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TO: NAESB WEQ Seams Subcommittee Participants and Posting for Interested Parties
FROM: Todd Oncken, NAESB Deputy Director
RE: WEQ Seams Subcommittee Conference Call Minutes – January 16, 2004
DATE: January 19, 2004

**NAESB Wholesale Electric Quadrant
Seams Subcommittee Conference Call
January 16, 2004 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Central**

1. Welcome

Mr. Cobb opened the meeting and participants introduced themselves. Mr. Oncken gave the antitrust advice. The agenda was reviewed and no modifications were made. The agenda was adopted by consent. The minutes from the January 7, 2004 conference call were reviewed. The spelling of Ms. Perlman's name was corrected. The modified minutes from January 7 were adopted by consent.

2. Review the seams issues assignment concepts, and make edits and additions as required

Participants reviewed the Selection Concepts document. The draft was generally well received. Modifications were offered on sections 1, 2 and 6. Please see the attached redlined document for the specific changes. Participants felt that agreement on the Selection Concepts would help industry put the Seams Catalog in perspective.

Participants discussed section 6 at length. There was some confusion about the significance of the responsible organization when the issue type categorization was regional. Initially, it was proposed that responsible organization should be left blank or identified as multiple. Concern was expressed that the regional designations could have a chilling effect on NAESB's decision making process regarding which areas are appropriate for NAESB standards.

Mr. Rossignoli moved, seconded by Mr. Cox to approve the modified list of concepts for consideration by the NAESB Executive Committee and Board at the February 3-4, 2004 meeting being held in Dallas, TX. The motion passed by consent.

3. Reconcile catalog issues with approved assignment guidelines

The seams catalog was reviewed in light of the Selection Concepts document. The categorization process for item 8 was reviewed as an example of that process. It was noted deference to the submitter played a role in the categorization. Mr. Cobb asserted that the items coded green in the seams catalog aligned with the concepts, but the items coded yellow were more subjective based on the specific issues. It was decided that application of the Selection Concepts to columns J (Issue Type) & K (Resp Org) during the conference call was not an efficient process. Participants were encouraged to review columns in light of the Selection Concepts and submit any changes to the NAESB Office prior to the February 3-4 meeting. Participants agreed to move the seams catalog forward to the February 3-4 meeting with any recommended changes to columns J & K subsequent to this conference call.



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Presentation of the catalog at the February 3-4 meeting was discussed. It was agreed to hide columns G through I (Resp Org Cobb, Resp Org IRC, Resp Org Mueller) and L through Q (Region 1, Region 2, Priority, Seam Impediment Type, Currently Being Addressed, Submitter). Participants felt this presentation would allow a better understanding of the catalog while maintaining the integrity of the complete catalog. It was noted that the complete catalog reflects a compilation of the data submitted by industry participants, as well as the subcommittee's work in organizing that data. The catalog will be posted as follows: collapsed version in .pdf, expanded version in .pdf, and collapsed version in excel.

4. Action items, future meetings, other business

The seams catalog will be presented to the Executive Committee and NAESB JIC Representatives at a meeting on February 3-4, 2004 in Dallas, TX. Mr. Cobb and Mr. Desselle volunteered to make the presentation. They planned to discuss the Assignment Concepts adopted today, review the 9 seams issue categories, and offer some prioritization of assignments grouped in "buckets" by category only where consensus exists. NAESB WEQ Board members were also invited to attend the meeting. It was noted that the JIC will be the ultimate arbiter regarding assignment of items, so the February meeting was designed as an opportunity for NAESB's JIC representatives to gain a thorough understanding of the seams catalog, discuss the areas the Executive Committee and Seams Subcommittee feel are priority resolution issues, and form opinions regarding issue assignment.

Mr. Cargas will circulate the red-lined version of the Assignment Concepts to everyone who participated on the call.

Any further comments on columns J (Issue Type) and K (Resp Org) should be sent to Mr. Cobb (sccobb@SRPnet.com) and the NAESB Office (naesb7@aol.com) for posting, before the February 3-4, 2004, meeting.

No future meeting date was set.

5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. Central.



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6. Attendance

Name	Organization	Notes
Syd Berwager	Bonneville Power Admin.	
Kenneth Brown	Public Service Electric & Gas Company	
Marc Butts	Southern Company	
James Cargas	NAESB	Admin
Steven Cobb	Salt River Project	Co-chair
Phil Cox	American Electric Power	
Michael Desselle	American Electric Power	
Ken Gates	Conectiv	
Mark Lively	Utility Economic Engineers	
Sandy Murrey	We Energies	
Lou Oberski	Dominion	
Todd Oncken	NAESB	Admin
Marjorie Perlman	Energy East Management Corp.	
Tony Reed	Southern Company	
Barbara Rehman	Bonneville Power Admin.	
Andrew Rodriquez	PJM	
Roman Carter	Southern Company	
Joe Rossignoli	National Grid	Co-chair
Pulin Shah	Exelon Generation	
Jerry Smith	AZ Public Service Company	
Karl Tammar	New York ISO	
Tonya Wicks	The Edison Electric Institute	