##### November 27, 2017

**TO:** All Interested Parties

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

**RE: Board Retail Structure Review Committee Update**

During the September Board of Directors meeting, NAESB Chairman Michael Desselle, announced that he would reconvene the Board Retail Structure Review Committee to review the current status of the RMQ and make recommendations to the Board of Directors to resolve the membership challenges that the quadrant is facing. Section 2.3 of the NAESB Bylaws states, “[i]n order to have representation on the Board or the EC, a Quadrant shall have at least forty Voting Members and at least four Segments.” At the time of this writing, the RMQ has exactly forty members. Chaired by Cade Burks of Big Data Energy, the committee held a kick off meeting in November. During the meeting, the participants discussed many of the challenges and opportunities faced by the RMQ. Specifically, the committee noted feedback that some of the obstacles to increasing membership by retail participants in NAESB are related to the cost of membership and the lack of interest in nationalized Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) standards while work in the individual states is already underway. The next Board Retail Structure Review Committee will be held on December 1, 2017.