



# North American Energy Standards Board

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## NAESB UPDATE CONFERENCE CALL

**UPDATE ON WGQ BPS ACTIVITY ON INTERPRETATIONS:** Ms. Van Pelt provided the update. the WGQ BPS is continuing work on 2013 WGQ Annual Plan Item 5, calling for a determination of whether each interpretation should be implemented as a standard or receive an alternative treatment. The next meeting of the subcommittee is scheduled for June 27, 2013.

**UPDATE ON PKI & CYBERSECURITY EFFORTS:** Mr. Booe provided the update. The PKI Subcommittee has been holding a series of meetings to address 2013 WEQ Annual Plan Item 4.a.ii which calls for the review of the August 27, 2012 FERC *Report on Use of North American Energy Standards Board Public Key Infrastructure Standards* (Docket No. EL12-86-000). Over the course of several meetings which focused on evaluating the twenty-year maximum lifespan for root keys in the Accreditation Specification as requested by the FERC Report, the subcommittee developed a draft work paper to serve as a basis for a recommendation to the Executive Committee. The work paper recommended that no action be taken to shorten the existing maximum lifetime of the root keys within the certificates, which was determined to be consistent with the National Institute of Standards and Technology Interagency Report 7628 (NISTIR 7628) and other international standards, including the Internet Engineering Task Force (IET) standard. At the conclusion of the informal comment period, the subcommittee voted out a recommendation of no action during its May 16, 2013 meeting. A formal industry comment period was held from May 20, 2013 to June 19, 2013. There were no comments received during the formal comment period. The WEQ Executive Committee will consider the recommendation during its August 2013 meeting.

**OASIS STANDARDS UPDATE:** Mr. Wood provided the update. The WEQ OASIS Subcommittee is currently preparing revisions to existing business practice standards in response to FERC Order No. 890 and a standards request that was submitted prior to the order which will formalize the process of preemption and competition on the Open Access Same-Time Information Systems (OASIS). To date, the subcommittee has identified 125 transaction processing issues and requirements that must be addressed to formalize the preemption and competition processes, including the identification of a valid defender and challenger, the determination of the duration of competition, and the analysis of which entities possess the right of first refusal. The subcommittee has worked through 84 issues and requirements and adopted 45 motions on the topic.

**UPDATE ON PARALLEL FLOW VISUALIZATION PROJECT:** Mr. Skiba provided the update. The WEQ Business Practices Subcommittee (BPS) continues to work on the PFV project. The subcommittee is in the process of reviewing informal comments received regarding proposed 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.

**UPDATE ON NERC/NAESB COORDINATION:** Ms. York provided the update. The NAESB staff and the WEQ leadership have continued to hold monthly calls with NERC staff to ensure that the two organizations are closely coordinated in areas where standards development or other activities may impact both organizations, as well as the monthly staff to staff call to discuss the status of communications between the NERC project leads and the NAESB subcommittee co-chairs. In addition to these monthly conference calls, the NAESB and NERC executive leadership met face-to-face at the NERC offices on June 25, 2013 to discuss the progress of the coordination efforts between the two organizations. It was agreed that the strategy in place to ensure coordination has been effective and is supporting the strong working relationship between NERC and NAESB.

**UPDATE ON GAS-ELECTRIC HARMONIZATION ACTIVITIES:** Ms. Crockett provided the update. Following a series of regional technical conferences conducted in August 2012, the Commission issued an order directing further conferences and reports on November 15, 2012. The first of these additional technical conferences was held on February 13, 2013 and focused on input sharing and communication practices between the electric and gas industries. On April 25, 2013, the Commission held a technical conference focused on natural gas and electric scheduling, and issues related to whether and how natural gas and electric industry schedules could be harmonized in



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order to achieve the most efficient scheduling systems for both industries. Additionally, FERC staff presented the latest in a series of reports, *Gas-Electric Coordination Quarterly Report to the Commission*, on June 20, 2013. Similar to previous reports, national and regional initiatives on natural gas and electric coordination were highlighted and the report focused on natural gas and electric scheduling and issues related to whether and how natural gas and electric industry schedules could be harmonized in order to achieve the most efficient scheduling systems for both industries.

**UPDATE ON NAESB PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE:** Mr. Booe delivered the update. On June 13, 2014, the Parliamentary Committee continues to meet to discuss proposed language for inclusion in the bylaws for copyrights and intellectual property rights. The committee will be holding a meeting on June 28, 2013 to continue these discussions.

**REGULATORY UPDATES:** There were no new regulatory updates since the last NAESB Update Conference Call.

**NEXT CONFERENCE CALL:** The next NAESB Update Conference Call is scheduled for August 28, 2013 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>June 27, 2013 at 1:00 PM Central</b>	
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