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**TO:** All Interested Parties

**FROM:** Elizabeth Mallett, NAESB Deputy Director

**RE: Retail Net Metering Activities Update**

**Update on Retail Net Metering Activities –**

On January 20, 2015, the Retail Business Practices Subcommittee (RMQ BPS) anticipates voting out a recommendation for Book 11 as part of 2016 RMQ Annual Plan Item 1.a and 2016 RMQ Annual Plan Item 3.a.i – Customer Enrollment, Drop and Account Information Change Using a Registration Agent. The proposed recommendation specifies a Retail Net Metering identifier as a business element in several of the defined transactions in the model business practices. Further, a large number of revisions have been made to existing model business practices to update the processes to current industry conditions and several new model business practices have been added to name various transactions and specify a number of business elements in the transactions. This effort serves as a lynchpin for the next RMQ publication of model business practices, expected in the first quarter of 2016.

The RMQ Information Requirements and Technical Electronic Implementation Subcommittee (IR/TEIS) and the RMQ BPS have developed the Model Business Practices and Technical Implementation for several retail books as part of the effort. Given the spectrum of net metering policy and implementations, the scope of the NAESB Retail Net Metering effort is limited to providing metering data required by Market Participants in competitive energy markets in jurisdictions where their charges to Retail Customers account for Retail Net Metering arrangements. In RXQ.3 – Billing and Payments in Competitive Energy Markets Model Business Practices, the RMQ BPS defined “Retail Net Metering” to reflect the limited scope of the Model Business Practices. Next, the subcommittee identified four scenarios that are addressed in each of the relevant RMQ books: (1) The data is recorded by a single, scalar meter that spins backwards and forwards yielding only a net amount; (2) The data is recorded by a single meter or multiple meters capable of measuring both Retail Customer usage and the energy generated by the Retail Customer, and the metering data is at the summary level; (3) The data is recorded by a single meter or multiple meters capable of measuring both Retail Customer usage and the energy generated by the Retail Customer, and the metering data is being provided at the net interval level; and (4)The data is recorded by a single meter or multiple meters capable of measuring both Retail Customer usage and the energy generated by the Retail Customer, and the metering data is being provided at the detailed interval level.

On September 18, 2015, the NAESB Membership ratified the RMQ BPS recommendation for RXQ.10 – Retail Customer Enrollment, Drop, and Account Information Change Model Business Practices. The related modifications to RXQ.3 and RXQ.8 – Retail Customer Information Model Business Practices, have been approved and ratified by the NAESB membership. The next RMQ BPS face-to-face meeting will be hosted by Salt River Project in Phoenix, AZ on February 22-23, 2016. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

The RMQ IR/TEIS will continue to develop Data Dictionaries and Technical Implementation to support the Retail Net Metering Model Business Practices discussed above as part of 2015 RMQ Annual Plan Item 4. The subcommittee has completed the recommendation for RXQ.3 and anticipates that the technical implementation for RXQ.8 will be completed during the first quarter of 2016. The completion dates for the technical implementation in RXQ.10 and RXQ.11 also fall within 2016. The RMQ IR/TEIS will hold a face-to-face meeting on February 24, 2015 hosted by Salt River Project in Phoenix, AZ. During the meeting, the subcommittee will continue to discuss 2015 Annual Plan Item 1.b – Technical Implementation for RXQ.8 – Customer Information. Interested parties are encouraged to participate in the RMQ IR/TEIS meetings. If you know someone who may be interested in the RMQ IR/TEIS, please have them contact the NAESB office at (713)356-0060.