UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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| Coordination of the Scheduling Processes of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines and Public Utilities | Docket No. | RM14-2-000 |

NOTICE OF FILING

(October 15, 2014)

1. On March 20, 2014, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) in this proceeding.[[1]](#footnote-2) Although the Commission presented specific proposed reforms to existing natural gas industry scheduling practices in the NOPR, the Commission provided the natural gas and electric industries, through the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB), with a period of 180 days after publication of the NOPR in the *Federal Register* to reach consensus on any revisions to the Commission’s proposals and either file consensus standards with the Commission or notify the Commission of its inability to reach consensus on any revisions to the Commission’s proposals.
2. In the NOPR, the Commission stated that, in the event that NAESB is able to reach a consensus on revisions to the Commission’s proposals, comments on those consensus standards, as well as comments on the Commission’s proposals, are to be filed 240 days after publication of the Proposed Rule in the *Federal Register*.
3. Take notice that on September 29, 2014, NAESB filed a report with the Commission describing modifications to the NAESB Wholesale Gas Quadrant (WEQ) Business Practice Standards (standards) that were adopted in response to the NOPR to support the coordination of gas and electric industry scheduling processes. Comments on these standards are due on or before November 28, 2014, as set forth in the NOPR.
4. Included in the NAESB report is a list of, and links to, comments submitted to NAESB during the formal comment period on the proposed modifications to the NAESB WGQ standards, as well as additional initiatives being considered.[[2]](#footnote-3) The report also references comments submitted by the Desert Southwest Pipeline Stakeholders that provide an alternate minority position, and an accompanying alternate proposal.[[3]](#footnote-4) Comments also should address the alternate proposal.

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1. *Coordination of the Scheduling Processes of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines and Public Utilities*, 79 Fed. Reg. 18,223 (Apr. 1, 2014), 146 FERC ¶ 61,201 (2014). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. NAESB Sept. 29 Filing at 5-6 and Appendix C. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. *Id.* at Appendix C. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)