revisions to the NERC BAL-006 Inadvertent Interchange Reliability Standard should not impact the corresponding NAESB standard, WEQ-007 Inadvertent Interchange Payback Business Practice Standards. Additionally, the WEQ leadership is developing a standards request to address the proposed retirement by NERC of a requirement related to dynamic tagging.

NAESB also continues to coordinate with NERC and the IDC Association regarding the Parallel Flow Visualization (PFV) project. The proposed revisions to the standards are currently being held in abeyance to allow the IDC Association to conduct a field test prior to industry implementation of the standards. NAESB will be filing a status report with the Commission to provide an updated project timeline based on new information provided by the IDC Association.

WEQ: OASIS SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE: Mr. Wood, co-chair of the WEQ OASIS Subcommittee, provided the update. During the December 2015 meeting, the subcommittee voted out a recommendation in support of 2015 WEQ Annual Plan item 2.a.i.2 – Long-Term Firm Rollover Rights Competition (OATT Section 2.2). The formal comment period for the recommendation ended on January 19, 2016 with five sets of comments being submitted to



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the NAESB office. The WEQ OASIS Subcommittee will review these comments, and, if necessary, provide late formal comments, during its meeting scheduled for January 26 – 28, 2016.

WEQ: COORDINATE INTERCHANGE SCHEDULING SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE: Mr. Phillips, chair of the WEQ Coordinate Interchange Scheduling Subcommittee (CISS), provided the update. The CISS continues its work to address 2016 WEQ Annual Plan Item 5.d – Review and modify as necessary WEQ-004, Electric Industry Registry (EIR) Business Practice Standards, Electronic Tagging (e-Tag) Functional Specification, and e-Tag Schema to make the necessary modifications to recognize the Market Operator role within the Electric Industry Registry. During its most recent meetings, the subcommittee has worked to identify the necessary modifications to the WEQ-004 Coordinate Interchange Business Practice Standards. The next meeting of the subcommittee is scheduled for February 3, 2016. During this meeting, the subcommittee will begin discussing the needed modifications to the WEQ-022 EIR Business Practice Standards as well as the e-Tag Functional Specification. At the beginning of this effort, the subcommittee developed a white paper to help identify the necessary revisions to the standards and technical documentation.

WEQ: FERC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING ON LEGAL ENTITY IDENTIFIERS: Ms. Trum, NAESB Deputy Director, provided the update. On September 17, 2015, the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) regarding the collection of connected entity data from regional transmission organizations (RTOs) and independent system operators (ISOs). As part of the NOPR, the Commission proposed to require RTOs and ISOs electronically provide the Commission with data from market participants and identified the Legal Entity Identifier System (LEI) as the proposed standard identification system. As proposed, each RTO and ISO would require their market participants to obtain a LEI and report their own LEIs as well as the LEIs for connected entities to the Commission. The Global LEI System is operated by Local Operating Units (LOUs) that assign a single LEI to an entity after verification of the entity's authenticity. Each LEI is a unique twenty digit alpha-numeric sequence. The NOPR asks for comments from the industry regarding the feasibility of the LEI system, alternative methods to achieve uniform identification, and if waivers should be granted. The Commission held a technical conference on the NOPR on December 8, 2015. Following the technical conference, an industry group filed a motion for the Commission to suspend the comment period and/or withdraw and revise the NOPR or issue a supplemental NOPR. On January 13, 2016, the Commission issued an order denying the motion.¹ The comment period ends on January 22, 2016.

RMQ: OPENFMB TASK FORCE UPDATE: Mr. Laval, co-chair of the OpenFMB Task Force, provided the update. The task force last met on December 16, 2016. During the meeting, the task force approved a recommendation in support of 2015 RMQ Annual Plan Item 9.a/R14008 – Develop Model Business Practices to Support OpenFMB Architecture for Interoperable Data Exchange between Distributed Power Systems Devices on the Electric Grid's Field Area Networks. The formal comment period for the recommendation ended on January 15, 2016 with two sets of comments being submitted. The task force met on January 19, 2016 to review the formal comments and developed late formal comments to address issues raised by the formal commenters. The RMQ Executive Committee will hold a single-topic conference call on January 28, 2016 to consider the recommendation. Mr. Booe noted that this project has received considerable interest from both state commissioners as well as FERC.

