**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:** | |
| X | Initiation |  | Initiation |
|  | Modification |  | Modification |
|  | Interpretation |  | Interpretation |
|  | Withdrawal |  | Withdrawal |
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|  | Principle |  | Principle |
|  | Definition |  | Definition |
| X | Business Practice Standard |  | Business Practice Standard |
|  | 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 needed at this time.

**Recommended Standards:**

None.

**4. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**a. Description of Request:**

To support the April 16, 2015 FERC [*Order Instituting Proceeding to Develop Electronic Filing Protocols for Commission Forms*](https://naesb.org/pdf4/ferc041615_electronic_filing_protocols_forms.pdf)*,* informing the industry of the Commission’s intention to replace the submittal format of FERC Forms 1, 1-F, 2, 2-A, 3-Q electric, 3-Q gas, 6, 6-Q, FERC-60 and FERC-714 from the software Visual FoxPro to an XML file format, the NAESB Board of Directors took action to create a joint WEQ/WGQ annual plan item to develop and/or modify standards consistent with the order.

**b. Description of Recommendation:**

The WEQ/WGQ FERC Forms Subcommittee is recommending no further action at this time.

The subcommittee served as an industry forum to gauge consensus on a number of foundational elements for the Commission’s eForms Refresh effort, holding a series of meetings between August 2015 and January 2019. As part of these meetings, the subcommittee addressed a variety of areas, providing input regarding a number of key issues, from the filing format and submittal process to minute details critical to usability, such as the formatting of error messages and data validations. The WEQ/WGQ FERC Forms Subcommittee developed a sample document to identify consensus industry positions on these topics that served as building blocks for the Commission’s determinations in [*FERC Order No. 859 Revisions to the Filing Process for Commission Forms*](https://naesb.org/pdf4/ferc062019_filing_process_commission_forms_final_rule_ferc_order_no_859.pdf), issued in June 2019 and the subsequently developed XBRL taxonomy.

In July 2020, following the Commission staff-led technical conference regarding the use of XBRL, FERC released a subsequent [order](https://naesb.org/pdf4/ferc071720_revisions_comm_forms_filing_process_rm19-12-000.pdf) adopting the final XBRL taxonomy, protocols, implementation guide, and other supporting documents as well as establishing an implementation schedule for use of the new filing protocol. With the new eFiling system going into production at FERC, no further action by NAESB is needed at this time.

**c. Business Purpose:**

As the industry has begun implementing the new filing protocol, no further action is needed at this time regarding standards development.

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

Please reference the WEQ/WGQ FERC Forms Subcommittee meeting minutes:

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| * August 13, 2015 * August 20, 2015 * September 1, 2015 * September 14, 2015 * November 13, 2015 * December 7, 2015 * March 24, 2016 | * April 19, 2016 * May 17, 2016 * June 2, 2016 * June 28, 2016 * July 15, 2016 * August 4, 2016 * August 24, 2016 | * September 16, 2016 * November 8, 2016 * December 2, 2016 * June 18, 2018 * August 7, 2018 * January 25, 2019 * October 21, 2021 |