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**RE: Update to the Board of Directors – WEQ/WGQ** **FERC Forms Subcommittee eForms Effort**

In 2018, the Wholesale Electric Quadrant (WEQ)/Wholesale Gas Quadrant (WGQ) FERC Forms Subcommittee will schedule a series of meetings to address the eForms effort. As FERC staff has committed to providing the XML and XSD documents for this project, the subcommittee will remain in a holding pattern until the completion of their efforts, likely in the coming months. Per the guidance of FERC staff, the subcommittee has focused its attention on the development of FERC Form 1. It is expected that, after the completion of the documentation for FERC Form 1 –which will likely include a schema, business practice standards, and a data dictionary – the work on the remaining forms identified as part of the project will precede on a truncated timeline as most of the XML foundational work will have been resolved.

As you may remember, the eForms effort is in response to the FERC *Order Instituting Proceeding to Develop Electronic Filing Protocols for Commission Forms* issued on April 16, 2015 in Docket No. AD15-11-000. [[1]](#footnote-1) In that order, FERC notified the public that Microsoft is no longer supporting Visual FoxPro and requested that the industry consider the transition of certain forms from Visual FoxPro to XML. Specifically, Forms 1, 1-F, 2, 2-A, 3-Q electric, 3-Q gas, 6, 6-Q, FERC-60 and FERC-714.

Also of note, the Commission stated that “[w]orking with the NAESB consensus standards development process to facilitate discussions between Commission staff and industry proved invaluable during the development of eTariff.”[[2]](#footnote-2) After citing this past success of the NAESB eTariff efforts, FERC encouraged the industry to work through NAESB to accomplish this industry objective. Additionally, the Commission hosted a technical conference, that included NAESB, to initiate discussion on the transition to the new submission format. The WGQ/WEQ FERC Forms Subcommittee conference calls and meetings are open to any interested party. The next meeting will be announced by the NAESB office.

1. *Electronic Filing Protocols for Commission Forms*, 151 FERC ¶ 61,025 (2015) is available at the following link: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/ferc041615_electronic_filing_protocols_forms.pdf>. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. *Id.* at P 9. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)