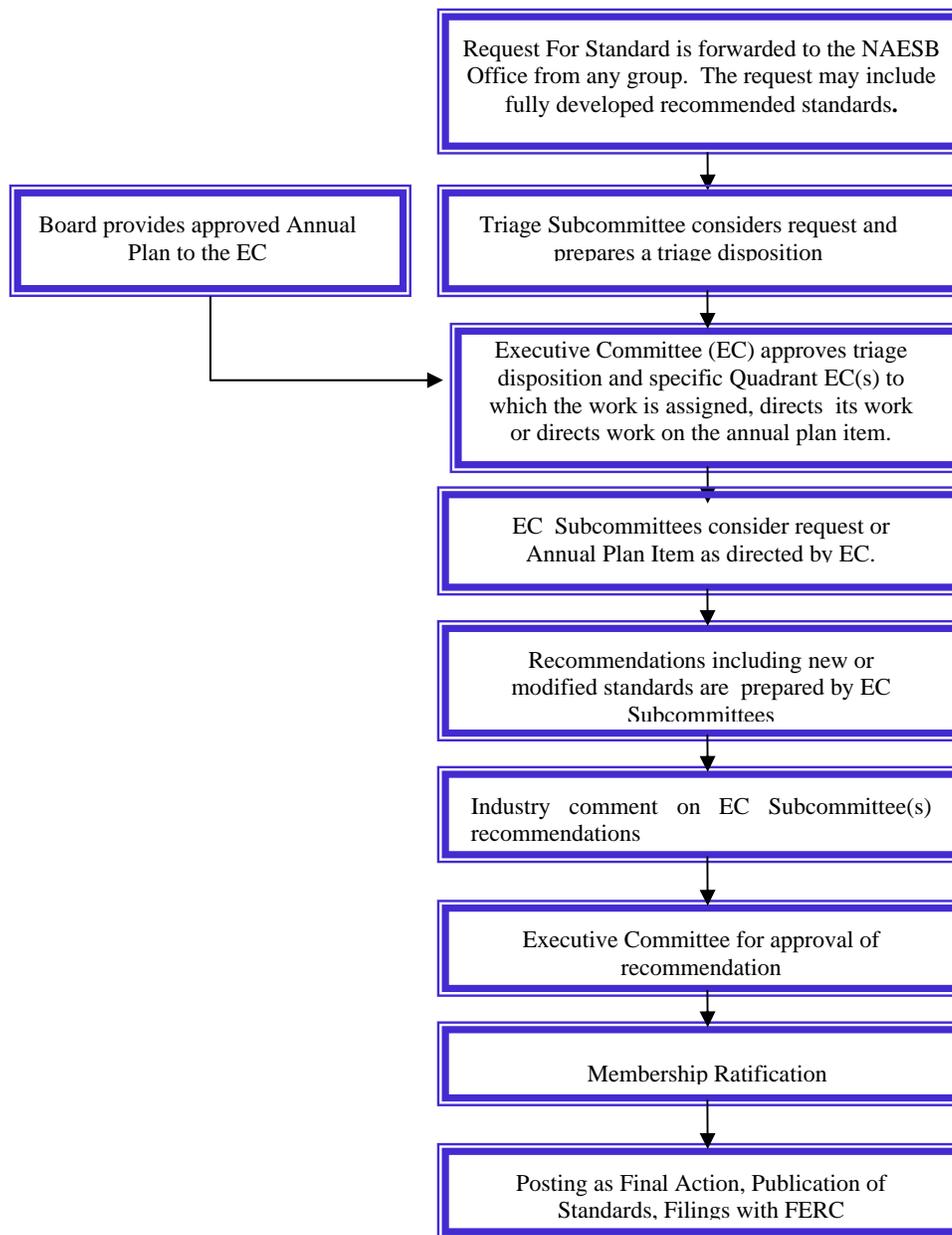


North American Energy Standards Board
Standards Development Process Flow Chart



Flexibility

NAESB recognizes that flexibility is necessary as standards are developed to address regional concerns or to incorporate variances to accommodate operational or structural differences. Several WEQ standards incorporate regional or operational differences for both Version 0 and Version 1. There is a high threshold for incorporating such variances in a standard; the subcommittee(s) in drafting the standard, the EC in approving the subcommittee recommendation, and the membership in approving the standard must all agree that such variance is necessary. Nonetheless, NAESB procedures are well suited to take into account operational and regional differences.

Transparency

All NAESB meetings are open for attendance and participation by any interested party, with the exception of executive sessions of the Board or Managing Committee for purposes of discussing personnel, compensation or legal issues. Meeting announcements and agendas are posted in advance to permit the widest possible participation. Conference-calling capability is available for all meetings and web casting is available for most. Those intending to attend a meeting in person or by telephone are asked to notify NAESB by a specific date to permit adequate meeting planning.

Transcripts are made of all Board of Directors and EC meetings, and may also be made of other meetings that are expected to be controversial. Transcripts are maintained in the NAESB office and are provided to regulatory agencies for their internal use. All other interested parties can purchase transcripts from the relevant transcription service.

Coordination with NERC

For business practice standards development for the WEQ, if it is determined by NERC and NAESB Executive Management that joint development is needed by NERC and NAESB, the NERC-NAESB Coordination Joint Development Process is implemented.¹ This process requires that the appropriate NAESB Subcommittee and NERC Standards Drafting Team work together to develop reliability standards and business practices. This process is currently being implemented by the NAESB WEQ BPS and ESS/ITS with the NERC ATC Standards Drafting Team to develop reliability standards and business practice standards to address Commission Order No. 890.

The Joint Interface Committee of NAESB, NERC and the ISO-RTO Council (“JIC”) was dissolved as part of the agreement to create the Independent Grid Operator segment of the WEQ. The joint development process between NAESB and NERC is being used to ensure appropriate coordination. The ISOs and RTOs have strong decision-making roles in both NERC and NAESB, and thus with the use of the joint development process, the JIC was no longer necessary. Documentation is being prepared to formally dissolve the JIC, which has not met since June 15, 2006. The record of the meetings can be found on the NAESB web site at the following link: http://www.naesb.org/weq/weq_nercmou.asp.

¹ The NERC-NAESB Coordination Joint Development Process was submitted to the Commission on February 17, 2006 in Attachment C of the Progress Report on NAESB Activities impacting Docket No. RM05-5-000, “Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities”: http://www.naesb.org/doc_view2.asp?doc=ferc021706.pdf.