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**TO:** All Interested Parties

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**RE: Demand Side Management and Energy Efficiency (DSM-EE) Specification Task Force and Request from the American National Standards Institute (ANSI)**

**Update on DSM-EE Specification Task Force Activities and Request from ANSI–**

To build upon the existing foundation supporting the industry’s efforts in energy efficiency, NAESB has held several coordination calls with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and recently took part in the ANSI Energy Efficiency Standardization Coordination Collaborative (EESCC) Global Web Call in early February. The ANSI EESCC has developed a Standardization Roadmap to improve energy efficiency by conducting a gap analysis of the existing standards in the efficiency space. Over the past two years, Eric Winkler, ISO New England, continuously participated in the EESCC on behalf of NAESB and ensured that the NAESB WEQ and REQ EE M&V Standards, WEQ-021 and REQ.19, were included in the gap analysis. As a result, NAESB was identified as a standards development organization that could potentially address several of the 109 standardization gaps identified. During the ANSI EESCC call, NAESB commented on its recent correspondence to ANSI, dated December 18, 2014. The letter was sent in response to a November request from ANSI to consider several potential standards development projects to support energy efficiency resulting from the gaps identified in the Standardization Roadmap. On December 9, 2014, the Retail Executive Committee held a single-topic conference call to consider the request and discuss the response. After careful review by the NAESB Managing Committee and the Board of Directors, NAESB sent the December 18, 2014 response to ANSI identifying three potential standard development areas that NAESB may be suited to support. The areas are: the establishment of a standardized format and content guide for technical reference manuals, standardized terms and definitions for reporting energy efficiency program and project data, and standardized reporting characteristics of audit and implementation data. The correspondence also contained concerns, such as obtaining sufficient technical volunteer resources for the standards development effort. In addition to maintaining coordination efforts with ANSI, Jonathan Booe, NAESB Vice President, has also reached out to the Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnership (NEEP) to ensure the standards developed are responsive to industry needs.

As litigation surrounding FERC Order No. 745 *Demand Response Compensation in Organized Wholesale Energy Markets* is still pending, the Demand Side Management and Energy Efficiency (DSM-EE) Specification Task Force determined that it will place on hold its efforts to develop a specification document to support the RMQ demand response (DR) aspects of the NAESB Certification Program for DR and EE Measurement and Verification (M&V) for Services or Products. The certification program was drafted to support the NAESB WEQ and REQ DR and EE M&V standards and to provide guidance to utilities, Independent System Operators (ISOs), and Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs) on the evaluation of DR and EE services or products. Last year, the DSM-EE Specification Task Force determined that a DR specification for the WEQ would not be ripe, given the pending circumstances of FERC Order No. 745. Subsequently, the 2015 WEQ Provisional Annual Plan Item 5 was drafted in order to revisit the request after the litigation surrounding the order is complete.