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NAESB UPDATE CONFERENCE CALL

WEQ & WGQ: UPDATE ON FERC FORMS SUBCOMMITTEE: Ms. Trum, NAESB Deputy Director, stated that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) held a technical conference on March 24-26, 2020. As you may remember, in FERC Order No. 859, the Commission announced that it would move the submission of certain forms from the Visual FoxPro to the XBRL format. NAESB staff was invited to provide a presentation on the history of the FERC Forms Subcommittee activities and its contributions to the eForms Refresh effort during the March technical conference. Also, it was suggested that NAESB could act as a place for users to connect with a list of vendors who intend to provide solutions concerning the FERC Forms. A potential timeline for industry implementation is expected after FERC has reviewed the comments submitted for the technical conference. Mr. Brooks asked where the list of vendors could be located. Ms. Trum stated that the list is on the NAESB Certification Page under the title "[Potential FERC Forms Software Vendors.](#)"

RMQ & WEQ: RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATE ACTIVITIES: Mr. Brooks, Co-Chair of Wholesale Electric Quadrant (WEQ) Business Practices Subcommittee (BPS), stated that the WEQ BPS is currently working with the Retail Markets Quadrant (RMQ) Information Requirements and Technical Electronic Implementation Subcommittee (IR/TEIS) to develop a Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) Contract for the voluntary markets. As announced in the [December 2019 press release](#), the development of the contract was initiated by Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and seeks to streamline language and commonly used terms into a standardized contract for the industry.

WGQ: NAESB WGQ CONTRACTS DISTRIBUTED LEDGER TECHNOLOGIES EFFORT: Mr. Buccigross, Chair of the Wholesale Gas Quadrant (WGQ), delivered the update. He stated that three subcommittees – the WGQ Business Practices Subcommittee, the WGQ Electronic Delivery Mechanisms Subcommittee, and the WGQ Contracts Subcommittee – have been working to develop standards that would allow the NAESB Base Contract for Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas to be utilized on distributed ledger technology, such as a blockchain. He stated that a testing effort is currently taking place within the natural gas industry and may result in future standards requests to revise the standards. Mr. Buccigross thanked the chairs of the subcommittees and the participants for their work on this substantial effort.

WEQ: UPDATE ON WEQ OASIS SUBCOMMITTEE: Mr. Wood, Co-Chair of the WEQ OASIS Subcommittee, explained the recent subcommittee activities to complete the 2020 WEQ Annual Plan Items and submitted standards development requests. He stated that the WEQ OASIS Subcommittee is nearing the end of its list of items to address. Mr. Wood thanked the participants for their work on the OASIS Subcommittee. Mr. Booe thanked Mr. Wood and stated that NAESB appreciates his leadership of the WEQ OASIS Subcommittee.

WEQ: UPDATE ON NERC/NAESB/EIDSN COORDINATION: Mr. Phillips, Chair of the WEQ Coordinate Interchange Scheduling Subcommittee (CISS), delivered the update. He stated that NAESB and NERC continue to coordinate on several issues, including Time Error Correction, Cybersecurity, the NERC Reliability Standards Development Plan, and guidance documents related to the reliability guidelines. He noted that the WEQ Cybersecurity Subcommittee is reviewing NERC Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Projects 2016-02, 2019-02, 2019-03, 2020-03, and 2020-04 as part of its annual review under 2020 WEQ Annual Plan Item 4.

NAESB 2020 STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT SURVEY: Mr. Booe, NAESB Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, delivered the update. The NAESB Board Strategy Committee is working on the 2020 NAESB Standards Development Survey to solicit input on areas that NAESB should focus on in the future. Mr. Booe stated that the items addressed in the Digital Committee Report – DER, DLT, and IOT – may also be included in the Board Strategy Committee survey, along with the suggestion from the Advisory Committee to focus on battery storage.



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REGULATORY ACTIVITIES AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING UPDATES: Mr. Booe delivered the Regulatory Activities update. He stated that the Board Revenue Committee met to discuss the publication schedule and endorsed an August 15, 2020 WGQ publication date. Additionally, the group will begin to survey other standards development organizations to make sure that NAESB remains competitive and reflective of its value. The Parliamentary Committee has continued its work on updating the NAESB Governance Documents and is currently focusing on the NAESB Operating Procedures. The Board Digital Committee approved a report to the Board of Directors. Mr. Desselle and Mr. Ellsworth will draft a cover letter for the report. The Board Certification Committee approved minor corrections to the Authorized Certification Authorities (ACA) document. Along with working on its survey, the Board Strategy Committee discussed the available options to expedite the adoption of the NAESB Cybersecurity standards. The potential options will be sent to the Board of Directors. During the upcoming Board of Directors meeting, the Board Critical Infrastructure Committee (CIC) draft response to the Sandia surety assessment, the Board Certification recommendation, and the NAESB 2020 Standards Development Survey are a just few of the items that will be discussed.

OTHER BUSINESS: No other business was discussed.

NEXT CONFERENCE CALL: The next NAESB Update Conference Call is scheduled for August 26, 2020 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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