**NAESB WGQ Executive Committee Meeting – February 25, 2016**

**NAESB WGQ Contracts Subcommittee Chair – Summary of Industry Comments**

**Review and Vote on R15003** – NAESB Board Revenue Committee request for copyright provision to NAESB Base Contract.

Recommendation: NAESB WGQ Contracts SC expressed no object to adopting new copyright language in the DISCLAIMER provision of NAESB Base Contract. Further, update of Copyright FAQs for clarification.

Industry Comment Summaries:

1. Keith Sappenfield, ERM: In addition to the NAESB Base Contract, add same copyright provision to the DISCLAIMER Provisions of other NAESB WGQ contracts standards and models, as applicable.
2. David Portz, David A. Portz PC: Supports the NAESB WGQ Contracts SC recommendation as the alternative to the initial request for a separate section in the General Terms and Conditions.
3. Mary Klyasheff, WEC Energy Utilities: Does not oppose the concept of added copyright language, but proposes an alternative to add copyright declarations on the Cover Page completed by the parties to the Base Contract.
4. Bill Hebenstreit, SWN Midstream: Recommends a vote in favor of NAESB WGQ Contract SC recommendation.
5. Zackary Starbird, President, ICEA: Supports the NAESB WGQ Contracts SC recommendation and specifically recommends rejecting the initial request for a separate section in the General Terms and Conditions.

NAESB WGQ Contract Subcommittee Chair Responses:

1. WEC Energy Utilities: The proposal of adding a separate section to the Cover Page for copyright was discussion during the NAESB WGQ Contracts SC (SC) meetings On August 4, 2015 and September 8, 2015 as an alternative to the initial request to add a copyright provision to the General Terms and Conditions. The SC did not accept this alternative.
2. After review of NAESB WGQ standards and models, the NAESB standards and models with a DISCLAIMER provision include:
	1. NAESB Base Contract: WGQ 6.3.1 (September 5, 2006)
	2. NAESB Master Agreement: WGQ 6.3.5 (December 6, 2012)
	3. NAESB Base Contract: WGQ 6.3.1 (April 19, 2002)
	4. GISB Base Contract (January 7, 2000)