| **NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY STANDARDS BOARD 2012 Annual Plan for the Wholesale Gas Quadrant Executive Committee** **As Approved by the Board of Directors on December 8, 2011** | | | | |
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| **Item Description** | | | **Completion[[1]](#endnote-1)** | **Assignment[[2]](#endnote-2)** |
| **1. Reorganize Standards Manuals for Ease of Use[[3]](#endnote-3)** | | | | |
|  | a. | Investigate how to make standards referencing, which may include reorganization, more user friendly for implementation. ([Reorganize Standards Request](http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/wgq_aplan102010w2.doc))  Status: Underway | 1st Q, 2012 | IR/Technical |
|  | b. | Determine the scheme for applying the changes identified in the above item (1a), which could include the order in which to make the modifications to the standards manuals.  Status: Not Started | 2nd Q, 2012 | IR/Technical |
|  | c. | Make the modifications to the standards manuals as described in the output of the above item (1b).  Status: Not Started | Date dependent on Annual Plan Item 1b. | IR/Technical |
| **2. Sample Paper Review3** | | | | |
|  | a. | Execute Plan to Review and Update Sample Papers and ASC X12 Samples for all data sets with the exception of the Offer – Standard No. 5.4.z1, Bid - Standard No. 5.4.z2, Award Download - Standard No. 5.4.z3 and the Operational Capacity - Standard No. 0.4.z1 and Unsubscribed Capacity - Standard No. 0.4.z2 data sets in Capacity Release to ensure consistency with the related data dictionaries.[[4]](#endnote-4)  Status: Underway | 4th Q, 2012 | IR/Technical |
| **3. Development of EBB Code Values3** | | | | |
|  | a. | Execute the plan for the review code values and code value descriptions in all data sets to make them easier to understand on the TSPs’ EBB web sites.[[5]](#endnote-5)  Status: Underway | 4th Q, 2012 | IR/Technical |
| **4. Development of Error Code Standards3** | | | | |
|  | a. | Execute the plan for the development of meaningful error code values in all data sets to make them easier to understand on the TSPs’ EBB web sites as compared to the X12 DISA error codes.  Status: Underway | 4th Q, 2012 | IR/Technical |
| **5. Electronic Delivery Mechanisms** | | | | |
|  | a. | Review minimum technical characteristics in Appendices B, C, and D of the WGQ QEDM Manual, and make changes as appropriate. (Reference NAESB Standard No. 4.3.59)  Status: Not Started | 2nd Q, 2012 | EDM |
| **6. NAESB Base Contract Addendum for Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) and Government Contract Compliance (GCP) clauses** | | | | |
|  | Review requirements and develop an addendum to the NAESB Base Contract for FAR and GCP clauses.[[6]](#endnote-6) | | | |
|  | a. | Model FAR and GCP Addendum  Status: Not Started | 1st Q, 2012 | Contracts Subcommittee |
| **7. Natural Gas Liquids Master Agreement** | | | | |
|  | a. | Consider and determine if a NAESB Natural Gas Liquids Master Agreement, is needed and if so determine the grades of liquids to be included[[7]](#endnote-7)  Status: Not Started | 2nd Q, 2012 | Contracts Subcommittee |
|  | b. | Develop the NGL Master Agreement according to the analysis completed in item above (7a).  Status: Not Started | 4th Q, 2012 (Date Dependent on Annual Plan Item 7a | Contracts Subcommittee |
| **8. Common Codes** | | | | |
|  | a. | Determine if location common codes as formulated are needed.  Status: Underway | 3rd Q, 2011 | BPS |
|  | b. | If location common codes are needed, then determine if existing specifications are sufficient, or conversely, if not needed, develop plan for modifications to support removal of location common code from NAESB WGQ standards.  Status: Not Started | Date dependent on Annual Plan Item 8a | BPS |
| **9. Session Encryption** | | | | |
|  | a. | Investigate and determine if changes to standards are needed to support adequate session encryption (SSL/TLS issues [**US-Cert Vulnerability Note VU#864643**](http://www.kb.cert.org/vuls/id/864643)**)**  Status: Not Started | 1st Q, 2012 | EDM |
|  | b. | Modify or develop standards as needed to apply the analysis of the above item (9a)  Status: Not Started | 2nd Q, 2012 | EDM |
| **10. Usage designation for data (NAESB WGQ Standard No. 1.2.2)** | | | | |
|  | a. | Investigate and determine if the designation of “sender’s business conditional” usage for data and the use of defaults for mandatory usage would be appropriate on a prospective basis  Status: Not Started | 1st Q, 2012 | BPS |
|  | b. | Modify NAESB standards as needed to apply the analysis of the above item (10a)  Status: Not Started | Date dependent on Annual Plan Item 10a. | BPS |
| **Program of Standards Maintenance & Fully Staffed Standards Work** | | | | |

