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2009 Calendar:

November 2009

11/02 - DSM-EE Meeting (Baltimore, MD)
11/03 - WEQ SRS Conf. Call
11/03 - Smart Grid Standards Task Force Sub-Group Conf. Call
11/04-05 - Smart Grid Standards Task Force Sub-Group Meeting (Holyoke, MA)
11/05 - Joint WEQ TIMTF and NERC BACSDT Conf. Call
11/05 - Smart Grid Standards Task Force Sub-Group Conf. Call
11/06 - Smart Grid Standards Task Force Sub-Group Meeting (Holyoke, MA)
11/06 - Retail 2010 Annual Plan Conf. Call
11/09 - WEQ 2010 Annual Plan Conf. Call
11/09 - WEQ OASIS Conf. Call
11/09 - WGQ 2010 Annual Plan Conf. Call
11/10 - Smart Grid Standards Task Force Sub-Group Conf. Call
11/12 - NAESB Monthly Update Conf. Call
11/13 - Smart Grid Standards Task Force Sub-Group Conf. Call
11/16 - WEQ BPS Conf. Call
11/17 - WEQ OASIS Conf. Call
11/09 - WEQ OASIS Conf. Call
11/17-18 - Joint IR/Technical Meeting (Salt Lake City, UT)
11/18-19 - WEQ JESS Meeting (New Orleans, LA)
11/19 - DSM-EE Wholesale Demand Response Working Group Conf. Call
11/26-27 - Holiday - Thanksgiving (NAESB Closed)

December 2009

12/01-03 - WEQ OASIS Meeting (New Orleans, LA)
12/03 - Retail BPS Conf. Call
12/03 - DSM/EE Working Group Conf. Call
12/07 - WEQ OASIS Conf. Call
12/08 - WEQ BPS Meeting (Houston, TX)
12/09 - WEQ Leadership Meeting (Houston, TX)
12/09 - Retail Leadership Meeting (Houston, TX)
12/09 - NAESB Board Reception & Dinner with Guest Speaker (Houston, TX)
12/10 - NAESB Board Resources Meeting (Houston, TX)
12/10 - NASB Board of Directors Meeting (Houston, TX)
12/15 - WEQ SRS Conf. Call
12/16 - WEQ OASIS Conf. Call
12/17 - DSM/EE Wholesale Demand Response Working Group Conf. Call
12/24-25 - Holiday - Christmas (NAESB Closed)
12/31 - Holiday - New Years Eve (NAESB Closed)

2010 Calendar:

January 2010

01/01 - Holiday - New Year's Day (NAESB Closed)
01/06 - WEQ OASIS Conf. Call
01/12 - WEQ OASIS Meeting (Houston, TX)
01/12-13 - Joint WGQ IR/Technical Meeting (Salt Lake City, UT)
01/13-14 - WEQ JESS Meeting (Dallas, TX)
01/13-14 - WEQ OASIS Meeting (Houston, TX)
01/18 - Holiday - Martin Luther King Day (NAESB Closed)
01/19 - WEQ SRS Conf. Call
01/20 - WEQ BPS Meeting (Houston, TX)
01/26 - WEQ OASIS Conf. Call
01/27 - NAESB Monthly Update Conf. Call

NAESB Membership Total - 298

Membership by quadrant is:

124	Wholesale Gas Quadrant
18	Retail Electric Quadrant
19	Retail Gas Quadrant
137	Wholesale Electric Quadrant

STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT

During the current period, the NAESB leadership team and subcommittees have continued their very productive efforts and activities for promoting standards development and conducting multiple strategic initiatives. The various standards development subcommittees have been successful in drafting standards and recommendations, receiving comments, and incorporating information for executive review; extensive efforts will continue to incorporate information for the 2010 plan. During this period several very important meetings have been held, including Executive Committee meetings in Glen Allen, a NARUC meeting in Chicago, a Smart Grid meeting in Denver, and a FERC open session in DC where action was taken on two sets of NAESB standards. [[FERC Action on WEQ Standards](#), [FERC Action on WGQ Standards](#)]

NITS (Network Integration Transmission Services): Actions of the NAESB WEQ OASIS subcommittee during the most recent period have focused on the objective of integrating NITS standards into the body of work supporting FERC Order No. 890, (OASIS standards currently support point-to-point transmission and NITS will modify the standards to support network services on OASIS as well). The draft recommendation was completed and forwarded for informal review and comment. The informal comment period concluded in October; the comments may be found on the NAESB web site. Based on feedback, the recommendation is undergoing changes to reflect the suggestions noted in the comments – which include changes for readability as well as a few substantive changes. The substantive changes have been proposed for general requirements and for the initial application.

The recommendation will include changes to the OASIS standards reflected in NAESB Standard Nos. WEQ-001, WEQ-002, WEQ-003 and WEQ-013. Ongoing discussion will continue, with the objective of completing the effort in

first quarter 2010, after which the Executive Committee will vote on the work product. The standards will be filed with FERC as part of the version 2.2 publication. [[Comments](#), [Draft Recommendation](#)]

How to Get Involved in NITS Standards Development: [[NAESB WEQ OASIS Web Page](#)]

Smart Grid Activities: The smart grid standards task force has been working on three major areas. (1) Priority Action Plan (PAP) 9 addresses the standardization of the demand response signals and includes the development of extensive use cases and technical requirements for the transactions. (2) PAP 3 addresses the standardization of a common price model and also includes the development of extensive use cases and technical requirements for the transactions. (3) PAP 4 addresses the standardization of a common scheduling mechanism and the development of technical requirements for the transactions. The work addressed both wholesale and retail electric markets, with all attempts made to keep the standards and use cases as consistent or uniform as possible. The informal comment period for the recommendations for the three PAPs concluded on November 30. It is expected that the recommendation will be prepared for formal comment in mid-January, after which the recommendations will be considered by the WEQ Executive Committee (EC) and Retail Electric Executive Committees (ECs).

