##### March 24, 2017

**TO:** All Interested Parties

**FROM:** Elizabeth Mallett, NAESB Deputy Director

**RE: Update to the Board of Directors –WEQ Open Access Same-time Information System (OASIS) Subcommittee**

**Update on the WEQ OASIS Activities –**

On February 21, 2017, the WEQ Executive Committee failed to adopt the WEQ OASIS Subcommittee draft recommendation for Standards Request R16011, an appeal of 2015 Annual Plan Item 2.a.i.2 (Long Term Rollover Rights Competition). Last year, the WEQ OASIS Subcommittee completed the recommendation that became the subject of the appeal; however, the vote during the April 2016 WEQ Executive Committee meeting and its subsequent notational ballot failed to reach the super majority threshold needed for adoption. On September 26, 2016, Bonneville Power Administration submitted R16011 and, on October 31, 2016, the WEQ OASIS recommendation for R16011 was sent out for a thirty day formal industry comment period that concluded on November 30, 2016. Developed in response to FERC Order No. 890, the recommendation sought to formalize the process of long term firm rollover rights competition on the OASIS systems and contained proposed modifications to WEQ-000, WEQ-001, WEQ-002, WEQ-003, and WEQ-013.

Also in response to FERC Order No. 890, the WEQ OASIS Subcommittee continues its efforts to develop the short term preemption and competition recommendation. During the March 9, 2017 conference call, the subcommittee continued to review the informal comments submitted on the draft recommendation for the annual plan items – 2017 WEQ Annual Plan Item 2.a.i.1 and 5.a – Short-Term Firm Preemption and Competition (OATT Section 13.2 and 14.2); Add language to WEQ-001-4 Online Negotiation and Confirmation process to clarify Table 4-3. The informal comment period began on October 6, 2016 and concluded on November 11, 2016. Nine comments were submitted in response from North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation, Bonneville Power Administration, Southern Company, Duke Energy, Midcontinent Independent System Operator, and Southwest Power Pool. After the subcommittee completes its review of the informal comments and approves the revised draft recommendation, a thirty day formal industry comment period will begin. The annual plan items for short term preemption and competition have a scheduled completion date within the second quarter of 2017.

Throughout 2017, the WEQ OASIS Subcommittee anticipates holding monthly two and a half day face-to-face meetings, along with conference calls that will be scheduled as needed. The next WEQ OASIS conference call is scheduled for April 11, 2017 and is followed by an April 25-27, 2017 three day face-to-face meeting hosted by ACES in Carmel, IN. As always, any interested parties are welcome to participate in the meetings and conference calls.

With an eye towards the efficiency of future NAESB standards development efforts, the NAESB Board of Directors and Managing Committee requested that a webinar be provided to all Executive Committee members and designated alternates to ensure that all members understand the NAESB processes, policies, and the responsibilities placed upon Executive Committee members and alternates. Held on February 7, 2017, the main purpose of the webinar was to ensure that all Executive Committee members and alternates exercise their duties in a manner that is efficient and effective.