



## NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY STANDARDS BOARD

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### NAESB AT A GLANCE: MONTHLY UPDATE

**TRADING PARTNER AGREEMENT DEVELOPMENT:** Mike Novak, Assistant General Manager, National Fuel Gas Distribution, and member of the Board of Directors (WGQ) and Executive Committee (WGQ and RGQ), reported the Trading Partner Agreement request is currently working its way through the retail quadrants. The Trading Partner Agreement identifies responsibilities of each trading partner when communicating a transaction electronically. The committees drafted the agreement based on the trading partner agreement the Wholesale Gas Quadrant has used for a number of years, but made it suitable for retail transactions. The goal was to make the agreement commodity neutral for use by electric and gas trading partners. There were only a few changes made to the existing Wholesale Gas document and there has been little if any dispute regarding the language of the agreement. The agreement is currently being reviewed by the Retail Supplier-Utility Interface Subcommittee and will then be reviewed by the WGQ Contracts Subcommittee. It is realistic that the document will be complete and supported by all three quadrants (REQ, RGQ, and WGQ) by the end of the year.

**GAS QUALITY STANDARDS:** Mr. Jim Buccigross, Vice President, 8760, Inc., NAESB Board Member (WGQ), and Executive Committee Chairman (WGQ), stated the gas quality reporting movement began with a request from Florida Power and Light. The WGQ Business Practices Subcommittee (BPS) drafted a modified standard in a short period of time. When the BPS was finished with its recommendation it had drafted a modified standard, a new principle and four new business practices to report gas quality information on gas pipelines' existing websites. The BPS was able to draft gas quality standards with relatively few new standards because of the existing internet reporting standards. These standards unanimously passed the WGQ Executive Committee a few weeks ago with minor changes made to one of the standards and the recommendation is now posted for member ratification. It is NAESB's expectation to provide a status report to the FERC by the end of October detailing the ratification of these standards.

**VERSION 0 UPDATE:** Ms. Rae McQuade, Executive Director of NAESB, reported on the status of WEQ Version 0 standards. Version 0 is an effort by the industry to look at reliability policies in place at NERC and move the portions of the policies that are in fact business practices to NAESB, while leaving reliability specific policies in place at NERC. One change is to ensure that the business practices and reliability standards are compliant with the NERC functional model, with two exceptions – the Interchange Authority and the Reliability Authority. The only duplication between NERC Version 0 standards and NAESB Version 0 Business Practices will be the TLR Procedure. NERC and NAESB will draft the TLR Procedure jointly and incorporate the same document into each organization's standards. Both organizations will jointly review and separate the business practices from the reliability standards in version 1, and should complete this work in 2005. The WEQ Executive Committee will vote on Version 0 on November 30<sup>th</sup>, followed by member ratification of the Version 0 business practices by December 31<sup>st</sup>. NAESB expects to file these business practices with the FERC in January 2005.

**GAS CONTRACTS CHANGES:** Keith Sappenfield, Regional Director, US Regulatory Affairs, EnCana Energy Marketing (USA) Inc., Board Member (WGQ) and Executive Committee member (WGQ), reviewed the work the WGQ Contracts Subcommittee has done to draft an annex to the NAESB gas contract for the the International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA). On October 15<sup>th</sup>, the NAESB Gas Contracts Subcommittee voted to send the ISDA Gas Annex and a User's Guide to the WGQ Executive Committee for adoption as a model. This recommendation is currently out for formal industry comment. The WGQ Executive Committee will vote on the model at the November 18<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting in Washington, DC.

**OASIS 1A PROPOSED STANDARDS:** Ms. Rae McQuade, NAESB Executive Director noted that the WEQ Electronic Scheduling Subcommittee jointly with the Information Technology Subcommittee have been preparing standards that would amend the OASIS standards already in place and have been collectively termed OASIS 1A enhancements to distinguish them from the longer term effort to develop OASIS 2. The OASIS 1A enhancements currently out for comment include: changes for redirects, multiple submissions, large generation interconnection and standards of conduct for FERC Orders 2004, 2004a, and 2004b. These modifications will be considered at the next WEQ Executive Committee meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Other OASIS 1A standards are in development stages and include: public key infrastructure standards, resales, and sales and assignments of transmission service.



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**NEW BOARD COMMITTEES CREATED:** Rae McQuade, NAESB Executive Director, said three new committees were created at the last NAESB Board of Directors Meeting. These new committees will report to the Board of Directors through the Board Managing Committee. The committees are: (1) the Resources Committee (to review the membership and participation levels of the organization and take actions to increase both to meet the needs of the standards development activities), (2) Gas-Electric Interdependency Committee (to identify possible coordination efforts between the gas and electric industries that may result in standards development efforts), and (3) Retail Awareness Committee, (to increase awareness and acceptance of model business practices created by NAESB for the retail market).

**OTHER TOPICS:** Ms. McQuade noted that the 2005 Monthly Update Conference Call schedule is now available. Several standards out for industry comment that were not on the monthly update agenda include: a recommendation for the WGQ Electronic Data Mechanism that proposes a replacement to the existing EDM Manual; and a set of retail model business practices governing resolution of disputes occurring between suppliers and distribution companies that may arise when serving retail customers.

**NEXT CONFERENCE CALL:** The next conference call is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 15, 2004**, at 2:00 pm Eastern. There will not be a monthly update call for the month of November. We hope you can join us. If there are particular topics you would like to see covered or would like to receive additional information, please contact the NAESB Office (713-356-0060, [naesb@naesb.org](mailto:naesb@naesb.org)).

### NAESB Monthly Update Conference Call, Participant List October 20, 2004 -- 2:00 PM Eastern

Name	Company
1 Mariam Arnout	American Gas Association
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3 Victor Bissonnette	Hydro Quebec TransEnergy
4 Bill Boswell	NAESB General Counsel
5 Al Brogan	Montana Public Service Commission
6 Jim Buccigross	Group 8760
7 James Cargas	NAESB
8 Adrian Chapman	Washington Gas
9 Donna Daughety	Bureau of Reclamation
10 Jim Downs	Calpine
11 Mary Edwards	Dominion Virginia Power
12 Dave Eichenlaub	Virginia State Corporation Commission
13 Gene Fava	Great Lakes Gas
14 Ollie Frazier	Duke Power
15 Ken Gates	Conectiv
16 Terri Grabiak	Allegheny Energy Company
17 Amy Hamilton	Peco Energy Company
18 Leonard Haynes	Southern Company
19 Bill Hebenstreit	El Paso Production Company
20 Bill Heinrich	New York Public Service Commission
21 Jim Hicks	PacifiCorp
22 Richard Ishikawa	Southern CA Gas Company
23 Wanda Jones	Michigan Public Service Commission



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27	Ruth	Kiselewich	Baltimore Gas & Electric Company
28	Melissa	Lauderdale	Edison Electric
29	Bill	Lohrman	NERC
30	Marcella	Matzeit	National Energy Board
31	Tonya	McCloskey	Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate
32	Rae	McQuade	NAESB
33	Les	Nishida	WI Public Service Corp
34	Michael	Novak	National Fuel
35	Kim	Van Pelt	Panhandle Eastern Pipeline
36	Marjorie	Perlman	Energy East
37	Judy	Ray	Alabama Power Company
38	Thomas	Ringebach	American Electric Power
39	Lisa	Roberts	Defense Energy Support Center
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