

NAESB WEQ Seams Catalog Responsible Organization Selection Concepts January 15, 2004

The NAESB WEQ Seams Subcommittee will consider the following list of concepts for adoption during a conference call scheduled for 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 is not considered a 'Responsible Organization.'
 - 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. Issues that were unanimously assigned to a specific organization by Cobb, Mueller, and Tammer are still assigned to that organization.
3. If the 'Region 1' and 'Region 2' fields for a specific issue state "All," that issue is deemed to be a 'National' issue.
4. NERC and NAESB will develop Standards for resolving all National Issues
5. 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.
6. The 'Responsible Organization' for resolving 'Local' Issues will be the identified 'Regions' or an organization that represents those Regions. If an Organization is the entity that will resolve a Local issue, the Organization must be named in the original issue submittal or the Regions named in the Issue must designate it. e.g. IRC

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.

7. 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.