



# North American Energy Standards Board

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## NAESB UPDATE CONFERENCE CALL

**WEQ OASIS STANDARDS UPDATE:** Mr. Wood, Co-Chair of the WEQ OASIS Subcommittee, provided the update. The WEQ OASIS Subcommittee is currently developing a process to maintain preemption and competition on the OASIS systems as part of 2014 WEQ Annual Plan Items 2.a.i.1-2 and 5.c – Preemption and Competition. The annual plan items were developed in response to FERC Order No. 890 and NAESB standards request R05019. The completed recommendation will propose modifications to a significant number of the WEQ OASIS-related standards. Participants are in the process of resolving the final key identified issues, and the WEQ OASIS Subcommittee is working towards a 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, 2014 completion date. Due to the significant number of modifications that are being considered, the subcommittee participants have discussed holding an informal comment period regarding the proposed revisions prior to voting out a recommendation.

**WEQ UPDATE ON PARALLEL FLOW VISUALIZATION PROJECT:** Mr. Davis, Co-Chair of the WEQ Business Practices Subcommittee (BPS), provided the update. In January, the WEQ BPS held a second informal comment period regarding modifications to WEQ-008 to support the use of near real-time data as part of the Eastern Interconnection congestion management process. The new and revised standards are intended to provide additional transparency to the Eastern Interconnection congestion management process and will further the goal of ensuring that non-firm intra-balancing authority transmission service is curtailed before firm service. In response to the informal comment period, feedback was provided by eleven entities that the WEQ BPS participants are currently working to address. The subcommittee anticipates completing a recommendation in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, 2014. As part of the recommendation, the subcommittee is planning to recommend full-staffing to allow a parallel field test to be conducted before the standards are finalized. The field test will be conducted by the IDC Association, which oversees management of the Interchange Distribution Calculator (IDC), a tool used as part of the Eastern Interconnection congestion management process.

**WEQ UPDATE ON NERC/NAESB/IDC COORDINATION:** Ms. York, Chair of the WEQ Executive Committee, provided the update. On February 7, 2014, NERC submitted a standards development request, R14002, proposing NAESB consider the development of standards that support the commercial aspects of several NERC MOD Reliability Standards proposed for retirement by NERC relating to calculations to determine Available Transfer Capability (ATC) and Available Flowgate Capability (AFC). On February 10, 2014, NERC filed a petition with FERC in Docket No. RM14-7-000 proposing the retirement of these reliability requirements. Prior to the submittal of the NERC petition to the FERC and the request to NAESB, NERC and NAESB staff held a conference call with the FERC staff to discuss the filing and implementation process of the revised NERC MOD A standards and the prioritization of NAESB activities in relation to the effort. NERC and NAESB continue to remain coordinated on all other projects underway that may impact either or both organizations. The request was triaged to the WEQ Executive Committee to determine how the request should be assigned and priority for standards development. In response, the chair and co-chair of the WEQ Executive Committee proposed the development of a task force to review the request and recommend assignment(s) and a scope of work for the assignment(s). Additionally, NAESB is coordinating with NERC and the IDC Association regarding the PFV effort. As a result of these discussions, NAESB, NERC, and the IDC Association have decided to draft a joint filing to the Commission detailing the coordination efforts and responsibilities of each organization prior, during, and after the field test.

**WEQ UPDATE ON PHASE 3 OF THE ELECTRIC INDUSTRY REGISTRY PROJECT:** Ms. Trum, NAESB Deputy Director, provided the update. Phase 3 of the Electric Industry Registry (EIR) began on April 22, 2013, with the announcement of the retirement of the WECC Registry within the WECC Interchange Tool (WIT) and its transition into the EIR. Parallel operations for WECC users of the EIR began in June 4, 2013. The second Phase 3 activity was completed on November 12, 2013 with the transition to XML as the registry file format to increase flexibility of registry publications. An announcement regarding the final activity of Phase 3, the retirement of legacy user interfaces, will be distributed by the NAESB office shortly.

**WGQ & WEQ UPDATE ON GAS-ELECTRIC HARMONIZATION ACTIVITIES:** Ms. Crockett, Chair of the WGQ, provided the update. In response to a July 18, 2013 FERC NOPR, the co-chairs of the WEQ and WGQ Executive Committees formed a joint task force to conduct an informal, proactive review to determine if any aspects



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of the NOPR may impact the NAESB WEQ Gas-Electric Coordination Standards or the NAESB WGQ Gas/Electric Operational Communications Standards. At the conclusion of the review, the task force found no inconsistencies between the NAESB standards and NOPR. A work paper that detailed the task force's analysis was presented during the October WEQ and WGQ Executive Committee meetings. Following the issuance of FERC Order No. 787 on November 13, 2013, the task force reconvened and confirmed that no further action is needed at this time. In addition to internal gas-electric harmonization activities, NAESB has also been actively monitoring the activities of external groups, including participation in the Eastern Interconnection States' Planning Council efforts.

