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Via post and email

K. John Holmes

National Academy of Sciences  
500 Fifth Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001

RE: National Academy of Sciences Report: Enhancing the Resilience of the Nation's Electricity System

Dear Mr. Holmes,

On behalf of the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB), I want to thank you for your efforts, with the sponsorship of the Department of Energy, to develop the Enhancing the Resilience of the Nation's Electricity System report and taking steps to identify issues and propose recommendations to address this matter of growing importance to the energy industry. In the report, you specifically recommend<sup>1</sup> that NAESB work with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and industry stakeholders to improve awareness, communication, coordination and planning between the natural gas and electric industries in an effort to mitigate potential impacts resulting from one markets infrastructure failure on the other market. NAESB has a long history of working with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to develop standards intended to enhance the coordination between the wholesale natural gas and power markets, and, as an industry organization uniquely positioned to support coordination, our Board of Directors carefully evaluates all requests for NAESB involvement in such efforts to determine if the work is within the organization's scope as defined in the NAESB Certificate of Incorporation<sup>2</sup> and whether participants will be able to work together effectively through the NAESB process to produce meaningful results. As such, our Board of Directors will begin discussions concerning the recommendation contained in the National Academy of Sciences report during our upcoming Board of Directors meeting on September 7, 2017, and will work in any capacity our Board of Directors, the FERC and the Department of Energy deem appropriate and helpful to support the recommendation.

Again, we are appreciative of your recognition in the report, and our Board of Directors looks forward to considering the recommendation and any direction provided by the FERC in the coming months.

With Best Regards,

Rae McQuade, President, NAESB

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<sup>1</sup> Recommendation 4.7: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the North American Energy Standards Board, in conjunction with industry stakeholders, should further prioritize their efforts to improve awareness, communications, coordination, and planning between the natural gas and electric industries. Such efforts should be extended to consider explicitly what recovery strategies should be employed in the case of failed interdependent infrastructure. Fuel diversity, dual fuel capability, and local storage should be explicitly addressed as part of these resilience strategies.

<sup>2</sup> The NAESB Purpose and Scope can be found in Article II of the NAESB Certificate of Incorporation: [https://www.naesb.org/pdf/naesb\\_certificate\\_102414.pdf](https://www.naesb.org/pdf/naesb_certificate_102414.pdf)

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