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## NAESB UPDATE CONFERENCE CALL

**WGQ & WEQ UPDATE ON GAS-ELECTRIC HARMONIZATION ACTIVITIES AND FERC ORDER NO. 809:** Mr. Booe, NAESB Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, delivered the update. The Gas-Electric Harmonization (GEH) Forum last met on May 13, 2016 to review the results of the March 24, 2016 GEH Forum Survey and discuss potential steps to move forward. In total, the NAESB office received 93 responses, with the majority submitted by forum participants. During the April 7, 2016 Board of Directors meeting, the GEH Forum presented a report regarding its efforts to-date, and preliminary results of the survey were shared. The board postponed taking any action in response to FERC Order No. 809 until the full results of the survey could be analyzed. A subsequent working session was held on May 31, 2016. Following the working session, a notational ballot was issued containing modifications to the 2016 WGQ and WEQ Annual Plans based on the results of the GEH Forum Survey. The notational ballot responses are due on June 28, 2016.

**WEQ & WGQ UPDATE ON FERC FORMS SUBCOMMITTEE:** Mr. Brooks, Co-Chair of the WEQ/WGQ FERC Forms Subcommittee, provided the update. The subcommittee most recently met on June 2, 2016 to continue discussions regarding the development of standards in support of the April 16, 2015 FERC Order, Order Instituting Proceeding to Develop Electronic Filing Protocols for Commission Forms (Docket No. AD15-11-000). In the order, and a related Technical Conference held last year, the Commission stated that it is considering the elimination of the current software, Visual Fox Pro, and transitioning to an XML format to be utilized in the submission of the following FERC forms: 1, 1-F, 2, 2-A, 3-Q electric, 3-Q gas, 6, 6Q, FERC-60, and FERC 714. To date, the subcommittee has reviewed documentation provided by FERC staff regarding FERC Form 1, including a field analysis and basic sample XML. Additionally, sample XML for several representative schedules in FERC Form 1 have been drafted along with a document containing sample XML developer instructions.

**WEQ UPDATE ON NERC/NAESB/IDC COORDINATION:** Ms. York, Chair of the WEQ Executive Committee, provided the update. The WEQ Standards Review Subcommittee (SRS) will be meeting on July 14, 2016 to review the draft NERC Reliability Standards Development Plan and evaluate any possible areas of coordination that should be considered. Any feedback will be provided to the NAESB Managing Committee for consideration of comments to provide to NERC staff. Additionally, WEQ Executive Committee leadership recently submitted Standards Request R16008 to support coordination efforts with NERC. The request proposes NAESB consider revisions to WEQ-004 Coordinate Interchange Business Practice Standards related FERC's approval of NERC's proposal to retire certain functionalities, including the purchase-selling entity role, from the NERC Compliance Registry.

**THE OASIS SUBCOMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:** Ms. Trum, NAESB Deputy Director, provided the update. The WEQ OASIS Subcommittee is currently preparing revisions to existing business practice standards which will formalize the process of short term firm preemption and competition on the Open Access Same-Time Information Systems, in response to directives included in FERC Order No. 890 and Standards Request R05019. On May 26, 2016, the subcommittee requested informal comments on its draft recommendation. The informal comment period will conclude on July 8, 2016.

**WEQ UPDATE ON THE COORDINATE INTERCHANGE SCHEDULING SUBCOMMITTEE:** Mr. Phillips, Co-Chair of the WEQ Coordinate Interchange Scheduling Subcommittee (CISS), provided the update. The subcommittee held an informal comment period regarding proposed revisions to the WEQ-004 Coordinate Interchange Business Practice Standards, the WEQ-023 Electric Industry Registry (EIR) Business Practice Standards, and the Electronic Tagging (e-Tag) Functional Specification and Schema made to accommodate the use of the market operator role within the NAESB EIR. The informal comment period ended on June 10, 2016, and the WEQ CISS subsequently voted out a recommendation as part of its June 17, 2016 meeting. The subcommittee has scheduled an additional meeting for July 27, 2016 to review any formal comments.

**RMQ UPDATE ON THE GREEN BUTTON ALLIANCE CERTIFICATION: WGQ AND WEQ UPDATE ON GAS-ELECTRIC HARMONIZATION ACTIVITIES AND FERC ORDER NO. 809:** Mr. Roberts provided the update. The Green Button Alliance, which facilitates compliance, development, and employment of the Green



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Button Initiative by providing certification of implementations, marketing, and education, recently certified its first entity as part of the organization's Download My Data Testing and Certification process. Download My Data facilitates the ability of a consumer to download their energy usage data to a file that can be opened by their chosen app or software. The certification for this program provides confidence for customers and developers, assuring that they can rely on the information they receive. Mr. Booe stated that NAESB is continuing to coordinate with the Green Button Alliance regarding revisions to the REQ.21 Energy Service Provider Interface (ESPI) Model Business Practices. The ESPI Model Business Practices have been endorsed as part of the Green Button Initiative by the United States Department of Energy. To date, more than 150 utilities and service providers have committed to providing more than 60 million U.S. households- altogether 100 million people- access to their own Green Button energy data.

**RMQ UPDATE ON RETAIL NET METERING STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT EFFORT:** Mr. Jones, Co-Chair of the RMQ Business Practices Subcommittee (BPS) provided the update. Version 3.1 of the RMQ Model Business Practices, published on March 31, 2016, contains updates and modifications to RXQ.11 Customer Enrollment, Drop and Account Information Change Using a Registration Agent Model Business Practices to support retail net metering practices. Specifically, the new and revised standards allow the user to specify a Retail Net Metering identifier as a business element in several of the defined transactions. Additionally, new sections were added to address ESI ID Retirement, Continuous Service Agreement Setup and Termination, and Mass Transitions. Given the diverse net metering implementations and policies, the NAESB RMQ Executive Committee limited the scope for the NAESB Retail Net Metering effort to the consideration of model business practices that provide metering data required by market participants in competitive energy markets in jurisdictions where their charges to retail customers account for Retail Net Metering arrangements.

**REGULATORY ACTIVITIES AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING UPDATE:** Mr. Booe, NAESB Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, delivered the update. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on September 1, 2016. The Revenue Committee is scheduled to meet on June 29, 2016 to discuss its standing agenda items related to publication cycles, current revenue streams, and communication efforts. Additionally, the Strategic Plan Ad Hoc task Force will be holding a meeting on this date to continue discussion on the NAESB 2016 Standards Development Survey. The Parliamentary Committee has a meeting scheduled for June 27, 2016 to continue discussion on necessary revisions to the NAESB Governance Documents to support consistency and resolve any inconsistencies.

**NEXT CONFERENCE CALL:** The next NAESB Update Conference Call is scheduled for August 25, 2016 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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January 18, 2017 at 1:00 PM Central	
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