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**TO:** NAESB Wholesale Electric Quadrant (WEQ) Seams Subcommittee Submitters  
**FROM:** James Cargas, Deputy Director, NAESB  
**RE:** Notes from Submitters Conference Call  
**DATE:** October 23, 2003

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1. **Administrative**

Mr. Cobb opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. Antitrust guidelines were read by Mr. Cargas. The attendees introduced themselves.

2. **Agenda**

The draft agenda was adopted with no objections.

3. **Review of Matrix for Completeness**

In the discussion of the matrix, the group was satisfied that all assignments from July 15 Request for Information were completed. Karl Tammar's submission represented the ISO Council, which included David Hawkins of Cal-ISO. The group was satisfied that all regions and entities were fairly represented.

4. **Review of Categories Assigned**

In discussion of the categories assigned in the matrix, the group concluded that 20 categories were too many, and hold expectations that the number can be consolidated to no more than ten. Steve Cobb volunteered to re-categorize and reduce the number by COB Monday, October 27. The next day, October 28, Jim Cargas will distribute the revised matrix to the submitters and ask that they review how their submissions have been categorized. Their edits should be back to the NAESB Office by Friday, October 31. Also, Karl Tammar offered to procure another list of categories from ISO/RTO Council for consideration by the Subcommittee by Friday October 31.

5. **Review of Duplicates Among Submissions**

In discussion on how potential duplicates should be treated, Mark Lively cautioned against unilateral elimination of entries. It was noted that duplicates are often just different flavors of the same issue and will aide the Subcommittee in drafting for differences among regions. After the discussion, the group concluded that the October 28 notice to submitters would also request that each submitter review the entries of other submitters and determine if it is associated or linked with others. These associations would be noted and addressed at the November 4 meeting.

6. **Prioritization of Submissions**

It was noted that prioritization of the submitted issues would be a difficult task given so many issues and the different perspectives of the submitters. After discussion, the conclusion was reached that the October 28 notice to submitters would also include a request that they prioritize their seams issues on a scale of 1 to 3. This will provide additional information to the subcommittee, the Executive committee and other groups who may have interest. For example, Tony Reed stated that he would like to see NAESB develop a common set of definitions, and Linda Horn concurred and stated that she would like to see a standard set of product definitions that transcend interwoven markets.



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## 7. **Agenda for November 4 Meeting**

In reviewing the November 4 agenda for the upcoming meeting, no changes were suggested. It was agreed that each seams issue submitter would be allocated 15 minutes to summarize the issues from the submitter's region/entity. In order to promote consistency and efficiency during the 15-minute presentations, the NAESB Office will prepare a single Power Point presentation that will include all submitted seams issues. The issues within the presentation will be grouped by presenter and will be the basis for each presenter's discussion. The seams issues submitter's are encouraged to provide work papers to the NAESB office for posting prior to the meeting for review by the meeting participants and the industry.

## 8. **Adjourn**

The conference call adjourned at 10:30 am CST.

## 9. **Action Items from the conference call:**

- Steve Cobb will re-categorize and reduce the number of categories on the matrix and forward the results to the NAESB office by COB Monday, October 27.
- Jim Cargas will distribute the revised Matrix on October 28 to the submitters and ask that they (i) review how their submissions have been categorized, (ii) identify any associations with other entries, and (iii) prioritize their entries on a scale of 1 to 3.
- Submitters will forward their edits to the matrix, as revised by Steve Cobb, to the NAESB Office by Friday, October 31.
- Karl Tammar will provide another list of categories from ISO/RTO Council to the NAESB office by October 31.
- NAESB office will prepare a Power Point presentation with each submitter's entries to facilitate the meeting and provide a uniform method for each of the presenters as they discuss their entries based on the matrix as it exists today. The presentation will be forwarded to Steve Cobb for review on Tuesday, October 28.

**PARTICIPANT LIST  
WEQ SEAMS SUBCOMMITTEE  
Submitters Review Conference Call  
October 23, 2003, 9:30 to 10:30 am Central Time**

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12 Raj Rana	American Electric Power
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14 Bob Schwermann	SMUD
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