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## NAESB MONTHLY UPDATE CONFERENCE CALL

**WGQ, WEQ, & RXQ: UPDATE ON 2015 ANNUAL PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING:** Mr. Booe, Vice President of NAESB, delivered the update. NAESB has initiated the process for the development of the 2015 annual plans by seeking written industry comments that were due on October 6, 2014. The written comments will be considered during the quadrant specific 2015 Annual Plan Subcommittee conference calls scheduled for October 9, 2014. All interested parties are welcome to participate.

**GAS-ELECTRIC HARMONIZATION ACTIVITIES:** Ms. Crockett, Chair of the NAESB Board of Directors, delivered the update. On September 29, 2014,<sup>1</sup> NAESB filed a report to FERC in response to the March 20, 2014<sup>2</sup> Gas-Electric Harmonization NOPR issued in Docket No. RM14-2-000. The report informed the Commission of the modifications to the NAESB Wholesale Gas Quadrant (WGQ) Business Practice Standards specific to the NOPR. The modifications were identified at the direction of the NAESB Board of Directors, and are responsive to the Commission's request to develop an alternative to the Commission's proposal in the NOPR. Ms. Crockett stated that the modified NAESB WGQ Business Practice Standards were ratified on September 22, 2014 and that the comment period for the order closes on November 28, 2014. She thanked Mr. Booe, Ms. Trum, and Ms. Rager for drafting and filing the September 29 report to the Commission. Mr. Booe thanked Ms. Crockett for leading the Gas-Electric Harmonization Forum and for performing her current role as the Chair of the NAESB Board of Directors.

**PARALLEL FLOW VISUALIZATION PROJECT:** Mr. Saini, Co-Chair of the Wholesale Electric Quadrant (WEQ) Business Practices Subcommittee (BPS) delivered the update on the Parallel Flow Visualization (PFV) project. The WEQ BPS voted out a recommendation on the project last month after five years of subcommittee work. The thirty-day industry comment period concluded on October 3, 2014 with five comments submitted. The WEQ BPS will propose that the WEQ Executive Committee utilize the NAESB full-staffing process for the project. After the standards are approved by the WEQ Executive Committee, there will be a 12-18-month field test conducted by the IDC Association. Prior to that field test, the IDC Association has reserved 12-18 months to develop requirements and make modifications to support the PFV Business Practice Standards. Mr. Booe asked whether the five comments submitted during the industry comment period contained any major issues for the WEQ Executive Committee to address. Mr. Saini responded that the majority of the comments have been addressed with proposed modifications to the standards, but there were some issues that did not attain consensus and may be raised during the WEQ Executive Committee meeting. Mr. Booe stated that he appreciates that the WEQ BPS met to develop late comments, as the expert input is always helpful to the Executive Committee. He thanked Mr. Saini for his leadership on the PFV project.

**UPDATE ON MOD STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT EFFORT:** Mr. Saini, Co-Chair of the WEQ Business Practices Subcommittee (BPS) delivered the update. In response to standards request R14002 submitted by the NERC standards development team for NERC Project 2012-05 ATC, the WEQ Executive Committee created the WEQ Executive Committee MOD Standards Scoping Task Force. The task force narrowed down the scope of the potential requirements to be addressed from 200 to around 40, and suggested that the WEQ Executive Committee assign the standards development effort to the WEQ BPS. The WEQ BPS held a kick off meeting on October 1, 2014 to begin the effort. The subcommittee plans to finalize the standards by the second quarter of 2015. Mr. Booe noted that on August 25, 2014<sup>3</sup> NAESB filed comments in response to the June 19, 2014<sup>4</sup> FERC Notice of Proposed

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<sup>1</sup> NAESB Report to FERC, *Coordination of the Scheduling Process of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines and Public Utilities*, (September 29, 2014) is available in Docket No. RM14-2-000 and at the following hyperlink:

[https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/ferc092914\\_naesb\\_geh\\_report\\_nopr032014.pdf](https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/ferc092914_naesb_geh_report_nopr032014.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, *Coordination of the Scheduling Process of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines and Public Utilities*, 146 FERC ¶ 61,201 (March 20, 2014) is available in Docket No. RM14-2-000 and at the following hyperlink:

[http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/ferc032014\\_nopr\\_coord\\_scheduling\\_process\\_interstate\\_ngps\\_public\\_utilities.pdf](http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/ferc032014_nopr_coord_scheduling_process_interstate_ngps_public_utilities.pdf).

