

# **NAESB WEQ Seams Catalog Responsible Organization Selection Concepts February 4, 2004**

The NAESB WEQ Seams Subcommittee approved the following list of concepts for adoption during a conference call held on January 16, 2004. The WEQ Executive Committee amended them at their meeting on February 3-4, 2004.

These concepts were used to determine what organization is responsible for the development of an industry standard or regional solution to a specific market seams issue. The attached catalog utilizes the identified concepts to determine the information in the "Issue Type" and "Resp Org" columns.

The responsible organization selection concepts are as follows:

1. FERC will not be designated as a 'Responsible Organization' for purposes of the Seams Catalog.
  - It is understood that FERC is the default regulatory policy making organization.
  - FERC acts as a backstop for evaluating and/or requiring industry developed standards.
2. If the 'Region 1' and 'Region 2' fields for a specific issue state "All," that issue is deemed to be a 'National' issue.
3. NERC and NAESB will develop Standards for resolving all National Issues.
4. If the 'Region 1' and 'Region 2' fields for a specific issue list specific markets (e.g. PJM & MISO) that issue is deemed to be a 'Regional' issue.
5. The 'Resp Org' currently considering a Regional 'Issue Type' will initially be the identified 'Regions' or an organization that represents those 'Regions.'
  - Regional seams solutions may only apply to the impacted regions.
  - Regional reliability issues are governed by NERC and/or a NERC Regional Council.
6. Entities involved in a Regional Issue may elect to submit a Standard Request to NAESB to develop a Standard.
  - NAESB can, and will, develop Standards with regional deference.