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NAESB AT A GLANCE: MONTHLY UPDATE

COMPLETION OF RETAIL CREDITWORTHINESS MODEL BUSINESS PRACTICES: Jim Minneman, program manager of PPL Solutions and vice chair of the Executive Committee representing the retail electric quadrant, reviewed the creditworthiness model business practices (MBP) which will become final once they are ratified in the next month. The first standards produced jointly by the retail quadrants focus on the relationship between distribution companies and their suppliers. The 44 MBPs are commodity neutral, and generally cover determination of risk, determination of credit limit, options for reconsideration, disqualification and remedies, security instruments, processes for calling on security, and confidentiality of information exchanged. The MBPs were endorsed by the Executive Committee through a unanimous vote. He thanked Supplier-Utility Interface Subcommittee (SUIS) co-chairs, Bill Newbold of DTE Energy and Suzanne Calcagno of USB Warburg Energy, and the participants.

RETAIL BILLING AND PAYMENT MODEL BUSINESS PRACTICES: Jim Minneman continued and reviewed the billing and payment MBPs recently voted out of the Customer Processes Subcommittee (CPS). Once the current public comment period concludes, the Executive Committee is expected to vote on them at its December 10, 2003 meeting, with each quadrant voting separately. Ratification is expected in early 2004. The Technical Electronic Implementation Subcommittee (TEIS) is currently developing a data dictionary to support the 65 MBPs. The MBPs are flexible and designed to facilitate more accurate end-user bills and proper crediting for payments made, even though different jurisdictions have implemented various degrees of restructuring and allow different methods of transmission. Generally, the billing and payment MBPs cover dual billing option, consolidated billing option, single retail supplier billing option (Texas), and payment processing procedures. He thanked CPS co-chairs Rick Alston of Old Dominion Electric Coop and Bill Oppenheim of PECO Energy, and the participants for their efforts.

WHOLESALE GAS QUADRANT 2004 ANNUAL PLAN: Jim Buccigross, Vice President of 8760 and Executive Committee chairman, reviewed the 2004 annual plan to be presented to the Board of Directors at its December meeting. With an active 2003 year concluding, the focus of the 2004 plan calls for 5 significant electronic delivery mechanism (EDM) items: seeking ANSI certification of one standard, reviewing security measures with Sandia National Labs, adoption of public key infrastructure (PKI) if NERC takes up the measure, routine technical and security changes, and the possibility of making the EDM standard to all quadrants. A few other items, including addressing FERC's affiliate order and developing additional creditworthiness standards will remain provisional unless a request is received from FERC.

WHOLESALE ELECTRIC QUADRANT 2004 ANNUAL PLAN: Michael Desselle, Director of Public Policy for AEP and a member of the NAESB Board of Directors serving as the Vice Chair of the Wholesale Electric Quadrant, highlighted several standards that will compliment NERC's reliability standards, including: inadvertent interchange payback, coordinate interchange, coordinate operations, operate within limits, balance resources and demand, and facility ratings. The Information Technology (IT) Subcommittee will continue OASIS work by first considering for adoption FERC Order 638 (Phase I), and FERC ANOPR in Docket No. RM-00-10-000, followed by enhancements to OASIS 1 (OASIS 1A) and possible development for OASIS 2. Efforts underway to catalog seams issues are described below.

RETAIL GAS AND ELECTRIC QUADRANTS 2004 ANNUAL PLANS: Michael Novak, Assistant General Manager for National Fuel Gas Distribution reviewed the 2004 annual plans for both retail quadrants which are similar to each other and lend themselves to continued joint meetings of the subcommittees where appropriate. CPS will take up customer usage information, and customer enrollment and switching MBPs in 2004. The SUIS will take up market participant interactions, distribution company and supplier dispute resolution, and begin examining WEQ and WGQ's non-EDM standards for modification and adoption at the retail level. In addition to the development of a data dictionary, the TEIS will look at electronic transport and development of quadrant specific EDM books. Other issues are not expected to be addressed until 2005.



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UPDATE ON CREATION OF WEQ SEAMS CATALOG: Michael Desselle reviewed the WEQ Seams Subcommittee's effort at cataloging seams issues. Thus far, 142 entries have been identified. Once duplicates are eliminated, and the catalog is finalized, the Subcommittee will have a focused list to consider in conjunction with NERC and the ISO-RTO Council. The next meeting will be November 4 in Houston, Texas. Participants may also join via conference call.

UPDATE ON WHOLESALE ELECTRIC LIAISONS: Michael Desselle and Rae McQuade, NAESB Executive Director, described efforts underway to improve coordination with other organizations and regulatory bodies, especially in the West, where the two will visit several western states next week. The point of contact with NERC will be their Market Committee, and with RTO/ISO Council their Standards Review Committee. NAESB will begin working with NERC on PKI once NERC issues its E-Mark Report, which is expected soon.

NEXT CONFERENCE CALL: There will not be a November conference call. Therefore, the next conference call is scheduled for December 17, at 2:00 pm eastern. We hope you can join us. If there are particular topics you would like to see covered or would like to receive additional information, please call or email the NAESB Office (713-356-0060, naesb@naesb.org).

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