##### November 17, 2015

**TO:** All Interested Parties

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

**RE: Update to the Board of Directors –WEQ Open Access Same-time Information System (OASIS) Subcommittee**

**Update on the WEQ OASIS Activities –**

On track to meet the fourth quarter completion date, the WEQ OASIS Subcommittee anticipates approving a recommendation in response to 2015 WEQ Annual Plan Item 2.a.i.2 – Long-Term Firm Rollover Rights Competition during the November 17-19, 2015 face-to-face meeting or the December 3, 2015 conference call. In response to FERC Order Nos. 890, 890-A, and 890-B, the recommendation will formalize the process of long term firm rollover rights competition on the OASIS systems and contains proposed modifications to WEQ-000, WEQ-001, WEQ-002, WEQ-003, and WEQ-013. Nine comments were submitted during the informal comment period which was held from October 22, 2015 to November 10, 2015. As discussed during the October 20, 2015 WEQ Executive Committee meeting, the formal industry comment period for the recommendation has been extended from thirty days to forty five days. So far, the subcommittee has held 14 face-to-face meetings and 10 conference calls, spanning a total of 49 days, to complete the recommendation. Once completed, the WEQ Executive Committee will review the recommendation and formal comments during its February 23, 2015 meeting hosted by Salt River Project in Phoenix, AZ.

Heading into the new year, the WEQ OASIS Subcommittee will pick up short term firm aspects of preemption and competition under 2016 WEQ Annual Plan Item 2.a.i.1. As you may remember, the subcommittee previously worked to address short term preemption and competition last year; however, the issuance of FERC Order No. 676-H resulted in the postponement of the standards development effort. Now, in addition to the modifications for short term firm preemption and competition, the subcommittee recommendation will also include 2016 WEQ Annual Plan Item 5.b, the creation of a new OASIS mechanism that allows for the merger of like reservations without the use of the resale mechanism. The recommendation for both annual plan items is scheduled to be voted out of the subcommittee next year.

Throughout 2016, the subcommittee anticipates holding monthly two and a half day face-to-face meetings, along with conference calls that will be scheduled only when needed. The next face-to-face meeting is scheduled for January 26-28, 2016 and will be hosted by Duke Energy in Charlotte, NC. During the meeting, the subcommittee will continue to develop a draft recommendation for short term firm preemption and competition and consolidations. As always, any interested parties are welcome to participate in the meetings and conference calls.