Via email and posting

April 25, 2014

**TO:** NAESB Gas-Electric Harmonization (GEH) Forum Distribution List

**cc:** NAESB Board of Directors, NAESB Advisory Council

**FROM:** NAESB Office

**RE:** Agenda for the NAESB Gas Electric Harmonization Forum – May 5-6, 2014

Dear Forum Distribution,

Thank you for showing interest in our process and being part of the group that shapes the NAESB response to the directives of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) on *Coordination of the Scheduling Processes of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines and Public Utilities* issued on March 20, 2014 (Docket No. RM14-2-000). We have already held two conference calls on March 27 and April 1, given one review session also on April 1, and asked for presenters for the April 22-23 meeting to be identified. The deadline for indicating intent to provide presentations was April 11. Thirteen companies[[1]](#footnote-1) provided alternatives to the proposal provided by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in its NOPR. We held a meeting on April 22-23 where the presentations were given with an opportunity for clarifying questions to the presenters. We are now moving on to our next phase – determining if there is an industry consensus on alternative(s) to the proposal provided by the FERC in the NOPR.

Our meeting for May 5-6 will be held in the same location – Hilton Americas in downtown Houston[[2]](#footnote-2) from 8 am to 5 pm C the first day, and 8 am to 2 pm C on the second day. The meeting will be available by conference call and web cast for those unable to travel. If you are going to vote, it is a requirement that you have RSVP’ed for this set of meetings, providing (a) your name, (b) company or organization represented, (c) the market and segment that you represent[[3]](#footnote-3), as well as (d) contact information – email address and phone number. ***To reiterate, to be eligible vote on May 5-6, you must RSVP by Thursday May 1, and be present during the voting either in person or by phone/web cast****.*

RSVP to the NAESB office at [drager@naesb.org](mailto:drager@naesb.org), or call 713-356-0060. When you RSVP for the May 5-6 meeting, you will be assessed a $100 meeting fee to defray the costs of holding the meeting. Employees of federal or state regulatory agencies or representatives of consumer advocacy organizations will be exempt from the meeting fee charge.

We expect to discuss and possibly vote on the following issues over the course of the next sets of meetings:

* Gas Day Start
* Intraday Nominations 3 vs. 4
* Cycle Times / Overlap / Reaction
* Electric Market Clearing Timelines
* Time of Last Bumping Cycle
* Energy Day / Multiple Energy Days
* Capacity Release Changes
* Clean-up / Post-op Nominations
* Primary Firm vs. Secondary Out-of-Path
* EPSQ Flexibility

Should there be other issues that are specifically noted in the FERC NOPR for NAESB action and are not encompassed in the issues listed, then agenda item 3 should be used to capture those items.

As an issue is discussed, if there are no alternatives for which a consensus can be reached, the FERC NOPR proposal for that issue is then assumed and we move on to the next issue. Please note that the lunch break is scheduled for at least one hour, as lunch will not be provided during the meeting. Also, should you bring laptops or other electronic devices, please ensure your battery is fully charged as power strips are not available. If you need access to the internet, please bring your air card or other similar device. Complimentary internet access is available in the lobby.

The meeting will be transcribed. [[4]](#footnote-4) Because Commission staff may be participating in or monitoring these meetings, if participants want to discuss the FPA section 206 proceedings to reform the ISO and RTO scheduling practices, we request that those discussions be held elsewhere.

**NAESB GAS-ELECTRIC HARMONIZATION FORUM Meeting**

**Monday, May 5, 2014 – 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Central**

**Tuesday, May 6, 2014 – 8:00 am to 2:00 pm Central**

**Available by Phone and Web Cast**

**In Person Attendance Hilton Americas[[5]](#footnote-5), Houston, Texas – Room 336AB**

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**Monday 8:00 am 1. Administrative**

* Welcome
* Antitrust Guidance
* Adoption of Agenda
* Adoption of Notes from the April 22-23 meeting

**Monday 8:15 am 2. Overview of April 22-23 Meeting**

**Monday 8:45 am 3. Other Topics to be Added to the Issues List that are Specifically Noted in the FERC NOPR or Clarifications to the Existing Issues Identified**

