##### April 25, 2022

**TO:** NAESB Advisory Council

**FROM:** Caroline Trum, Director, Wholesale Electric Quadrant

**RE: Gas-Electric Harmonization Efforts Update**

The Wholesale Electric Quadrant (WEQ), Wholesale Gas Quadrant (WGQ), and Retail Markets Quadrant (RMQ) Business Practices Subcommittees (BPS) have continued to hold regular meetings to discuss Standards Request R21006, submitted by Southwest Power Pool and intended to support enhanced communication practices between the natural gas and electric markets during impending extreme weather-related emergency operation conditions. The request has been included as part of the 2022 Annual Plans with the first standard development item of the request assigned jointly to the WEQ, WGQ, and RMQ BPS, defining a standard for the declaration of an impending extreme weather-related emergency operating condition, including defining what might constitute such an event. The WEQ, WGQ, and RMQ BPS have also been jointly assigned an item to define standards and communication protocols that support commercial information sharing between necessary parties during impending extreme weather-related emergency operating conditions. Additionally, the WEQ BPS and WGQ BPS have been individually assigned efforts to create standard designations of critical electric and natural gas infrastructures, respectively, during impending extreme weather-related emergency operating conditions.

The joint WEQ, WGQ, and RMQ BPS held a kick-off meeting for the effort on February 17, 2022, followed by subsequent joint meetings held on March 1, March 16, and April 12. The focus of these meetings was on cross-market education and included several presentations that addressed critical notices issued by natural gas pipelines as well as the use of weather alerts by ISOs/RTOs. During the April 12, 2022 meeting a motion was made that the joint WEQ, WGQ, and RMQ BPS consider a no action recommendation on the two, jointly assigned standards development items. The joint WEQ, WGQ, and RMQ BPS will meet on April 26, 2022 to discuss and vote on the motion for no action.