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NAESB AT A GLANCE: MONTHLY UPDATE

Advisory Council Meeting: Ms. McQuade provided the update. The NAESB Advisory Council meeting was held on February 14, 2009 and was well attended. The [notes from the meeting](#) are posted on the NAESB website. At the meeting, Ms. McQuade provided an overview of NAESB and an update on the quadrant activities and the 2009 Annual Plans. The WEQ Version 2.1 filing was also reviewed. The council discussed resources, membership and retail restructuring activities. New business introduced at the meeting included the smart grid efforts and its potential impact on some of NAESB's standards. As a result, NAESB is working to ensure there is strong coordination to ensure that the NAESB standards required by FERC continue to be able to be followed after the smart grid technologies are implemented. Mr. Ellsworth was re-elected as chairman and Commissioner Keeting was elected vice chair of the Advisory Council.

Update on NAESB efforts related to FERC Orders: Mr. Novak provided the update on [FERC Order No. 682](#). In 2006, FERC issued Order No. 682, which added additional reporting requirements for pipelines for damage to storage due to national disasters or terrorist activities as well as damage that might create delivery problems. FERC Order No. 682A was related to the proper location of posted data. FERC declined to require pipelines to post on their website but encouraged them to do so. This led to the question of whether or not NAESB should develop or modify standards to create a placeholder for these voluntary reports. In discussions, some participants felt that the reporting was after-the-fact and not useful while other felt the reporting should be provided to allow market participants to determine the usefulness. It was noted that WEQ standard 5.2.1 is related to this issue and the development of a standard was sidelined in favor of using an interpretation. The annual plan was modified to assign this item to the interpretations subcommittee, which will meet to discuss this item for the first time this quarter. A draft interpretation has been provided to the chair of the subcommittee.

Ms. Davis provided the update for FERC Order Nos. 698 & 712. The IR and Technical subcommittees are currently [reviewing](#) these orders. The business practice subcommittee developed standards for FERC Order No. 698, which the IR/Technical subcommittee is also reviewing. As of the last meeting, the majority of the review has been completed and anticipate completing the final review at the next meeting. Once the review is complete it will be voted out of the subcommittee and sent out for a formal comment period prior to an EC vote in early May.

Ms. Van Pelt provided the update on FERC Order No. 717, which was issued by the FERC on October 16, 2008 and amended the standards of conduct regulation. The business practice subcommittee met to revise the existing standards currently in place for informational posting website to conform to the new requirements of FERC Order No. 717. In January, the Executive Committee met to adopt the modified standards which were then ratified by WGQ membership in February. These standards will be sent to FERC with the Version 1.9 filing in the third quarter, if not sooner.

Mr. Wood and Mr. Sorenson provided the update for FERC Order Nos. 890, 890-A & 890-B. The ESS/ITS/BPS subcommittee has completed their work for the [FERC Order No. 890 work plan](#) and it is included in Version 2.0. Work groups 1 and 2 have completed their work and work group 3 is currently working on network service on OASIS. They anticipate completion of the recommendation at the next meeting and will submit it for an informal comment period. NITS will then be addressed and completed by the fourth quarter. Work groups 4, 5 and 6 are also scheduled to complete their work in the fourth quarter.

Update on Retail DSM-EE Efforts: Mr. Newcomb provided the update. The retail work group has continued to draft their [recommendation](#), using the wholesale standard as a template. There has been good participation in the meetings and several participants have provided work papers to help guide the standards. As the work group nears completion the glossary terms will be reviewed by the glossary subcommittee. Mr. Newcomb predicted that a document would be ready for an informal comment period in two months.

Review of Version 2.1 Filing: Ms. York provided the review. NAESB filed the [WEQ Version 2.1 standards](#) in February. This filing covered all standards modified between August 2008 and February 2009. An updated appendix of ratification results will be filed in a supplement today. Included in the filing were CBM, the first part of



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granting transmission rollover rights, modifications to the Commercial Timing Table, the Transmission Load Relief standards and three minor corrections to WEQ standards. The remainder of the standards to address FERC Order No. 890 will be filed separately once that work is complete and will also be included in the WEQ Version 2.2 filing.

Update on Retail Quadrant Restructuring: Mr. Minneman provided the update. The retail quadrants of NAESB were initially formed to address standards for competitive gas and electric retail markets, most of which has been completed. Currently, membership levels are not at the expected level and do not meeting the minimum requirements of NAESB quadrants. Attempts to gain memberships have not resulted in an adequate increase in membership. A [change to the segment structure has been proposed](#) to better accommodate new areas of interest, including DSM-EE. The three new segments are “suppliers/service providers,” “utilities,” and “end users/public agencies.” The third segment included public agencies in an effort to get more participation from state regulators and consumer advocates. NARUC will assist any regulators that are interested in joining. The RSR will also recommend the reduction of the required number of members in a quadrant from 40 to 20 with the anticipation that those numbers will be increased as more participants get involved.

Upcoming e-Tariff Vendor Fair: Mr. Spangler provided the overview of the vendor fair. It will be held on April 28, 2009 from 1:00 to 5:00 in Washington, DC at the Renaissance Hotel. FERC is hosting an e-tariff technical conference in the morning. The fair will consist of presentations, a question and answer session and breakout sessions to allow participants to speak with the vendors individually.

Next Conference Call: The next Monthly Update Call is scheduled for May 27, 2009 from 1-2 PM Central. The agenda and any work papers will be posted on the Monthly Update page of the NAESB website: http://www.naesb.org/monthly_update.asp. 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 at (713) 356-0060, naesb@naesb.org.



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