**1. RECOMMENDED ACTION: EFFECT OF EC VOTE TO ACCEPT RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

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|  | Accept as requested |  | Change to Existing Practice |
|  | Accept as modified below | x | Status Quo |
| x | Decline |  |  |

**2. TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT/MAINTENANCE**

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| **Per Request:** | **Per Recommendation:** |
|  | Initiation |  | Initiation |
| x | Modification |   | Modification |
|  | Interpretation |  | Interpretation |
|  | Withdrawal |  | Withdrawal |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | Principle |  | Principle |
|  | Definition |  | Definition |
| x | Business Practice Standard |  | Business Practice Standard |
| x | Document |  | Document |
|  | Data Element |  | Data Element |
|  | Code Value |  | Code Value |
|  | X12 Implementation Guide |  | X12 Implementation Guide |
|  | Business Process Documentation |  | Business Process Documentation |

**3. RECOMMENDATION**

**SUMMARY:**

No further action is necessary at this time.

API 4.a. The Cybersecurity Subcommittee (CSS) recently made several updates and changes to the NAESB Accreditation Requirements for Authorized Certification Authorities (specification) document during the effort to address the Sandia Report findings. These changes are documented in a separate recommendation from CSS, ref. Recommendation for Request No. 2019 API 6.a, 2019 API 6.b.ii, 2019 API 6.c.ii <https://naesb.org/pdf4/weq_2019_api_6bi_rec.docx>

In addition a joint OASIS / CSS Subcommittee recommendation updated and changed the OASIS standards and documentation, ref. Joint Recommendation for WEQ 2019 Annual Plan Items 6.a, 6bii, 6cii <https://naesb.org/doc_view4.asp?doc=weq_2019_api_6a_6bii_6cii_rec.docx>

As a result of these current recommendations the CSS believes that no further updates are necessary to the WEQ-012 or accreditation requirements at this time. In effect the annual review and update was performed and incorporated in the recommendations incorporating the updates and changes made as a result Sandia Report effort.

API 4.b. CSS reviewed the current versions of the NERC CIPS as well as other activities of NERC and FERC related to cybersecurity. CSS will continue to monitor these activities, however at the current time the CSS believes that no further changes are necessary to the WEQ-012 standards or accreditation requirements at this time.

In considering these two annual plan items, the subcommittee participants discussed/reviewed the following NERC/FERC activities: <https://naesb.org//pdf4/weq_css082019w1.docx>

**4. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**a. Description of Request:**

The full text of the request of 2019 Annual Plan for the Wholesale Electric Quadrant (WEQ):

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| **4.** | **Develop and/or maintain standard communication protocols and - cybersecurity business practices as needed.** |
|  | a) | Review annually at a minimum, WEQ-012 and the accreditation requirements for Authorized Certification Authorities to determine if any changes are needed to meet market conditions.Status: Not Started | 4th Q, 2019 | Cybersecurity Subcommittee |
|  | b) | Evaluate and modify standards as needed to support and/or complement the current version of the NERC Critical Infrastructure Protection Standards and any other activities of NERC and the FERC related to cybersecurity.Status: Not Started | 4th Q, 2019 | Cybersecurity Subcommittee |

**b. Description of Recommendation:**

No action.

**c. Business Purpose:**

N/A

**d. Commentary/Rationale of Subcommittee(s)/Task Force(s):**

Reference Meeting Minutes

* CSS 08/20/2019
* CSS 09/29/2019
* CSS 09/10/2019
* CSS 09/16/2019
* CSS/OASIS 10/03/2019
* CSS 10/10/2019
* CSS 10/31/2019