##### November 26, 2014

**TO:** All Interested Parties

**FROM:** Elizabeth Mallett, NAESB Staff Attorney

**RE: Update to the Board of Directors – Demand Side Management and Energy Efficiency (DSM-EE) Specification Task Force and Request from the American National Standards Institute (ANSI)**

**Update on DSM-EE Specification Task Force Activities and Request from ANSI–**

The Demand Side Management and Energy Efficiency (DSM-EE) Specification Task Force is currently considering the development of a specification document to support the retail demand response (DR) aspects of the NAESB Certification Program for DR and Energy Efficiency (EE) Measurement and Verification (M&V) for Services or Products. The certification program supports the NAESB WEQ and REQ DR and EE M&V standards and provides guidance to utilities, Independent System Operators (ISOs), and Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs) on the evaluation of DR and EE services or products. During the August 13, 2014 DSM-EE Specification Task Force conference call, the participants determined that a DR specification for the WEQ would not be ripe, given the pending circumstances of FERC Order No. 745. Subsequently, the 2015 WEQ Provisional Annual Plan Item 5 was drafted in order to revisit the request after the litigation surrounding the order is complete. The task force is now forging ahead with an analysis of the utility and possible development of a retail DR specification that will be discussed during the next conference call in the third week of December.

In November, the NAESB office was contacted by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) concerning potential standards development to support energy efficiency.  NAESB participated in the ANSI Energy Efficiency Standardization Coordination Collaborative (EESCC) which developed a Standardization Roadmap to improve energy and water efficiency by conducting a gap analysis of the existing standards in the efficiency space. Through the participation of Eric Winkler, ISO New England, the NAESB WEQ and REQ EE M&V Standards (WEQ-021 and REQ.19) were included in the gap analysis and  NAESB has been identified as a standards development organization that could potentially address a number of the 109 standardization gaps identified.

ANSI has asked that NAESB respond with its interest in pursuing standards development in the areas identified by the end of the year.  Valerie Crockett has requested a conference call be scheduled in order to discuss the request and develop a recommendation that can be considered by the Board of Directors during the December 11, 2014 meeting as part of the 2015 annual planning process.