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Action Item, Description and Priority Category	Completion Quarter	Subcommittee Assignment
1 Inventory Existing Natural Gas Practices within States¹ Conduct inventory of existing natural gas practices in various states.		Retail Gas Business Practice Inventory Task Force
2 Examine Wholesale Gas Quadrant EDM Standards Review NAESB Wholesale Gas Quadrant's (formerly known as GISB) "Electronic Delivery Mechanisms" manual to determine whether the standards within should be modified and/or adopted for use in the Retail Gas Quadrant.		Technical Electronic Implementation
3 Creditworthiness Develop practices for Distributors extending commercial credit to Suppliers to cover financial risk. Such development should be restricted to implementation of existing regulatory policy, new regulatory policy after it has been ordered and non-policy oriented aspects of Creditworthiness.		Supplier-Utility Interface
4 Supplier Licensing Develop practices for licensing Suppliers with state utility commissions and for registering Suppliers with Distributors (e.g. application process and requirements).		Supplier-Utility Interface
5 Customer Enrollment, Switching & Dropping Develop practices for submitting and receiving, processing and fulfilling a customer's request to enroll with or leave a Supplier (including Suppliers dropping customers).		Customer Processes
6 Billing & Payment Develop practices for billing customers; remittance to parties providing services to customers under different billing options (e.g. dual or consolidated bills; rate-ready or bill-ready); and payment between Distributor and Supplier under different payment options (e.g. assumption of receivables, pay-as-you-get-paid).		Customer Processes
7 Customer Information Develop practices for the release, collection, exchange and maintenance of customer information between Distributors and Suppliers, such as customer authorization, pre-enrollment information, customer lists, enrollment information and post-enrollment information. Develop procedures and protocols for communicating the nature & level of a customer's service as human needs, firm, interruptible, critical needs, and/or building protection for emergency services.		Customer Processes

¹ This is an ongoing item designed to serve as a resource to other RGQ subcommittees.

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8 Customer Inquiries Develop procedures for responding to customer inquiries directed to Distributors and/or Suppliers and for notifying the other party, such as inquiries involving switching and enrollment/disenrollment, billing, customer account changes, customer disputes and distribution emergencies.		Customer Processes
9 Examine Wholesale Gas Quadrant Non-EDM Standards Review NAESB Wholesale Gas Quadrant's other manuals to determine whether the standards within should be modified and/or adopted for use in the Retail Gas Quadrant (i.e. review "Nominations," "Flowing Gas," "Invoicing," "Capacity Release," and "Contracts" manuals.).		Supplier-Utility Interface
10 Market Participant Interactions Develop model practices to support interactions between Distributors and Suppliers, such as governing documents that establish the legal relationship, roles and obligations, including performance standards, of both Distributor and Supplier (e.g. content and framework of governing documents or orders, Master Service Agreement, operational manuals, and so on).		Supplier-Utility Interface
11 Retail Utility-Supplier Disputes Develop dispute resolution procedures to resolve differences between Distributors and Suppliers, which would be included in the governing documents.		Supplier-Utility Interface