

**Request for Initiation of a NAESB Standard for Electronic Business Transactions or
Request for Enhancement of a NAESB Standard for Electronic Business Transactions**

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North American Energy Standards Board

**Request for Initiation of a NAESB Standard for Electronic Business Transactions
or
Enhancement of an Existing NAESB Standard for Electronic Business Transactions**

Date of Request: September 12, 2003

1. Submitting Entity & Address:

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3. Description of Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

Create a new Standard that indicates that unless otherwise denoted, all times contained with the NAESB WGQ Standards are Central Clock Time. The next phase of the request would be to review existing NAESB WGQ Standards to remove references to Central Clock Time. Any modifications to standards should maintain the intent and usage of the standards.

4. Use of Proposed Standard or Enhancement (include how the standard will be used, documentation on the description of the proposed standard, any existing documentation of the proposed standard, and required communication protocols):

Modified standards would be utilized in the same manner as existing standards.

5. Description of Any Tangible or Intangible Benefits to the Use of the Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

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Occasionally, references to Central Clock Time have been inadvertently omitted. While these instances can be corrected by the Executive Committee as a procedural matter, it would be simpler going forward to omit references because of an implicit time zone standard.

6. Estimate of Incremental Specific Costs to Implement Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

None – the modified standards should actually reflect current implementations.

7. Description of Any Specific Legal or Other Considerations:

Timing of these modifications and updates such that they could be published in the next version of the NAESB WGQ Standards should lead to a quicker update of FERC Regulations.

8. If This Proposed Standard or Enhancement Is Not Tested Yet, List Trading Partners Willing to Test Standard or Enhancement (Corporations and contacts):

N/A

9. If This Proposed Standard or Enhancement Is In Use, Who are the Trading Partners :

N/A

10. Attachments (such as : further detailed proposals, transaction data descriptions, information flows, implementation guides, business process descriptions, examples of ASC ANSI X12 mapped transactions):

N/A