**1. RECOMMENDED ACTION: EFFECT OF EC VOTE TO ACCEPT RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

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|  | Accept as requested |  | Change to Existing Practice |
|  | Accept as modified below | X | Status Quo |
| X | Decline |  |  |

**2. TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT/MAINTENANCE**

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| **Per Request:** | **Per Recommendation:** |
| X | Initiation |  | Initiation |
|  | Modification |  | Modification |
|  | Interpretation |  | Interpretation |
|  | Withdrawal |  | Withdrawal |
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|  | Principle |  | Principle |
|  | Definition |  | Definition |
|  | Business Practice Standard |  | Business Practice Standard |
|  | Document |  | Document |
|  | Data Element |  | Data Element |
|  | Code Value |  | Code Value |
|  | X12 Implementation Guide |  | X12 Implementation Guide |
|  | Business Process Documentation |  | Business Process Documentation |

**3. RECOMMENDATION**

**SUMMARY:**

During its April 26, 2022 conference call, the Joint WEQ/WGQ/RMQ approved a no action recommendation for WEQ 2022 Annual Plan Items 7.a.i and 7.a.iii, WGQ 2022 Annual Plan Items 5.a.i and 5.a.iii, and RMQ 2022 Annual Plan Items 3.a.i and 3.a.ii (R21006). Standards Request R21006 was submitted by Southwest Power Pool on November 16, 2021.

**Recommended Standards:**

None.

**4. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**a. Description of Request:**

After review and unanimous endorsement by the NAESB Gas Electric Harmonization Committee on November 23, 2021, and in response to the FERC, NERC Joint Inquiry into 2021 Cold Weather Grid Operations, SPP is proposing that the NAESB Wholesale Electric Quadrant (WEQ), working jointly with the NAESB Wholesale Gas Quadrant (WGQ), consider standards development to support improved communication between the natural gas and electric markets during weather-related emergency operating conditions. Specifically, NAESB should investigate and consider the development of new standards and/or update its existing standards to:

1.) Define a standard for the declaration of an Impending Extreme Weather-Related Emergency Operating Conditions by Balancing Authorities and Natural Gas Pipelines consistent with other industry designations.

2.) Create standard designations of Critical Electric Infrastructure Facilities during Impending Extreme Weather-Related Emergency Operating Conditions consistent with other industry designations

3.) Create standard designations of Critical Natural Gas Infrastructure Facilities that are essential to the operations of Critical Electric Infrastructure Facilities during Impending Extreme Weather-Related Emergency Operating Conditions consistent with other industry designations.

4.) Define standards and communication protocols that support commercial information sharing between critical parties during Impending Extreme Weather-Related Emergency Operating Conditions.

**b. Description of Recommendation:**

The Joint WEQ/WGQ/RMQ BPS is recommending no further action at this time.

**c. Business Purpose:**

Improved communications and information sharing between the natural gas pipelines, balancing authorities and electric generating facilities in the event of extreme weather-related conditions to support scheduling/service priorities for critical assets in the supply chain will mitigate and/or avoid load shedding events that impact their operations.

**d. Commentary/Rationale of Subcommittee(s)/Task Force(s):**

Motion:

Move for no action for joint WEQ/WGQ/RMQ BPS effort regarding request R21006, including WEQ 2022 Annual Plan Items 7.a.i and 7.a.iii, WGQ 2022 Annual Plan Items 5.a.i and 5.a.iii, and RMQ 2022 Annual Plan Items 3.a.i and 3.a.ii.

-Define a standard for the declaration of an impending extreme weather -related emergency operating condition by balancing authorities and natural gas pipelines consistent with other industry designations which would include the development and definition of what might constitute an impending extreme weather-related emergency operating condition

-Define standards and communication protocols that support information sharing between critical parties during impending extreme weather-related emergency operating conditions

Motion passed a balanced vote in the RMQ, WEQ, and WGQ Business Practices Subcommittees.

Please reference the Joint WEQ/WGQ/RMQ BPS meeting minutes: [2/17/22](https://naesb.org/pdf4/weq_wgq_rmq_bps021722fm.docx), [3/1/22](https://naesb.org/pdf4/weq_wgq_rmq_bps030122fm.docx), [3/16/22](https://naesb.org/pdf4/weq_wgq_rmq_bps031622fm.docx), 4/12/22 and 4/26/22.