**Monday 9:15 am 4. Discussion of Issues and Possible Voting**

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**Monday 11:30 am Lunch**

**Monday 1:00 pm 4. Discussion of Issues and Possible Voting *(Continued)***

**Monday 5:00 pm Suspend For the Day**

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**Tuesday 8:00 am Call the meeting to order**

**Tuesday 8:00 am 4. Discussion of Issues and Possible Voting *(Continued)***

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**Tuesday 11:30 am Lunch**

**Tuesday 1:15 pm 5. Preparations for Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 1:45 pm 6. Other Business**

**Tuesday 2:00 pm 7. Adjourn**

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**Background Materials[[7]](#footnote-7)**

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* NAESB GEH Forum Distribution List: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/naesb_geh_forum_distlist_2014.doc>
* Antitrust Guidance: <http://www.naesb.org/misc/antitrust_guidance.doc>
* Voting Process: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214w3.docx>
* Segment Descriptions: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214w2.doc>
* Timeline: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214w1.pdf>
* FERC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, *Coordination of the Scheduling Process of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines and Public Utilities*, can be found through the following hyperlink: <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/comm-meet/2014/032014/M-1.pdf>.
* FERC NOPR Excerpts: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/excerpts_ferc_nopr_rm14_2_000.docx>
* Attendance on April 22-23, 2014: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh_forum_attendee_list_0422_23_2014.pdf>
* Comparisons of proposals: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/naesb_geh_proposal_comparison_0422_23_2014.pdf>
* RSVP List by Last Name <http://www.naesb.org/misc/naesb_geh_forum_rsvp_by_name_050514.pdf>
* RSVP List by Company <http://www.naesb.org/misc/naesb_geh_forum_rsvp_by_company_050514.pdf>
* RSVP List by Quadrant and Segment <http://www.naesb.org/misc/naesb_geh_forum_rsvp_by_quadrant_segment_050514.pdf>
* Notes from the April 22-23, 2014 Meeting: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214notes.docx>

Presentations on April 22-23, 2014:

* Natural Gas Council Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214ngc.pdf>
* ISO/RTO Council Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214iso_rto.pdf>
* INGAA Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214ingaa.pdf>
* Northern Natural Gas Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214nng.pdf>
* Washington Gas Light / Piedmont Natural Gas Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214washgas_piedmont.pdf>; <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214washgas_piedmont_text.pdf>
* National Grid Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214ngrid.pdf>
* Southern Company Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214southern.pdf>
* PG&E / SoCal Gas Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214pge_socal.pdf>
* Hess Energy Marketing (a Direct Energy Company) Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214hess_energy_marketing.pdf>
* Desert Southwest Pipeline Stakeholders Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214dsps.pdf>
* Southwest Customer Group Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214southwest_customer_group.pdf>
* AEP Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214aep.pdf>
* Skipping Stone / Conservation Law Foundation Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214clf_skipping_stone.pdf>

1. Natural Gas Council, INGAA, National Grid, Southern Company, ISO/RTO Council, Washington Gas Light/Piedmont Natural Gas, Northern Natural Gas, Skipping Stone/Conservation Law Foundation, Hess Energy Marketing (a Direct Energy Company), Southwest Customer Group, Desert Southwest Pipeline Stakeholders, PG&E/SoCal and AEP [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Hilton Americas is located in downtown Houston, Hilton Americas-Houston, 1600 Lamar, Houston, Texas, 77010, Phone -- 713-739-8000. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. The market and segment descriptions can be found at <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214w2.doc>. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Transcripts may be ordered from Jill Vaughan, CSR - 281-853-6807 or [jillvaughan75@gmail.com](mailto:jillvaughan75@gmail.com) [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Hilton Americas is located in downtown Houston, Hilton Americas-Houston, 1600 Lamar, Houston, Texas, 77010, Phone -- 713-739-8000 [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Hilton Americas is located in downtown Houston, Hilton Americas-Houston, 1600 Lamar, Houston, Texas, 77010, Phone -- 713-739-8000 [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. **Information on** all NAESB activities can be found at <http://www.naesb.org>, and for GEH Forum activities at <http://www.naesb.org/naesb_geh_forum.asp>. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)