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|  | Business Practice Requests | Ongoing | Assigned by the EC[[8]](#endnote-8) |
|  | Continue review against plan for migration to ANSI ASC X12 new versions as needed and coordinate such activities with DISA. | Ongoing | ANSI X12 Subcommittee |
|  | Information Requirements and Technical Mapping of Business Practices | Ongoing | Assigned by the EC3 |
|  | Interpretations for Clarifying Language Ambiguities | Ongoing | Assigned by the EC3 |
|  | Maintenance of Code Values and Other Technical Matters | Ongoing | Assigned by the EC3 |
|  | Maintenance of eTariff Standards | As Requested | Assigned by the EC3 |
| **Provisional Activities** | | | |
| 1. | Review and develop standards as needed related to [Docket No. RM11-1-000](http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/ferc102110.doc), Capacity Transfers on Intrastate Natural Gas Pipelines (Notice of Inquiry issued on October 21, 2010). | | |
| 2. | Review final rules published by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) to determine if new rules on various definitions will impact the NAESB Base Contract’s General Terms and Conditions | | |
| 3. | Review and develop standards as needed and requested based on the National Petroleum Council (NPC) findings as communicated by the NAESB Board of Directors, government agencies or reliability organizations, as applicable. (9-15-11 NPC Report: [Transmittal Letter, Preface, and Executive Summary](http://downloadcenter.ConnectLive.com/events/npc091511/Executive_Sumary-91511.pdf), Ch 1:[Resource and Supply](http://downloadcenter.ConnectLive.com/events/npc091511/Resource_Supply-091511.pdf), Ch 2: [Operations and Environment](http://downloadcenter.ConnectLive.com/events/npc091511/Ops_Environment_091511.pdf), Ch 3: [Demand](http://downloadcenter.ConnectLive.com/events/npc091511/Demand-092911.pdf), Ch 4: [Carbon and Other End-Use Emissions](http://downloadcenter.ConnectLive.com/events/npc091511/Carbon-091511.pdf), Ch 5: [Macroeconomics](http://downloadcenter.ConnectLive.com/events/npc091511/Macroeconomics_091511.pdf), Ap A: [Request Letters, Description of the NPC, and NPC membership roster](http://downloadcenter.ConnectLive.com/events/npc091511/Appendix_A-91511.pdf), Ap B: [Study Group Rosters](http://downloadcenter.connectlive.com/events/npc091511/Appendix_B.pdf) , Ap C: [Additional Materials Available Electronically](http://downloadcenter.ConnectLive.com/events/npc091511/Appendix_C.pdf)) | | |

**Wholesale Gas Quadrant**

**Executive Committee (WGQ EC)**

**Business Practices Subcommittee (BPS)**

**Contracts Subcommittee**

**Information Requirements Subcommittee (IR)**

**Technical Subcommittee**

**Electronic Delivery Mechanism Subcommittee (EDM)**

**Technical**

**Implementation**

**Task Forces & Working Groups**

**Practices**

**Development**

The translation of business practices to usable uniform business transactions is accomplished through the definition of information requirements for the data, and mapping of that data into specific electronic transactions. This translation is performed by IR and Technical subcommittees and completes the standards development process, often referred to as “full staffing.” Both IR and Technical work in tandem to complete this crucial technical implementation activity. Until these steps have been completed, the process is incomplete, and in many cases, the business practices cannot be used.

**Interpretations Subcommittee**

**NAESB 2011 WGQ EC and Subcommittee Leadership:**

Executive Committee: Jim Buccigross, Chair and Dale Davis, Vice-Chair

Business Practices Subcommittee: Kim Van Pelt, Lori Lynn Pennock, and Richard Smith

Information Requirements Subcommittee: Dale Davis

Technical Subcommittee: Mike Stender, Kim Van Pelt

Contracts Subcommittee: Keith Sappenfield

Electronic Delivery Mechanism Subcommittee: Leigh Spangler

Interpretations Subcommittee: Paul Love

1. **End Notes, WGQ 2012 Annual Plan:**

   Dates in the completion column are by end of the quarter for completion by the assigned committee. The dates do not necessarily mean that the standards are fully staffed to be implementable by the industry, and/or ratified by membership. If one item is completed earlier than planned, another item can begin earlier and possibly complete earlier than planned. There are no begin dates on the plan. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. The assignments are abbreviated. The abbreviations and committee structure can be found at the end of the annual plan document. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
3. As business issues are presented to the Information Requirements Subcommittee and Technical Subcommittee, those business issues will be given precedence over WGQ 2012 Annual Plan Item Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4. [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
4. Comments Provided By Spectra Energy in the 2010 Annual Plan process: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/wgq_aplan102010w3.doc>. [↑](#endnote-ref-4)
5. Comments Provided by Spectra Energy in the 2010 Annual Plan process: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/wgq_aplan102010w4.doc> [↑](#endnote-ref-5)
6. The development will be based on the comments provided by [BG Group](http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/wgq_aplan101411w2.docx) and [ExxonMobil](http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/wgq_aplan101411w3.docx). [↑](#endnote-ref-6)
7. The development will be based on the request and will include a review of the work products of [LEAP](http://energyleap.org/contents/92) and [ISDA](http://www2.isda.org/functional-areas/market-infrastructure/). [↑](#endnote-ref-7)
8. The EC assigns maintenance of existing standards on a request-by-request basis. [↑](#endnote-ref-8)