A major smart grid meeting was held in Denver in mid-November to continue efforts on developing smart grid standards for the country. NAESB is a member of the Smart Grid Interoperability Panel (SGIP), which reports to NIST. The SGIP was [established](#) during the November NIST meeting. [[PAP3 Draft Recommendation](#), [PAP4 Draft Recommendation](#), [PAP9 Draft Recommendation](#)]

How to Get Involved in NASEB Standards Development or Smart Grid: [[Smart Grid Distribution List](#), [NAESB Smart Grid Web Page](#)]

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STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT *(continued)*

Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency (DSM-EE): Wholesale Activities: Phase I of wholesale electric [Measurement and Verification \(M&V\) standards](#) for Demand Response (DR) products and services has concluded and is now the subject of [FERC action \(Docket No. RM05-5-017\)](#). The FERC comment period concluded in October, and the comments may be found on either the [FERC web site](#) or the [NAESB web site](#). Phase 2 work will continue through this quarter and into next, including discussion of both the development of more detailed technical standards to support the existing body of work, and whether to begin the process of development of best practices that may address more than the focus of M&V standards, already developed. The WEQ EC formed a task force to assist in the process for reviewing standards and concepts in mid-November. The final results will be incorporated into the 2010 plan. [[NAESB WEQ DR M&V FERC Filing](#)]

Retail Activities: The DSM-EE subcommittee completed extensive work on the retail recommendation, including incorporating changes resulting from the formal comment period. The retail standards are now available as a [final action](#). As part of phase 2 of the retail effort, many of the comments provided in the formal comment period will be considered for additional development by the retail demand response work group. The retail DR M&V standards will be part of the retail publication for version 1.2, to be released by the end of the year.

Energy Efficiency: Work on energy efficiency standards for both retail and wholesale electric markets began this period with identification of EE leaders and review of the scope of the groups. The wholesale group will begin work first followed by retail, but it was the general understanding that the retail effort will be considerably broader. For more information, the [minutes of the DSM-EE subcommittee](#) meeting held in Baltimore in November explain the discussions held. It is expected that, much like with the demand response measurement and verification standards that were developed and tightly coordinated for uniformity for both the wholesale and retail electric markets, the same attention to coordination will be made for the energy efficiency standards that span both markets.

The NARUC winter meeting will be held in Washington, DC in February and it will be determined if a presentation would be useful in that forum for the work completed on demand response for both markets, the work underway for phase 2, and the work planned for energy efficiency for both markets.

How to Get Involved in Standards Development for DSM-EE: [[DSM-EE Distribution List](#), [List of Relevant DSM-EE Documents](#), [DSM-EE NAESB Web Page](#)]

NAESB 2010 Annual Plan: The annual plan is in development and will go to the Board for a vote at the Dec. 10 meeting. The **Retail** plan will have 11 initiatives, 7 of them major, including customer choice, certification, Smart Grid, energy efficiency, and demand response. The **Wholesale Electric** plan will cover standards that support NERC, covering topics like coordinate interchange and parallel flow visualization. Demand response, energy efficiency, and Smart Grid issues will continue to be a major focus for the WEQ, along with support for NERC and Order No. 890 throughout 2010 and extending into 2011. The **Wholesale Gas** plan will address enhanced granularity in gas-electric coordination and FERC Order Nos. 712 & 712A for negotiated rates. The WGQ will consider the possible retirement of some capacity release EDI standards and undertake scoping activity for customer security. For all plans, there are placeholders for NAESB responsiveness to FERC's strategic plan, for maintenance of the existing body of standards and for tools, as needed. [[Draft 2010 Retail Annual Plan](#), [Draft 2010 WEQ Annual Plan](#), [Draft 2010 WGQ Annual Plan](#)]

NAESB Publication Schedules: The retail groups are planning a publication for version 1.2 by the end of the year. The publication will include modifications to existing standards and new standards for Customer Inquiries and M&V of DR Programs. WEQ is planning its next release in late first quarter 2010, which will include standards for Network Integration Transmission Services (NITS) and M&V for DR Products and Services. Wholesale Gas is planning its next release in November 2010.

NAESB Restructuring: The retail quadrants restructured their segments in third quarter 2009, and the October EC meetings were the first meetings in which the new structure was evident. The segments have been reduced to three segments per quadrant, with four members of each segment per quadrant represented on the Board and EC. The WEQ is also in the process of restructuring to add a seventh segment for Technology and Services. The WEQ Board vote concludes in December, after which the WEQ membership at large will be asked to ratify the WEQ Board membership decision. [[Retail Restructure Board Ballot](#), [REQ Procedures](#), [RGQ Procedures](#), [WEQ Board Ballot](#)]

NAESB Staffing: NAESB is excited to announce a new staff member – Attorney, James Culliton. James joins us from the PUC of Oregon. James joined NAESB in November.

NAESB Primers and Training Courses: Please monitor the [NAESB Primers and Training Courses](#) web page for scheduling of upcoming courses.

NAESB Calendar of Action Items: For an update on current action items please reference the [Calendar of Action Items](#).

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