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**TO:** All Interested Parties

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**RE: NAESB EIR Update**

On October 10, 2017, e-Tag Functional Specification Version 1.8.3 will be implemented. In an effort to provide the industry with sufficient time for transition e-Tags, the implementation of the new e-Tag Functional Specification will be a two-phase process, with e-Tag Specification Version 1.8.3 and e-Tag Specification Version 1.8.2 running in parallel from October 10, 2017 until November 7, 2017 when e-Tag Specification Version 1.8.2 is retired. Vendor interoperability testing for the new version of the e-Tag Functional Specification was successfully completed in July. The new version of the specification makes modifications to support the full use of the market operator role in the EIR. The EIR functionality to support the full registration of market operators was made available on May 2, 2017.

On August 3, 2017, the EIR released several updates to increase registry performance and enhance user experience. One such change was implemented in response to EIR Enhancement Request ER17001. The request, submitted by Duke Energy, proposed to expand the length of a field used within the EIR to record contract reservation numbers. This change will allow all necessary contract and transmission reservation numbers associated with a pseudo-tie to be included as part of pseudo-tie registration, eliminating the need to communicate this information externally.

The WEQ Coordinate Interchange Scheduling Subcommittee (CISS) is still in the process of evaluating EIR Enhancement Request ER16001. This request, submitted by Gridforce Energy Management, proposes modifications to the registration of pseudo-ties in the EIR. The request is on hold pending potential NERC action on guidelines that may provide additional clarity regarding the use of pseudo-ties.