##### September 24, 2015

**TO:** All Interested Parties

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

**RE: Coordination with External Organizations Update**

The WEQ Executive Committee Contract Path Task Force, chaired by Paul Graves with Duke Energy and Joshua Phillips with SPP, held a kick-off conference call on September 18, 2015, followed by another call on September 30, 2015. During the conference calls the participants reviewed the scope of the task force assignment and drafted a preliminary issues work paper. The task force was created by the Chair and Vice Chair of the WEQ Executive Committee during the August WEQ Executive Committee meeting. On September 18, 2015, the NAESB membership ratified the recommendation for 2015 WEQ Annual Plan Item 1.e – Develop, modify, or delete business practice standards to support Request R14002 (NERC Project 2012-05 ATC Revisions (MOD A)). The recommendation for the standards was unanimously voted out of the WEQ Business Practices Subcommittee (BPS) on June 25, 2015, and proposes a new suite of standards be added, the WEQ Modeling Business Practice Standards, as well as modifications to WEQ-000 Abbreviations, Acronyms, and Definition of Terms, WEQ-001 Open Access Same-Time Information Systems (OASIS), and WEQ-003 OASIS Data Dictionary. During the thirty-day formal industry comment period, seven comments were submitted from Idaho Power, Bonneville Power Administration, Southern Company, PJM, NCEMC, SPP, and a joint submission on behalf of ERCOT, IESO, MISO, and PJM. After reviewing the comments during its August 18, 2015 meeting, the NAESB WEQ Executive Committee adopted the recommendation with modifications received through late comments from the WEQ BPS and with an amendment to convene a task force to provide a report during the next WEQ Executive Committee meeting. The anticipated report from the task force is intended to clarify the scope of work that may be useful on the contract path issues. The next WEQ Executive Committee Contract Path Task Force conference call is scheduled for October 8, 2015. The standards will be filed with the Commission in October as part of Version 003.1 of the NAESB WEQ Business Practice Standards.

As a background, NERC submitted a request in February 2014 asking that NAESB consider for inclusion in its WEQ Business Practice Standards certain NERC Modeling, Data, and Analysis Reliability Standard requirements proposed for retirement. The request coordinates with a petition NERC filed with the Commission in the same month that proposed the consolidation of the NERC MOD Reliability Standards into a single standard, NERC Reliability Standard MOD-001-2. On June 19, 2014, FERC issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) on the NERC petition. That NOPR asked NAESB to respond to several specific questions regarding the MOD efforts. In response, NAESB filed a status report with FERC on August 25, 2014. The purpose of the report was to respond to the questions in the NOPR and detail the timing of the standards development process. Throughout the effort, NAESB has been in communication with FERC staff and NERC staff to ensure synchronization.

NAESB continues its monthly coordination calls with NERC to discuss ongoing efforts between the organizations. The agenda focuses on the Parallel Flow Visualization project (PFV), cybersecurity, the NAESB Electric Industry Registry (EIR), the MOD A efforts, and NERC efforts regarding Time Error Correction.

Also during the August WEQ Executive Committee meeting, the recommendation developed by the WEQ Coordinated Interchange Scheduling Subcommittee (CISS) to support a request, R15004 was approved. The recommendation proposes the addition of certain requirements to the NAESB Business Practice Standards to support NERC’s modifications to the NERC Functional Model. The recommendation was ratified by the NAESB membership on September 18, 2015.

As detailed in previous communications, the recommendation for PFV remains in abeyance as the standards undergo a field test. The Interchange Distribution Calculator (IDC) Association is currently evaluating NAESB WEQ-008 to identify changes to the IDC tool. In the interim, the IDC Association will also develop a test plan. Additionally, working closely with the NERC ORS, the IDC Association is developing a reliability metrics on the PFV project.