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**TO:** Interested Parties

**FROM:** Caroline Trum, NAESB Deputy Director

**RE: Battery Storage and Distributed Energy Resources**

The WEQ Business Practices Subcommittee (BPS) has continued to meet to address the development of standards to support battery/energy storage and, more broadly, distributed energy resources in front and behind the meter as part of 2021 WEQ Annual Plan Item 7. Specifically, as part of these annual plan items, the WEQ BPS is developing standards for energy storage resources and distributed energy resources participating in the wholesale markets that (1) define an index/registry; (2) create information and reporting requirements; and (3) establish performance metrics.

Since holding a kick-off meeting for the effort in February, the WEQ BPS has held eight meetings on the topic, typically meeting approximately every two weeks. Early discussions by the subcommittee have focused on the development of use cases to identify areas of potential standardization that would be of most benefit to the industry regarding a proposed index or registry of energy storage and distributed energy resources as well as information and reporting requirements. Most recently, the subcommittee has developed a work paper identifying standardized terms regarding energy storage, distributed energy resources, and distributed energy resource aggregations to determine consensus regarding usage and proposed definitions. The WEQ BPS will continue these discussions at their next meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 17 from 1:00 – 4:00 PM Central.

The NAESB Board of Directors created 2021 WEQ Annual Plan Items 7.a, 7.b, and 7.c based on recommendations made by the Board Task Force on Battery Storage to support the industry as it works to implement FERC Order Nos. 841 and 2222. Discussions regarding battery storage have been ongoing within NAESB since early 2020 when the NAESB Advisory Council identified battery storage as a growing area of interest within the market and recommended the organization explore the potential for standards development.