<sup>3</sup> NAESB Comments to FERC, *Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Modeling, Data, and Analysis Reliability Standards Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, is available in Docket No. RM14-7-000 and at the following link:

[https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/ferc082514\\_naesb\\_mod\\_nopr\\_comments.pdf](https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/ferc082514_naesb_mod_nopr_comments.pdf).



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Rulemaking. Those comments outlined the eleven-month standards development effort which will fit into the eighteen-month time frame proposed for the project by the FERC.

**NAESB/NERC/IDC COORDINATION:** Ms. York, Chair of the WEQ, delivered the update on coordination with external organizations. NAESB filed a status report to the FERC on PFV on July 11, 2014.<sup>5</sup> The report was drafted with the coordination of NAESB, NERC, and the IDC Association. The PFV recommendation will be discussed during the October WEQ Executive Committee meeting. On September 29, 2014,<sup>6</sup> NAESB filed a report to FERC in response to the March 20, 2014<sup>7</sup> Gas-Electric Harmonization NOPR issued in Docket No. RM14-2-000. Mr. Booe stated that NAESB is now working with Ryan Stewart and Val Agnew from NERC, as the primary NERC liaison, Mike Gildea, has left NERC. Ms. Agnew is working to find a lead NERC liaison for the coordination efforts between the two organizations.

**WEQ OPEN ACCESS SAME-TIME INFORMATION SYSTEM (OASIS) UPDATE:** Mr. Wood, Co-Chair of the WEQ Open Access Same-time Information System (OASIS) Subcommittee, delivered the update. For the past two years the WEQ OASIS Subcommittee has been developing standards to facilitate preemption and competition on OASIS. The WEQ OASIS Subcommittee is currently in the process of preparing the draft recommendation for the project. The standards development effort will be completed within the fourth quarter of 2014. An informal comment period regarding the WEQ-001-20 Rollover Rights standards will conclude on October 17, 2014. FERC Order No. 676-H was issued on September 18, 2014.<sup>8</sup> Order No. 676-H incorporates by reference certain standards in the NAESB WEQ Business Practice Standards Version 003. Mr. Wood stated that the priority of standards development will be discussed at the upcoming October WEQ Executive Committee meeting.

**RETAIL NET METERING STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT EFFORT:** Mr. Jones, Co-Chair of the Retail Energy Quadrant (RXQ) Business Practices Subcommittee (BPS), delivered the update. During the August 18-19, 2014 face-to-face meeting hosted by Oncor in Dallas, Texas, the RXQ BPS voted out the Model Business Practices addressing Retail Net Metering in Book 8 as part of 2014 RXQ Annual Plan Item 7.b.ii. The recommendation has completed its thirty-day industry comment period and will be discussed at the upcoming RXQ Executive Committee meeting. The scope of the recommendation is limited to metering data in competitive markets where net metering is available. The subcommittee is currently revising Book 3 – Billing and Payments under 2014 RXQ Annual Plan Item 7b.i. That recommendation will be closely followed by revisions to Book 10 – Customer Enrollment, Drop and Account Information Change and Book 11 – Customer Enrollment, Drop and Account Information Change Using a Registration Agent with projected completion dates during the first quarter of 2015. The modifications made as part of this standards development effort will not appear in the upcoming RXQ publication, but will be available as final actions as they are ratified by the NAESB membership. The next RXQ BPS conference call will be hosted by Dominion in Richmond, VA on October 20-21, 2014.

**RETAIL DATA PRIVACY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM:** Mr. Burks, Chair of the RXQ and Co-Chair of the Board Certification Program Committee delivered the update on the Data Privacy Certification. He stated that there are close to 50 million meters in the United States today. On August 25, 2014, the Board Certification Program Committee unanimously approved the [Specification for Data Privacy Governing Third Parties](#) as modified by the RXQ Executive Committee. The group also adopted the [Third Party Data Privacy Practices Certification Program](#).

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<sup>4</sup> Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, *Modeling, Data, Analysis Reliability Standards*, 147 FERC P 61, 208 (June 19, 2014) is available in Docket No. RM14-7-000 and at the following link: <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/comm-meet/2014/061914/E-17.pdf>.

