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NAESB UPDATE CONFERENCE CALL

WEQ OASIS STANDARDS UPDATE: Mr. Wood, Co-Chair of the WEQ OASIS Subcommittee, provided the update. The WEQ OASIS Subcommittee is currently developing a process to maintain preemption and competition on the OASIS systems as part of 2014 WEQ Annual Plan Items 2.a.i.1-2 and 5.c – Preemption and Competition. The annual plan items were developed in response to FERC Order No. 890 and NAESB standards request R05019. The completed recommendation will propose modifications to a significant number of the OASIS standards including, WEQ-000, WEQ-001, WEQ-002, WEQ-003, and WEQ-013. A WEQ OASIS presentation delivered during the April 29, 2014 WEQ Executive Committee meeting identified key issues the subcommittee continues to develop: short-term firm, non-firm, long-term firm, aspects concerning competition for rollover rights, and the aggregation and redirect of resales. The subcommittee is considering the delivery of an informational presentation outlining the draft recommendation in order to facilitate the submission of comments during the upcoming informal comment period. After informal comments are reviewed, the subcommittee expects that a formal recommendation will be submitted to the WEQ Executive Committee in the fourth quarter of 2014.

WEQ UPDATE ON PARALLEL FLOW VISUALIZATION PROJECT: Mr. Saini, Co-Chair of the WEQ Business Practices Subcommittee (BPS), provided the update. The WEQ BPS posted draft standards for a second informal comment period in January 2014 and is currently working to address the comments. The subcommittee anticipates completing a recommendation in the 3rd Quarter, 2014. As part of the recommendation, the subcommittee is planning to recommend full-staffing to allow a parallel field test to be conducted before the standards are finalized. The field test will be conducted by the IDC Working Group/IDC Association, which oversees management of the IDC tool and coordinated with the NERC Operating Reliability Subcommittee.

WEQ UPDATE ON NERC/NAESB/IDC COORDINATION: Ms. York, Chair of the WEQ Executive Committee, provided the update. NAESB and NERC continue to coordinate on an ongoing basis to ensure the organizations remain responsive to the needs of the industry. The two organizations hold monthly conference calls to discuss various ongoing and new coordination efforts, including the Electric Industry Registry (EIR), the NERC projects which may touch upon both commercial and reliability aspects, and any additional coordination issues identified by NERC project managers or the NAESB WEQ subcommittee co-chairs. In February, NERC submitted to NAESB a standards development request regarding the NERC MOD requirements which were determined to have more of a commercial impact and removed from the NERC Reliability Standards, and the WEQ Executive Committee formed the MOD Standard Scoping Task Force to perform the initial review of the request. NERC staff members involved with the effort have volunteered to participate in initial meetings of the task force to provide any needed insight or information regarding NERC's standards development request. NAESB is also coordinating with NERC and the IDC Association on the PFV. Leadership within the organizations has engaged in several conference calls to discuss the levels of coordination required by the upcoming PFV field test.

WEQ UPDATE ON ELECTRIC INDUSTRY REGISTRY PROJECT: Ms. Trum, NAESB Deputy Director, provided the update. On April 8, 2014, the transition of the registry from NERC to NAESB was officially completed with the retirement of the legacy user interfaces, the last stage of Phase 3 of the transition. The bulk of these functionalities were used to assist users in uploading data from the TSIN to the EIR as part of the original transition. The retirement of these functionalities will serve to streamline and improve the efficiency of the registry. Additionally, registry user guides were updated to reflect this change. The WEQ JESS is currently evaluating two EIR Enhancement Requests, ER13001, submitted by the NERC Coordinate Interchange Standards Drafting team, requesting modifications to the EIR to allow for the tagging of pseudo-ties, and ER13002, submitted by Northwestern Energy Corporation, requesting modifications related to the effective stop dates of objects within the EIR.

