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**TO:** All Interested Parties

**FROM:** Jonathan Booe, NAESB Vice President

**RE: NAESB/NERC Coordination Update**

**Update NAESB/NERC Coordination –**

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.

During the monthly calls between the NERC staff and the WEQ leadership the participants have discussed the following:

* Status of the EIR – The transition of the EIR from NERC to NAESB has been a great success.  Currently, NAESB is in phase three of the project and is working with OATI and the WECC to incorporate the WECC registry (or the WECC Interchange Tool (WIT)) into the NAESB EIR so that there will be a single registry across the country.  Recently, the NERC Coordinate Interchange Standards Drafting Team (CISDT) submitted an enhancement request for the EIR to NAESB asking that the EIR support information sharing concerning pseudo-tie transactions between BAs and Transmission Service Providers.  The request was evaluated by the JESS and will be reevaluated if the related NERC standard (INT-004-3) is approved by the Board of Trustees.
* Modeling Standards – NAESB staff has continued to monitor the activities of NERC Project 2012-05 ATC Revisions (MOD A).  The SAR proposes to consolidate the NERC Modeling Standards by retiring MOD-001-1a, MOD-004-1, MOD-008-1, MOD-028-1, MOD-029-1a and MOD-030-2 and implementing MOD-001-2.  The SAR was posted for 45-day formal comment on July 11, 2013 and the implementation plan proposes that a request be submitted to NAESB asking that NAESB maintain business practice standards that support a number of elements of the NERC requirements that may be more commercially relevant and will be retired through the NERC effort.  The request would not be submitted to NAESB until the Board of Trustees approves the proposed standard.  If pursued it is important that NAESB, NERC and the Commission work together to coordinate the timing of the related NAESB standards development effort and the effective date of the NERC standard if adopted.
* Parallel Flow Visualization – The NAESB Business Practice Subcommittee is still working to address the comments received during the informal comment period on the proposed standards and is on track to finalize a recommendation by the end of the year.  Upon adoption, NAESB will work with the IDC Association to conduct a 12-18 month field test on the standards before being ratified by NAESB.  NAESB leadership and NERC leadership have discussed the field test and NERC has been supportive as NAESB works with the IDC Association leadership to coordinate the test.
* Glossaries and the RSDP – NAESB and NERC have been discussing issues concerning the coordination of the NERC and NAESB glossaries and it is planned that the NAESB Standards Review Subcommittee will review the NERC 2014-2016 RSDP when it is distributed.