**RETAIL AND WEQ UPDATE ON THE DSM/EE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM:** Mr. Winkler provided the update. On February 25, 2014, the Board Certification Program Committee unanimously adopted, in response to an industry request and supportive of direction from the Board of Directors, a process to support a NAESB certification program for demand response and energy efficiency measurement and verification (M&V) products and/or services. The process requires interested entities to submit an affidavit claiming compliance with the NAESB demand response and/or energy efficiency standards, any supportive product/service requirements defined by a specification and any third party audits that support compliance. The Board Certification Program Committee process was endorsed by the Managing Committee during its February 27, 2014 meeting, and the program was put into place shortly after.

**RETAIL NAESB SMART GRID ACTIVITIES:** Mr. Villarreal, Chair of the Energy Services Provider Interface (ESPI) Task Force, provided the update. On February 21, 2014, the ESPI Task Force held an initial conference call to begin discussion on Standards Request R13001. The request proposes consideration of a number of enhancements to the REQ.21 ESPI Model Business Practices based on industry use and implementation since original adoption of the business practices. The NAESB ESPI standard has been endorsed by the Department of Energy as part of their Green Button initiative to encourage utilities in the U.S. to provide their customers with easy access to their energy usage data in a consumer-friendly and computer friendly format via a "Green Button" on electric utility websites. The effort was initiated in early 2012 and has been quite successful as nearly 50 utilities across the country have adopted, or plan to adopt, the Green Button functionality. NAESB has also been working with the Ontario Ministry of Energy to support the implementation of the Green Button by the 77 utilities in their jurisdiction.

**RETAIL UPDATE ON NET METERING STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT EFFORT:** Mr. Jones, Co-Chair of the RMQ Business Practices Subcommittee (BPS) provided the update. On February 19, 2014, the Retail Executive Committee reviewed and discussed the definition of "Retail Net Metering," as developed and presented by the Retail BPS and Glossary Subcommittees. The definition will guide the efforts to develop a recommendation for 2014 Retail Annual Plan Item 8, which includes the development of new standards and/or modifications to existing standards to support net metering. As there are a myriad of differing implementations of net metering arrangements and variations in policy decisions by state commissions on the subject, the Executive Committee determined to limit the scope of the annual plan item to technical standards to support the communication of metering data in competitive markets where net metering is available. The goal is to develop standards that can be used to support billing and payment processes in competitive markets.

**NAESB BOARD STRATEGIC PLANNING TASK FORCE UPDATE:** Mr. Booe, NAESB Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, delivered the update. The Board Strategic Plan Task Force continues to meet to address direction from the Board of Directors to develop potential actions NAESB may consider to ensure the organization is responding to the needs of industry. These recommendations will be considered by the Board of Directors. The task force members have discussed developing a survey to help identify areas and issues of concern within the industry.

**NAESB ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATE:** Mr. Booe, NAESB Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, delivered the update. The Advisory Council held its annual meeting on February 8, 2014 in Washington DC in coordination with the NARUC winter meetings. The meeting was well attended and participants discussed possible areas for future standards development, including gas electric coordination, Dodd-Frank Act requirements, net metering, distributed generation and microgrids, gas quality for shale gas, cybersecurity, data privacy, and Smart Grid as it relates to the Green Button efforts. The participants also discussed NAESB enhancing communications with state regulators and the NARUC community. As part of this effort, NAESB will work with members of the Advisory Council to broaden the organization's outreach.



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**REGULATORY UPDATES:** Mr. Booe, NAESB Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, delivered the update. On January 29, 2014, NAESB submitted comments regarding the NOPR issued by the Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration concerning the incorporation by reference process employed by government agencies. NAESB's comments were supportive of the effort by the Office of the Federal Register and explained the nature of NAESB's filings with the Commission, including how NAESB allows non-members to access standards.

**NEXT CONFERENCE CALL:** The next NAESB Update Conference Call is scheduled for June 26, 2014 from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Central. The agenda and any work papers will be posted on the NAESB Update Call page of the NAESB website, accessible at the following link: [http://www.naesb.org/monthly\\_update.asp](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 if you would like to receive additional information, please contact the NAESB Office by phone at (713) 356-0060 or email at [naesb@naesb.org](mailto:naesb@naesb.org).

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<b>March 13, 2014 at 1:00 PM Central</b>	
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