

# NAESB WEQ Seams Catalog Responsible Organization Selection Concepts January 16, 2004

The NAESB WEQ Seams Subcommittee approved the following list of concepts for adoption during a conference call held on January 16, 2004. These concepts will be 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 green highlighting indicates values that conform to the identified concepts. The yellow highlighting indicates values that subjectively deviate from the concepts based on the unique characteristic of the seams issue.

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. It acts as a backstop for evaluating and/or requiring industry developed Standards for jurisdictional entities.
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 'Local' issue.
5. The 'Resp Org' for resolving a Regional 'Issue Type' will be the identified 'Regions' or an organization that represents those 'Regions.' Regional seams solutions will only apply to the impacted regions.

Exception: It is assumed that Local reliability issues are governed by NERC and/or a NERC Regional Council. If a local Issue impacts the reliability of the Interconnection, and that Issue is not covered by existing NERC and/or NERC Reliability Region Policies or Standards, the Local Issue will be assigned to NERC.

6. Entities involved in a Local Issue may elect to submit a Standard Request to NAESB to develop a Standard to resolve the issue nationally or locally.
  - NAESB can, and will, develop Standards with regional deference.