<sup>5</sup> NAESB Status Report to FERC, *Parallel Flow Visualization Project Status*, is available in Docket No. EL14-82-000 and at the following link: [https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/ferc071114\\_pfv\\_status\\_report.pdf](https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/ferc071114_pfv_status_report.pdf).

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<sup>8</sup> FERC Order 676-H, *Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities*, (September 18, 2014) is available in Docket No. RM-05-5-022 and at the following hyperlink: [https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/ferc091814\\_finalrule\\_weq\\_v003\\_rm05-5-022\\_order676-h.pdf](https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/ferc091814_finalrule_weq_v003_rm05-5-022_order676-h.pdf).



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The certification program is supported by three items– the process document, which outlines the requirements for certification; REQ.22 Model Business Practices; and the Specification for Data Privacy Governing Third Party Access. Mr. Burks stated that the program, which is now up and running, provides security around the smart meter data. The RXQ Data Privacy Task Force, chaired by Christine Wright of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, was assigned the task of investigating the necessity for a specification and, if one is needed, to develop a recommendation. That recommendation on the specification was completed during the June 25, 2014 task force meeting and revised and adopted by the Executive Committee on August 20, 2014.

**REGULATORY AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTIVITIES:** Mr. Booe delivered the regulatory and Board update. The September 11, 2014 Board meeting was also a Strategic Planning Session. The panel of speakers interacted with the Board on the topic of future development areas and current market needs. After the strategy session, the Board conducted its normal business. An extension of the NAESB Sunset Provision in the Certificate of Incorporation is currently out for member ratification. The Parliamentary Committee will meet in November and continue discussing revisions to the NAESB Bylaws, the use of electronic voting, and also the creation of assistant vice chairs in each quadrant. At the December Board meeting, the Committee will propose the adoption of the Retail merger. The Revenue Committee has proposed the elimination of the WEQ subsegment distinctions, created a task force to address industry consolidation, and discussed the need for consistent publication cycles. On September 29, 2014 NAESB submitted a Gas-Electric Harmonization report to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The FERC released a Final Rule on the WEQ Version 003 standards on September 18, 2014 followed by an Errata Notice on October 3, 2014. Mr. Booe stated that the next Board meeting will take place on December 11, 2014.

**NEXT CONFERENCE CALL:** The next Monthly Update conference call is scheduled for December 3, 2014 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](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](mailto:naesb@naesb.org).



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<b>October 8, 2014 1:00 PM Central</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Brenda Anderson	Bonneville Power Administration
Mike Anthony	Duke Energy Corp.
Wes Barber	Southern Company Services
Jonathan Booe	North American Energy Standards Board
Kathryn Burch	Spectra Energy Corp
Cade Burks	Big Data Energy Services
Joe Casey	Spectra Energy Corp
Shanna Cleveland	Conservation Law Foundation
Valerie Crockett	Tennessee Valley Authority
Becky Davis	PPL EnergyPlus, LLC
Dale Davis	Williams
Megan Doss	Spectra Energy Corp
Jeremy Faulkner	BP Pipelines (North America) Inc.
Keith Flynn	TransCanada Pipelines
Marilyn Franz	NV Energy, Inc
Tom Gwilliam	Iroquois Gas Transmission System
Gabriel Hargett	No Affiliation Specified
Marianna Holden	No Affiliation Specified
Linda Horn	We Energies
Dan Jones	Duke Energy Corporation
Deborah Kupczyk	National Fuel Gas Supply Corp.
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Patricia Poli	Michigan Public Service Commission
Phil Precht	Baltimore Gas & Electric Co.
Alan Pritchard	Duke Energy Corporation
Ken Quimby	Southwest Power Pool
Deepak Raval	NiSource Inc.
Cindy Rivers	Until Service Corporation
Brandon Robinson	Southern Company Services
Sara Rogers	ONEOK Partners, GP, LLC
Narinder Saini	Entergy Services
Mike Scott	No Affiliation Specified
Susan Schumann	Florida Municipal Power Agency
Larry Stevens	No Affiliation Specified
Kathy Thornton	Enbridge (U.S.) Inc.
Sam Watson	North Carolina Utilities Commission representing National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners
JT Wood	Southern Company Services, Inc.
Kathy York	Tennessee Valley Authority