##### June 3, 2016

**TO:** All Interested Parties

**FROM:** Elizabeth Mallett, NAESB Deputy Director

**RE: Retail Markets Quadrant (RMQ) Net Metering Activities Update**

**Update on Retail Net Metering Activities –**

On March 31, 2016, Version 3.1 of the NAESB Retail Markets Quadrant (RMQ) Model Business Practices was published and made available to the industry. The publication includes the updates and modifications to Book 11 developed by the RMQ Business Practices Subcommittee (BPS) for 2016 RMQ Annual Plan Item 1.a and 2016 RMQ Annual Plan Item 3.a.i – RXQ.11 Customer Enrollment, Drop and Account Information Change Using a Registration Agent and 2016 RMQ Annual Plan Item 4.a.ii – Retail Net Metering in Book 11. On March 28, 2016, the NAESB membership ratified the recommendation for the Book 11 revisions, as approved during the February RMQ Executive Committee meeting. The standards development effort revises existing Book 11 model business practices and incorporates language to allow the user to specify a Retail Net Metering identifier as a business element in several of the defined transactions. Additionally, new sections were added to address ESI ID Retirement, Continuous Service Agreement Setup and Termination, and Mass Transitions. Also included in the March 31, 2016 RMQ publication is the RMQ Information Requirements and Technical Electronic Implementation Subcommittee (IR/TEIS) final action to review and update the technical implementation and data dictionaries in Book 3. The recommendation was ratified by the NAESB membership on September 18, 2015.

During the April 27, 2016 RMQ Executive Committee meeting, the IR/TEIS recommendation for Book 8 was approved as part of 2015 RMQ Annual Plan Items 1.b **–** Technical Implementation for Book 8 – Customer Information and 2015 RMQ Annual Plan Item 4.b.ii – Book 8 – Customer Information. The recommendation was voted out of the subcommittee on February 24, 2016 and posted for a thirty day industry comment period that concluded on April 14, 2016. The member ratification period for the recommendation will end on June 8, 2016.

Given the diverse net metering implementations and policies, the NAESB RMQ Executive Committee limited the scope for the NAESB Retail Net Metering effort - the model business practices seek to provide metering data required by market participants in competitive energy markets in jurisdictions where their charges to retail customers account for Retail Net Metering arrangements. As detailed on the 2015 and 2016 RMQ Annual Plans, the Retail Net Metering development effort affects four retail books: RXQ.3 – Billing and Payments in Competitive Energy Markets Model Business Practices (Book 3); RXQ.8 – Retail Customer Information Model Business Practices (Book 8), RXQ.10 – Retail Customer Enrollment, Drop, and Account Information Change Model Business Practices (Book 10); and RXQ.11 Customer Enrollment, Drop and Account Information Change Using a Registration Agent Model Business Practices (Book 11).

Interested parties are strongly encouraged to participate in the RMQ IR/TEIS meetings. If you know someone who may be interested in the RMQ IR/TEIS, please have them contact the NAESB office at (713)356-0060.