RMQ: UPDATE ON RETAIL NET METERING STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT EFFORT: Mr. Jones, co-chair of the RMQ Business Practices Subcommittee (BPS), provided the update. The NAESB retail net metering effort is focusing on competitive energy markets where competitive energy suppliers need customer net metering information for billing purposes. Four suites of RMQ model business practices are impacted by this effort: RXQ.3 – Billing and Payments in Competitive Energy Markets, RXQ. 8 – Retail Customer Information, RXQ.10 – Retail Customer Enrollment, Drop, and Account Information Change, and RXQ.11 – Retail Customer Enrollment, Drop, and Account Information Change Using a Registration Agent. The RMQ BPS is working to address the revisions to the model business practices and the RMQ Information Requirements/Technical Electronic Implementation Subcommittee (IR/TEIS) is addressing any needed corresponding modifications to the technical implementation for

¹ <http://www.ferc.gov/CalendarFiles/20160113171627-RM15-23-000.pdf>



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the model business practices. Most recently, the RMQ BPS completed a recommendation for the modifications to RXQ.11, which will be considered by the RMQ Executive Committee during its meeting on February 24, 2016. The RMQ IR/TEIS is working to address the technical implementation for RXQ.8 and RXQ.3.

REGULATORY ACTIVITIES AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING UPDATE: Mr. Booe, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer for NAESB, provided the update. Regarding regulatory activities, NAESB filed a status report with the Commission on December 22, 2015 describing the efforts of the NAESB Board of Directors to respond to the Commission's request to NAESB regarding gas-electric harmonization in FERC Order No. 809. Additionally, on January 11, 2016 NAESB filed a report containing a minor correction with the Commission related to the NAESB WGQ Business Practice Standards Version 3.0. On January 14, FERC issued a notice correction a version cross-reference in NAESB WGQ Business Practice Standards Version 3.0. This has no impact on the standards themselves or the sample tariff record. On January 15, 2016, the Commission issued a NOPR asking for comments on the minor correction NAESB filed on January 11, 2016.

The NAESB Board of Directors met on December 10, 2015. During the meeting the Board of Directors discussed potential NAESB gas-electric harmonization activities and took action to re-activate the Gas-Electric Harmonization (GEH) Forum. The Board of Directors asked the GEH Forum to start work to help develop a response to FERC in regards to the Commission's request in FERC Order No. 809. Additionally, the Board of Directors approved the 2016 budget and annual plans.

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING: Mr. Booe, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer for NAESB, provided the update. The NAESB Advisory Council meeting will be held in Washington DC on February 13, 2016 from 4:00 PM Eastern to 6:00 PM Eastern. The meeting provides an opportunity for the NAESB Advisory Council, comprised of industry leaders, to propose recommendations and suggestions on ongoing and future activities of the industry that NAESB may want to consider undertaking. Some standards development activities NAESB has addressed as a result of discussions during these meetings include smart grid and retail net metering. During the meeting, NAESB will also provide the Advisory Council with an overview of major ongoing and upcoming projects, coordination with outside organizations, and NAESB's strategic direction. A reception will held immediately following the meeting from 6:00 PM Eastern to 9:00 PM Eastern.

OTHER BUSINESS: There was no other business discussed.

NEXT CONFERENCE CALL: The next Monthly Update conference call is scheduled for March 10, 2016 from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Central. The agenda and any work papers will be posted on the Monthly Update page of the NAESB website, accessible at the following link: http://www.naesb.org/monthly_update.asp. We hope you can join us. If there are particular topics you would like to see covered or if you would like to receive additional information, please contact the NAESB Office by phone at (713) 356-0060 or email at naesb@naesb.org.



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