WGQ & WEQ UPDATE ON GAS-ELECTRIC HARMONIZATION ACTIVITIES: Ms. Crockett, Chair of the WGQ, provided the update. On March 20, 2014, the FERC issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) Coordination of the Scheduling Process of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines and Public Utilities in Docket No. RM14-2-000 and proposes, among other things, to modify the current NAESB standards that support the operating day and scheduling practices used by pipelines to schedule natural gas transportation services. In addition, the Commission is



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“providing the natural gas and electric industries, through NAESB, with a period of 180 days after publication of the Proposed Rule in the Federal Register to reach consensus on any revisions to the Commission’s proposals and either file consensus standards with the Commission or notify the Commission of its inability to reach consensus on any revisions to the Commission’s proposals.” The NAESB Gas-Electric Harmonization Forum has provided a platform for industry to consider consensus-based alternatives to the NOPR proposal. The forum hosted its most recent meeting on May 5 – 6, 2014 to continue to discuss the proposals made as part of presentations during the April 22 – 23, 2014 meeting. During the April 3, 2014 Board meeting, the members approved a voting mechanism and timeline in support of the effort to respond to the NOPR. The timeline allows the industry to develop consensus proposals during the 180-day Commission directive. The voting mechanism will employ NAESB’s open and inclusive standards development process which provides equal voice to all segments of both the wholesale natural gas and electricity markets. The Board supported several other equally important and related actions: the creation of a catalog of the NAESB standards that would require modifications should the FERC proposal be adopted in a Final Rule; the Gas-Electric Forum process; the redlining the NAESB standards noted in the catalog to reference the FERC proposal; and the addition of the GEH related provisional annual plan items to active status for both the Wholesale Gas Quadrant (WGQ) and WEQ 2014 annual plans.

RETAIL AND WEQ UPDATE ON THE DSM/EE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM: Mr. Winkler provided the update. The WEQ/RXQ Demand Side Management-Energy Efficiency (DSM-EE) Subcommittee Specification Task Force continues to work on the development of specifications to support the NAESB WEQ and RXQ demand response and energy efficiency standards. As part of the April 3, 2014 meeting, the Board of Directors endorsed the NAESB Accreditation Requirements for Certification of Energy Efficiency Measurement and Verification Products and Services as part of the NAESB Certification Program for Energy Efficiency Measurement and Verification Services or Products.

RETAIL NAESB SMART GRID ACTIVITIES – DATA PRIVACY: Ms. Wright, Chair of the RXQ Data Privacy Task Force, provided the update. In response to an industry request proposing NAESB consider the development of certification program to support the NAESB REQ.22 standards, the RXQ Data Privacy Task Force and Board Certification Program Committee are scheduling meetings. As proposed, third party service providers, and possibly utilities, could become certified by NAESB as compliant with the NAESB data privacy protocols described in the standard through the program. It is expected that the program would follow the model used for the authorized certificate authority and demand response and energy efficiency measurement and verification certification programs. Through these programs, entities seeking certification must submit an affidavit that they are compliant with the requirements of the program and provide any third party audits that support the affidavit.

RMQ UPDATE ON RETAIL NET METERING STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT EFFORT: Mr. Jones, Co-Chair of the RMQ Business Practices Subcommittee (BPS) provided the update. The RMQ BPS is working to complete standards development in this area. Joint subcommittee leadership anticipates a recommendation will be completed in the 1st Quarter, 2016. Given the myriad of differing implementations of net metering arrangements and variations in policy decisions by state commissions on the subject, the annual plan item is limited to technical model business practices that support billing and payment in competitive markets. The standards development effort is scheduled for completion in the fourth quarter and will develop technical model business practices that would support multiple jurisdictional implementations.

COMMENTS ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO OMB CIRCULAR A-119: Mr. Booe, NAESB Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, delivered the update. On January 29, 2014, NAESB submitted comments regarding the NOPR issued by the Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration. NAESB’s comments emphasized the importance of the revenue derived from its copyrighted standards in relation to its structure as an organization. NAESB work products are protected by federal copyright with exclusive rights given to NAESB regarding the reproduction, distribution, adaptation and display. On April 29, 2014, NAESB was pleased to submit a similar set of comments to the Office of Management and Budget in response to a Notice of Availability and Request for Comments on the proposed revised OMB Circular A-119, *Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards and in Conformity Assessment Activities*.

NEXT CONFERENCE CALL: The next NAESB Update Conference Call is scheduled for June 26, 2014 from 1:00



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PM - 2:00 PM Central. The agenda and any work papers will be posted on the NAESB Update Call 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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