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**TO:** NAESB Wholesale Electric Quadrant (WEQ), Wholesale Gas Quadrant (WGQ), Retail Markets Quadrant (RMQ) Business Practices Subcommittees (BPS) Participants, NAESB Advisory Council, NAESB Gas-Electric Harmonization (GEH) Forum Participants and Interested Parties

**FROM:** NAESB

**RE:** Joint WEQ, WGQ, and RMQ BPS Meeting – July 8, 2024

**DATE:** June 28, 2024

Dear NAESB WEQ/WGQ/RMQ BPS Participants, NAESB Advisory Council, NAESB GEH Forum Participants, and Interested Parties,

As previously announced, a Joint WEQ, WGQ, and RMQ BPS meeting will be held on Monday, July 8, 2024 from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Central to continue gas-electric coordination standard development efforts. The agenda for the meeting includes discussion on industry tools that could address the information gaps captured in the Joint BPS Chairs’ Scenario Based Communication Gap Analysis and possible areas of standardization that could enhance the level of awareness these resources may provide, including upstream natural gas production forecasting in advance of storms and production impacts during weather event. Additionally, the participants will consider and potentially vote on a recommendation regarding draft standards language proposed in the Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline Draft Standards Work Paper. An agenda for the meeting is on the following page.

During the meeting on June 14, 2024, participants discussed exploring the available industry tools and resources that may support gas-electric coordination activities. At the request of the chairs, Argonne National Laboratory will be providing a brief presentation regarding the NGInsight tool. The chairs have asked for participants to provide feedback regarding other service providers with resources that may address the gas-electric communication gaps identified in the Joint BPS Chairs’ Scenario Based Communication Gap Analysis: (1) lack of communication during extreme weather events of upstream supply issues, including invocations of force majeure, by parties with direct knowledge to critical stakeholders that are not part of the transactional and operational chain; (2) timely communications to all stakeholders regarding critical events impacting natural gas supply; (3) the inclusion of specific location information as part of informational postings by interstate pipelines; (4) timely communications to stakeholders regarding recovery timelines and expectations when natural gas supply is lost due to weather and/or operational disruptions; (5) timely communications of natural gas consumption that deviates from contractual commitments; and (6) improved understanding of pipeline-initiated confirmation and/or nominations reductions not captured by operational flow orders and/or underperformance notices

Please note that the next meeting of the Joint WEQ, WGQ, and RMQ BPS is scheduled for Monday, July 29, 2024 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Central. An agenda for the meeting will be made available following the July 8, 2024 meeting.

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All participants are encouraged to read the NAESB Antitrust and Other Meetings Policies prior to the meeting: <http://www.naesb.org/misc/antitrust_guidance.doc>.

Best Regards,

NAESB Office

**WHOLESALE ELECTRIC QUADRANT**

**WHOLESALE GAS QUADRANT**

**RETAIL MARKETS QUADRANT**

**Joint WEQ/WGQ/RMQ Business Practices Subcommittees**

**Conference Call**

**July 8, 2024 – 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM Central**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

1. Welcome

* [Antitrust and Other Meeting Policies](http://www.naesb.org/misc/antitrust_guidance.doc)
* Introduction of Attendees
* Adoption of Agenda
* Adoption of Meeting Minutes

1. Continue to Discuss 2024 WEQ Annual Plan Item 6 / 2024 WGQ Annual Plan Item 4 / 2024 RMQ Annual Plan Item 3 – Gas-Electric Market Coordination

* Discuss Industry Tools and Resources that Address Identified Information Gaps and Standards Development Areas to Enhance Provided Awareness
  + Presentation by Argonne National Laboratory
* Discuss and Potentially Vote on Recommendation Regarding Draft Standards Proposed in the Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline Draft Standards Work Paper
* Review and Discuss Any New Work Papers
* Discuss Any Additional Proposals to Address Annual Plan Assignments
  + *Review and modify the Gas / Electric Coordination Business Practice Standards and any corresponding standards to improve communication among the operators of production facilities (producers, gatherers, processors) and pipeline and storage facilities and the timely dissemination of this coordinated communication from the these facilities to and from relevant natural gas infrastructure entities, BAs, shippers, and end-use customers (i.e., Local Distribution Companies) as needed to enhance situational awareness during extreme cold weather events without endangering sensitive commercial information*
    - *Develop and/or modify business practice standards for the communication of information about operational issues (e.g. location, estimated duration of outage) to and from BAs, LDCs, and shippers in anticipation of critical notices, OFOs or force majeure notices during extreme weather*
    - *Develop and/or modify business practice standards for the communication of aggregated volume data or confirmed scheduled quantities for key upstream receipt points on the pipeline system during extreme cold weather events without endangering sensitive commercial information*

1. Identify Next Steps and Action Items
2. Discuss Future Meetings

* Monday, July 29 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
* Thursday, August 22 from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
* Friday, September 6 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
* Monday, September 16 from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

1. Adjourn

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As it is not the purpose of the meeting to discuss any antitrust topics, if anyone believes we are straying into improper areas, please let us know and we will redirect the conversation.

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