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**TO:** All Interested Parties

**FROM:** Caroline Trum, NAESB Deputy Director

**RE: Update to the Board of Directors – Certification Programs and the NAESB EIR**

Certification Programs

Discussions are underway to consider a Certification Program for the Open Field Message Bus (OpenFMB) Model Business Practices. Ratified by the NAESB membership on March 7, 2016, the RMQ.26 – Open Field Message Bus (OpenFMB) Model Business Practices were included in the March 31, 2016 Version 3.1 publication of the NAESB RMQ Model Business Practices. The OpenFMB framework provides a specification for power systems field devices to leverage a non-proprietary and standards-based reference architecture, which consists of internet protocol networking and Internet of Things messaging protocols. As you know, NAESB currently maintains certification programs for Accredited Certification Authorities, Third Party Data Privacy Practices, and Energy Efficiency Measurement and Verification Services and Products.

NAESB Electric Industry Registry (EIR)

Currently in the EIR, market operator functionalities are carried out by Balancing Authorities/Transmission Service Providers that have indicated through a check-box that they also operate as a Market Operator. This is a legacy item retained as part of the original transition of the registry from NERC to NAESB in 2012. However, at the time of the creation of the EIR, it was recognized that the market operator functionalities should be carried out separately and apart from the functionality of other entities in order to clearly identify changes made for market versus reliability purposes. NAESB and OATI are working to make the Market Operator role fully functional in the EIR, tentatively scheduled to be implemented in May 2017. Several entities that currently function as market operators through the legacy check box are already registered in the market operator role in the EIR. NAESB and OATI will shortly announce the implementation date once finalized and then engage in targeted outreach to those impacted entities regarding any additional steps they may need to take.