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**TO:** Interested Industry Parties

**FROM:** Caroline Trum, Director, Wholesale Electric Quadrant

**RE:** Draft Minutes from May 3, 2023 WEQ BPS Meeting

**DATE:** May 12, 2023

**WHOLESALE ELECTRIC QUADRANT**

**Business Practices Subcommittee Meeting**

**Conference Call**

**May 3, 2023 – 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Central**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

1. **Welcome**

Mr. Phillips welcomed the participants to the meeting. Ms. Trum provided the antitrust and meeting policies reminder. The participants introduced themselves. Mr. Phillips reviewed the agenda. The review of the draft minutes was struck, and the agenda was adopted by consensus.

1. **Discuss 2023 WEQ Annual Plan Item 6.a – Develop and/or modify as needed business practices, including the WEQ-023 Modeling Business Practice Standards, to support industry implementation of FERC Order No. 881**

Mr. Phillips asked Mr. Steigerwald to review the [work paper](https://naesb.org/member_login_check.asp?doc=weq_bps050323w1.docx) posted for the meeting. Mr. Steigerwald stated that during the previous meeting, the participants had reviewed the applicable WEQ-023 Business Practice Standards and determined that no existing standards would likely need to be modified to support industry implementation of FERC Order. No. 881 but had not yet made a determination as to if a new standard should be created to support the transparency directives outlined in ¶330 of the Order. He stated that the work paper proposes draft standards language to help facilitate meeting discussion.

Mr. Phillips stated that SPP has discussed this issue internally and will likely be addressing the transparency requirements outlined in the Order through a software portal that will allow information related to transmission line ratings to be entered directly by generation owners. Ms. Ross indicated that MISO is also considering leveraging an existing, password protected database for compliance with the Order. The participants discussed if there was a need for further standards development. Mr. Steigerwald stated that as discussed at the previous meeting, the Order did not contain a directive for the industry to develop standards through NAESB in this area. He suggested that in considering if standards should be developed, the subcommittee participants evaluate if the language in the FERC requirement is sufficient or if additional guidance would be beneficial to support industry implementation. Ms. Ross stated that while there are many instances in which there are benefits for having a common approach to industry implementation, the Order requirements regarding transparency are straightforward and additional standards may not be necessary.

Ms. Berdahl asked if the subcommittee should consider revisions to WEQ-001 instead of WEQ-023 to require information about transmission line ratings be posted in a similar manner to ATCIDs. Mr. Phillips stated that the WEQ OASIS Subcommittee already considered the need to modify or develop WEQ OASIS Related Business Practice Standards in support of FERC Order No. 881 and voted out a no action recommendation which was approved by the WEQ Executive Committee on March 28, 2023. Mr. Steigerwald stated that, in developing the no action recommendation, the WEQ OASIS Subcommittee specifically discussed if there should be a requirement that transmission providers post on their OASIS homepage a link to the database of its transmission line ratings and methodologies. Mr. Holden stated that it appears that existing standards, including WEQ-023-1.1.1.1 already broadly incorporate using AARs and seasonal line ratings as part of TTC calculations and suggested that additional standards are not needed. He indicated that if standards are developed, then the proposed draft language may be too narrow as it could be interpreted to require transmission providers to protect access to the database using only a password, unintentionally limiting options for those who may want to use a stronger form of user authentication or multi-factor authentication.

Mr. Phillips suggested conducting a straw poll to determine if there is consensus among the participants as to if additional standards are needed. The results of the straw poll indicated eight participants in favor of taking no further action and zero participants in favor of pursuing standards development. Mr. Williams stated that while there is value in the industry being proactive to support consistency in implementation of FERC directives, this could be an instance in which standards are not needed.

Mr. Phillips volunteered to develop a draft no action recommendation for the participants to consider for vote as part of the next meeting.

1. **Discuss 2023 WEQ Annual Plan Item 5 – Develop and/or modify standards for information and reporting requirements to support battery storage/energy storage and, more broadly, distributed energy resources in front and behind the meter**

Mr. Phillips stated that the WEQ BPS had been addressing this annual plan item to support industry implementation of FERC Order Nos. 841 and 2222 but temporarily paused the effort to focus on the request for standards development jointly submitted by the U.S. Department of Energy, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory related to the development of grid services business practices. He indicated that previous work by the subcommittee for this annual plan item had focused on information requirements, such as categories of information and specific data elements, to support the registration of DER aggregations. Mr. Phillips noted that, as part of this, there had also been discussions regarding the creation of a resource index or registry for the individual resources as the DERs typically do not interact directly with system operators for organized wholesale markets and data such as individual resource meter ID and jurisdictional authorities may be of importance.

Mr. Phillips suggested that for the next meeting, participants review the documents that the subcommittee had previously developed. He indicated that this effort is largely dependent on input from industry and that the subcommittee can shift focus of standards development if there are new or different use cases that subcommittee participants identify as important to address.

1. **Other Business**

Mr. Phillips noted that there has been some industry discussion outside of NAESB about the need for revisions to the WEQ-008 Business Practice Standards and that a request may be forthcoming.

The participants discussed the future meeting schedule and agreed to cancel the May 24, 2023 meeting. Ms. Trum stated that she would work with the subcommittee co-chairs to develop an agenda for the June 13, 2023 meeting that includes consideration of a no action recommendation for 2023 WEQ Annual Plan Item 6.a.i.

1. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 2:18 PM Central on a motion by Ms. Hunt, seconded by Ms. Berdahl.

1. **Attendance**

| **First Name** | **Last Name** | **Organization** |
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| Rebecca | Berdahl | BPA |
| Chris | Bernard | ISO-New England |
| Tanner | Brier | BPA |
| William | Holden | SPP |
| Eva | Hunt | Avista |
| Andrea | Klueber | MISO |
| Chris | Norton | American Municipal Power |
| Joshua | Phillips | Southwest Power Pool |
| Jennifer | Richards | Santee Cooper |
| Christine | Ross | MISO |
| Lisa | Sieg | LGE&KU Services Company |
| Mike | Steigerwald | BPA |
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| Caroline | Trum | NAESB |
| Jason | Williams | Southern Company |