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TO: NAESB Wholesale Electric Quadrant, Posting for Interested Industry Participants
FROM: Todd Oncken, NAESB Staff
RE: NAESB Wholesale Electric Quadrant Seams Task Force Conference Call Minutes – April 28, 2003
DATE: April 30, 2003

**Wholesale Electric Quadrant
Seams Task Force
April 28, 2003, noon to 2:00 p.m. Central
Final Minutes**

1. Welcome

Ms. McQuade welcomed participants and noted Mr. Oberski and Ms. Paravalos, as chairs of the Market Operations Subcommittee (MOS) would lead the call until leadership of the task force was selected. Mr. Oncken gave the antitrust advice. Participants introduced themselves. Ms. Paravalos noted 2003 WEQ Annual Plan Item 4d, *Develop business standards as necessary to resolve seams issues between ISOs and RTOs*, was assigned to the MOS, and the MOS subsequently determined the item was best addressed through a task force.

Ms. Paravalos stated her vision for initial work of the task force was to evaluate and catalog seams issues and current solutions to seams issues nationwide. Participants concurred that was the logical start of the task force. Mr. Cox asked if the task of the group was to solve the seams issues. It was noted the initial work would likely lead to work on resolutions of the identified seams issues.

Ms. Paravalos stated the review of current seams issues would provide NAESB members a solid basis to move forward. Ms. Paravalos identified the following as key information to gather: 1) what are the seams issues; 2) what is being done to address seams issues; 3) what is the status of those solutions; 4) what are the implications on NAESB standards development efforts; 5) how to rank and prioritize seams issues to be incorporated into the WEQ Annual Plan.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Paravalos reviewed the agenda for the conference call. Absent modifications, Ms. Paravalos proposed to accept the agenda by acclamation.

3. Review of Seams Issues presentations and work papers discussed at the April Executive Committee meeting

Ms. Paravalos reviewed the available work papers. She drew attention to the scoping document, noting the scoping document synthesized and organized the presentations and other work papers on a high level. Ms. Paravalos noted her vision for the task force, as stated above, can be seen in item three of the scoping document. Mr. Desselle suggested adding identification of and coordination with other groups working on seams issues to item three.

It was noted the work of the Electronic Scheduling Collaborative (ESC) is germane to the task force, and would likely be captured through the addition to the outline Mr. Desselle suggested. Ms. McQuade stated the ESC is developing a transition plan for the movement of its business standards work to NAESB, the plan to include a delivery date for current ESC work. It is expected the transition plan will be announced shortly, with the transition of work likely happening during Summer 2003. Mr. Bissonnette stated the ESC filed a public report with the FERC on the issue of seams, so that could be used by the task force. Mr. Cox concurred, but noted additional work could have been completed since the report was filed. Ms. Paravalos encouraged participants to



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consider other groups from which the task force could solicit information. Mr. Desselle noted the ISO RTO Council, which approved the NERC/NAESB/ISO Council Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on April 24, 2003, should be informed on NAESB's efforts on seams.

Ms. Paravalos discussed item two of the scoping document, definition of seam. She stated Mr. King's definition, as presented at the April Executive Committee meeting, was a good definition. For clarity, she read the definition, as follows: *Seams Issues are barriers and inefficiencies resulting from equipment limitations and differences in market rules and designs, operating and scheduling protocols, and other control area practices which inhibit or preclude the ability to transact capacity and energy across control area boundaries.* Mr. Rossignoli suggested the group consider the definition and the notion that equipment limitations cause a seam. There was general concurrence that equipment limitation could be noted as a cause for a seam, but significant resources should not be spent on the issue since a business standard could not likely solve the seam. Additionally, it was noted a function of the research could be to identify and catalogue those seams issues that are not solvable, such as those due to operating procedures.

Participants discussed steps to move forward. Synopsis of identified steps and volunteer assignments can be found under item five.

4. Identification of Seams Issues that might be applicable to NAESB efforts

Please see discussion in item three.

5. Assignments to Volunteers

- a. Contact the Electronic Scheduling Collaborative to ask for participation of its representatives in the Seams Task Force, point people to respond to questions if they are unable to participate, and up to date ESC documents regarding the seams issues work that was undertaken by the ESC, including FERC filings. – Mr. Desselle
- b. Contact the ISO-RTO Council to ask for participation of ISOs and RTOs in the seams task force, point people to respond to questions if they are unable to participate. – Mr. Desselle
- c. Contact NERC to ask for participation of RROs in the seams task force, point people to respond to questions if they are unable to participate. – Mr. Desselle
- d. Request that PJM permit our posting of the recent status report as a work paper for the seams task force. It was not filed with the FERC, but it is publicly available on the PJM web site. – Mr. Desselle
[document is now posted on the web site for this meeting:
Page: http://www.naesb.org/weq_market_operations.htm,
Document: http://www.naesb.org/pdf/weq_seams042803w5.pdf]
- e. Combine various papers into a matrix or white paper or both identifying the seams issues by region. Source documents include the seams issues work papers posted for this conference call, the PJM status report identified in item 4 above, an Ameren summary paper of the PJM status report (possible)?, and the SSG-WI work paper to be provided by Mark Fidrych. – Mr. Rossignoli, Ms. Perlman, Mr. Cox

6. Request for Task Force Chairs

Mr. Desselle nominated Mr. Rossignoli to chair the Seams Task Force. Absent opposition, Mr. Rossignoli was named chair. It was noted additional co-chairs could be selected as work progressed.



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7. Calendar of Meetings

Mr. Rossignoli will work with the NAESB Office in scheduling the next task force meeting.

8. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

9. Adjourn

Ms. Paravalos adjourned the meeting at 1:34 p.m. Central.

10. Meeting Attendees

Name	Company	Notes
Brenda Anderson	Bonneville Power	
Victor Bissonnette	Hydro-Quebec Transenergie	
Steve Corneli	NRG Energy	
Phil Cox	American Electric Power	
Ed Davis	Entergy	
Michael Desselle	American Electric Power	
Mark Devereaux	Consumers Energy	
Andrew Dotterweich	Consumers Energy	
Mark Fidrych	Western Area Power Admin.	
Steve Gaarde	Consumers Energy	
Cara Gigliotti	Allegheny Power	
Terri Grabiak	Allegheny Power	
Linda Horn	WE Energy	
Paul Jett	Cinergy	
Steve Lerrens	Ameren	
David Lemmons	Excel Energy	
Cecilia Liang-Nichol	Allegheny Energy Supply	
Rae McQuade	NAESB, Executive Director	Administrative
Lou Oberski	Dominion	
Todd Oncken	NAESB	Administrative
Mary Ellen Paravalos	National Grid	
Marjorie Perlman	Energy East Management Corp.	
Tony Reed	Southern Company	
Lisa Robert	Defense Energy Support Center	
Joe Rossignoli	National Grid	Chair
Charlie Severance	WI Public Service Corp.	
William Smith	Allegheny Power	
Lisa Szot	CA ISO	
Simon Tam	PJM	
Julie Voeck	American Transmission	
Wendy Weathers	Salt River Project	
Walt Yeager	Cinergy	