##### June 6, 2016

**TO:** All Interested Parties

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

**RE: WEQ OASIS Subcommittee Update**

**Update on the WEQ OASIS Subcommittee Activities–**

In response to FERC Order No. 890 and the NAESB Standards Request R05019, the WEQ OASIS Subcommittee is currently preparing revisions to existing business practice standards which will formalize the process of short term firm preemption and competition on the Open Access Same-Time Information Systems (OASIS). The OASIS set of standards support the management of the electronic scheduling of wholesale electricity. Last year, the WEQ OASIS Subcommittee worked to address short term firm preemption and competition; however, the issuance of FERC Order No. 676-H postponed the standards development effort. The recommendation will update the following NAESB WEQ Business Practice Standards: WEQ-000 Abbreviations, Acronyms and Definitions of Terms; WEQ-001 Open Access Same-Time Information Systems; WEQ-002 OASIS Standards and Communications Protocol; WEQ-003 OASIS Data Dictionary; and WEQ-013 OASIS Implementation Guide. During the August WEQ Executive Committee meeting, the OASIS Subcommittee anticipates delivering a presentation detailing the progress on the development of the preemption and competition standards.

On May 26, 2016, the WEQ OASIS Subcommittee requested informal comments on the draft recommendation for 2016 WEQ Annual Plan Item 5.b/R09015. The annual plan item and standards request call for the creation of a new OASIS mechanism, “Consolidations”, that allow for the merger of like reservations without the use of the resale mechanism. Due to the complexity of the draft recommendation, the informal comment period was held from May 26, 2016 to July 8, 2016. After informal comments are reviewed, a formal recommendation is expected to be submitted to the WEQ Executive Committee within 2016.

Continuing throughout 2016, the subcommittee anticipates holding monthly two and a half day face-to-face meetings, along with conference calls that will be scheduled only when needed. The next face-to-face meeting is scheduled for July 19-20, 2016 and will be hosted by MISO in Carmel, IN. During the meeting, the subcommittee will continue to develop a draft recommendation for short term firm preemption and competition and review any informal comments received on the draft Consolidations recommendation. As always, any interested parties are welcome to participate in the meetings and conference calls.