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**TO:** All Interested Parties

**FROM:** Caroline Trum, NAESB Deputy Director

**RE: FERC eForms Refresh and NAESB FERC Forms Subcommittee Update**

The NAESB WEQ/WGQ FERC Forms Subcommittee last met on November 8, 2016. The subcommittee, based on direction from FERC staff, has been focusing its efforts on FERC Form 1. During this meeting, the subcommittee focused on identifying the rules and validations to be included in FERC Form 1 as well as discussing and documenting the remaining XML design issues. Other recent topics of discussion have included element referencing, the document formats for attachments, and templates for the validation, error, and warning messages. The work of the subcommittee is dependent upon input and coordination with FERC staff, who have been active participants during subcommittee meetings. The next meeting of the subcommittee is a conference call scheduled for Friday, December 2 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Central.

The NAESB Board of Directors, in response to the April 15, 2016 FERC [*Order Instituting Proceeding to Develop Electronic Filing Protocols for Commission Forms*](https://naesb.org/pdf4/ferc041615_electronic_filing_protocols_forms.pdf) in Docket No. AD15-11-000, established the WEQ/WGQ FERC Forms Subcommittee. As part of the order, the Commission proposed the development, through the NAESB process, of an Extensible Mark-Up Language (XML) file format for various FERC Forms to replace the current file format, Visual FoxPro. At the direction of FERC staff, the subcommittee has focused its efforts on the development of XML and associated documentation for FERC Form 1.