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**TO:** All Interested Parties

**FROM:** Caroline Trum, Director of Wholesale Electric Activities

**RE: WEQ NERC Coordination**

NAESB and NERC continue to engage in ongoing coordination activities regarding areas of overlapping commercial and reliability considerations for the wholesale electric industry.

On August 22, 2025, the WEQ Standards Review Subcommittee (SRS) held a meeting to review the draft NERC 2026 – 2028 Reliability Standards Development Plan (RSDP) as part of the subcommittee’s ongoing work to help support coordination efforts between NAESB and NERC. As part of the review, the participants identified thirteen NERC projects to monitor for potential coordination considerations. Specifically, participants noted inverter-based resources (IBRs) and distributed energy resources (DERs) as an area where complementary business practices and reliability requirements may be beneficial for industry integration and use of such resources. This is an area of development already monitored by the WEQ SRS, and the participants flagged eight current or planned NERC efforts as part of the review. The participants also identified four NERC cybersecurity-related projects to develop new or revised Critical Infrastructure Protection Reliability Standards, including efforts regarding risk management for third-party cloud services and internal network security monitoring. Both the WEQ SRS and WEQ Cybersecurity Subcommittee are following these projects to evaluate any potential impact to the WEQ-012 Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) or other WEQ cybersecurity requirements. Finally, the participants noted that the development of reliability requirements for facility ratings should continue to be monitored to ensure consistency between any new or revised requirements and WEQ-004 Coordination Interchange, WEQ-008 Transmission Loading Relief: Eastern Interconnection, and WEQ-023 Modeling. Consistent with past years, the WEQ SRS feedback was forwarded to the NAESB Managing Committee for consideration and subsequently provided to NERC staff. The next meeting of the WEQ SRS is scheduled for October 9, 2025.

Additionally, NAESB and NERC leadership and staff frequently communicate regarding various activities within the organizations. These includes standing staff calls to review active efforts in areas with intersecting reliability and commercial considerations for the wholesale electric industry. Recent topics discussed have included DERs, gas-electric coordination and cold weather preparedness, cybersecurity, and standard development planning efforts of both organizations.