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**TO:** All Interested Parties

**FROM:** Elizabeth Mallett, NAESB Director of Wholesale Gas and Retail Markets Quadrants

**RE: Wholesale Electric Quadrant (WEQ) OASIS Subcommittee Activities**

The WEQ OASIS Subcommittee continues to hold meetings to discuss Order No. 881, issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) last December to help lower transmission costs. The order directs transmission providers to use ambient-adjusted ratings as the basis for evaluating near-term transmission service to increase the accuracy of near-term line ratings. In response to FERC Order No. 881, Southern Company submitted Standards Request R22002, asking NAESB to review the final rule in order to implement the ambient-adjusted ratings on the transmission lines. The WEQ OASIS meetings to address the order began with a work paper containing potential areas of concern, including the possible addition of FERC-defined terms in the order and several timing considerations. The subcommittee noted that some of the standards development efforts for Order No. 881 may fall under the scope of the WEQ Business Practices Subcommittee. During the October WEQ Annual Plan Subcommittee meeting, the chairs of the WEQ OASIS and WEQ BPS coordinated to propose a new item that divides the work on FERC Order No. 881 between the two groups. Looking ahead, the two subcommittees anticipate additional meetings, both joint and separate, in order to complete their recommendations in 2023.

The WEQ OASIS Subcommittee will hold one meeting to review Minor Correction MC22012. The request for the Minor Correction was submitted by Southern Company in late-September and proposes modifications to WEQ-00 in Version 003.4 of the NAESB WEQ Business Practice Standards. As noted in MC22012, the proposed revisions were modified for consistency between the OASIS books.

Outside of the new annual plan items discussed above in response to FERC Order No. 881, the Proposed 2023 WEQ Annual Plan also contains one other item assigned to the WEQ OASIS Subcommittee. That is, an item to review the WEQ OASIS Business Practice Standards for needed modifications based on implementation and operational experiences since the adoption of WEQ Version 003.3. The anticipated completion date for the recommendation is 2023.