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NAESB MONTHLY UPDATE CONFERENCE CALL

WEQ COORDINATION WITH NERC AND EIDSN: Mr. True, Chair of the Wholesale Electric Quadrant (WEQ), delivered the update. NAESB leadership and NERC staff frequently hold conference calls regarding ongoing standards development activities. Recent topics of discussion have included the 2018 NERC Reliability Standards Efficiency Review, NERC Project 2017-04 Periodic Review of Interchange Scheduling and Coordination (INT) Reliability Standards, cybersecurity, and the NERC 2019-2021 Reliability Standards Development Plan. Additionally, NAESB is coordinating with both NERC and the Eastern Interconnection Data Sharing Network (EIDSN) on the Parallel Flow Visualization (PFV) effort. Mr. Booe, NAESB Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, explained that the NAESB Managing Committee approved the WEQ SRS comments on the NERC 2019-2021 Reliability Standards Development Plan and those comments will be submitted before the August 31, 2018 deadline. He thanked the WEQ SRS for developing the comments on the NERC RSDP. Mr. Booe announced that Ken McIntyre from NERC has accepted a seat on the NAESB Board of Directors.

WEQ OASIS SUBCOMMITTEE ACTIVITIES: Mr. Wood, Co-Chair of the WEQ OASIS Subcommittee, delivered the update. He stated that the WEQ OASIS and WEQ Business Practices Subcommittee (BPS) are holding joint meetings to close out the last two annual plan items to address [FERC Order No. 890](#). The first [recommendation](#), for 2018 WEQ Annual Plan Item 2.a.i.2, addresses redispatch cost posting to allow for posting of third party offers of planning redispatch services and will be reviewed by the WEQ Executive Committee during its April meeting. The second annual plan item, WEQ Annual Plan Item 2.a.i.1, is now underway and responds to Paragraph 1627 of FERC Order No. 890 to address the posting of additional information on OASIS regarding firm transmission curtailments. Additionally, the WEQ OASIS Subcommittee is working through 2018 WEQ Annual Plan Items 3.a-3.f. Mr. Booe noted that the recommendation for 2018 Annual Plan Item 3.e is currently out for a thirty day formal comment period that concludes on September 29, 2018.

WEQ ELECTRIC INDUSTRY REGISTRY UPDATE: Ms. Trum, Deputy Director of NAESB, provided the update on the NAESB EIR and eTagging. The NAESB EIR is the central repository for information that is required to support commercial, scheduling, and transmission management operations in North America. NAESB continually works with the system administrator to ensure an efficient user experience, an effort that results in periodic updates to the system. In June, one such update added data validations to ensure that all objects are treated equally and also provided safeguards to prevent duplication of records. On September 10, 2018, the WEQ Coordinate Interchange Subcommittee will discuss two Enhancement Requests submitted by Southwest Power Pool, [ER18001](#) and [ER18002](#). ER18001 requests modifications to system functionality regarding subscription renewals. ER18002 requests modifications to the pseudo-tie registration to allow for the designation of generation or load.

WEQ/WGQ/RMQ SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES SURETY ASSESSMENT: Ms. Trum stated that the surety assessment began last year and is one of several that have been conducted. Sponsored by the Department of Energy and carried out through Sandia National Laboratories, the assessment focuses on four areas of NAESB Standards and Model Business Practices: the Internet Electronic Transport standards, the NAESB Certification Program for Accredited Certificate Authorities, the WEQ-012 Public Key Infrastructure Standards, and the OASIS Standards. On February 26, 2018, the Board Critical Infrastructure Committee (CIC) reviewed a [draft version](#) of the report and submitted [correspondence](#) containing feedback from the committee to Sandia National Laboratories. In response to the Board CIC comments, an [updated draft version](#) of the report was provided to NAESB in the summer and the Board CIC provided [additional feedback](#) asking that the full assessment provide mitigating suggestions and ensure that NAESB is provided with all of the information necessary to ensure that gaps or vulnerabilities that could be found are properly assessed and addressed. A third draft of the report is currently being completed. Mr. Booe stated that NAESB is hoping for a detailed report similar to the one provided in 2006.



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BLOCKCHAIN STANDARDS REQUEST UPDATE: Mr. Booe, Executive Vice-President and Chief Administrative Officer of NAESB, provided the update. He stated that Standards Request R18007 asks that NAESB consider the development of standards to support a smart contract for the NAESB Base Contract for Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas as it applies to the gas settlement process. Triage for the request ended on August 17, 2018 and the WGQ Executive Committee ultimately determined that the request would be jointly assigned to the WGQ Business Practices Subcommittee, the WGQ Contracts Subcommittee, and the WGQ Electronic Delivery Mechanisms Subcommittee. The chairs of the subcommittee determined that the first meeting to address R18007 should be face-to-face and focus on blockchain education. Mr. Connor asked whether the first meeting would be free of charge to participants. Mr. Booe stated that the NAESB Office will be able to determine the answer when it has a better estimation for the number of participants.

WEQ/WGQ FERC FORMS SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE: Mr. Spangler, Co-Chair of the WEQ/WGQ FERC Forms Subcommittee, provided the update. During the June 18, 2018 FERC Forms Subcommittee conference call, FERC staff provided a [presentation on the XBRL format](#). During the August subcommittee meeting, the participants viewed an XBRL demo from Danny Kermod of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission. The subcommittee will continue to consider the use of XML versus XBRL in its upcoming meeting.

RMQ ENERGY SERVICES PROVIDER INTERFACE (ESPI) AND ONTARIO: Ms. Mallett, Deputy Director of NAESB, provided the update. On [April 13, 2018](#), the RMQ Energy Services Provider Interface (ESPI) Task Force held its kick-off conference call to revise the model business practices that have become the foundation for the Green Button. The task force reviewed a redlined version of the ESPI Model Business Practices and sent the [document](#) out for an informal comment period that concluded on April 26, 2018, but was extended to May 10, 2018. No informal comments were submitted. After two additional conference calls, the ESPI Task Force voted out the recommendation which will be reviewed by the Executive Committee on October. Mr. Booe noted that the Ontario Ministry of Energy released the [Regulatory Proposal for Province-Wide Implementation of Green Button](#), proposing to require the use of the Green Button Download My Data and Connect My Data for entities within its jurisdiction.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND REGULATORY UPDATES: Mr. Booe, Executive Vice-President and Chief Administrative Officer of NAESB, provided the board and regulatory update. FERC issued a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) (NOPR) on the WGQ Version 3.1 Business Practice Standards and there is a 60-day comment period. Several board committees have met to prepare for the upcoming September 6, 2018 Board of Directors meeting. The Parliamentary Committee met to begin the process of updating the NAESB governance documents, the Board Strategic Plan Task Force reviewed the results of the industry-wide survey that was distributed in June, and the Board Revenue Committee met to discuss communication activities and a potential membership dues increase.

NEXT CONFERENCE CALL: The next NAESB Update conference call is scheduled for October 17, 2018 from 1:00 PM-2:00 PM Central. The agenda and any work papers will be posted on the NAESB Update page: 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.



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