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NAESB AT A GLANCE: MONTHLY UPDATE

OASIS INDUSTRY TECHNICAL CONFERENCE: Mr. Paul Sorenson, Manager of Central Markets Strategy OATI, and Co-chair of the WEQ Electronic Scheduling Subcommittee and Joint OASIS 2 Implementation Task Force, reported on the OASIS industry conference at FERC's offices on March 29. The goal of the conference was to provide a forum to identify and prioritize the various efforts within the industry to develop OASIS 2. All segments of the industry were represented at the conference where there was little support for conducting a wholesale redesign of existing OASIS systems, but a great deal of support to incrementally implement enhancements to OASIS. Significant regional differences, different stakeholder processes, and embedded investments in existing systems were cited as reasons to not develop the OASIS Phase 2 standards. FERC staff requested NERC and NAESB to send a letter to the FERC to report the outcome of the conference. NAESB Requests for Standards Development are being drafted to continue the enhancement of existing OASIS systems.

RETAIL TRADING PARTNER AGREEMENT: Mr. Mike Novak, Assistant General Manager, National Fuel Distribution, and chair of the Retail Gas Quadrant Executive Committee, reviewed the status of the Retail Trading Partner Agreement (TPA). On March 4, the Wholesale Gas, Retail Gas, and Retail Electric Executive Committees adopted a revised version of the TPA developed by the WGQ Contracts Committee and the Retail Supplier User Interface Committee. Once ratified, the TPA that had been created solely for use in wholesale gas transactions can also be utilized in the retail gas and electric markets. The TPA is used by trading partners to determine how each will communicate information across computer systems. In addition to the TPA, a User Guide was also developed for use in the retail quadrants. The TPA and User Guide are currently posted for member ratification, with ballots due on May 13.

CHANGES TO THE WGQ STANDARDS OF CONDUCT: Mr. Buccigross, Vice President, 8760, Inc., and NAESB Executive Committee Chairman, reported on the modifications to the WGQ Standards of Conduct based on the Dec. 21, 2004 FERC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in Docket No. RM96-1-026 (NOPR) that stated that "Revised Standard 4.3.23 does not specify a location for posting voluntary consent to information disclosure by non-affiliated customers..." and "Posting this information as a separate category represents a better practice since it will make it easier for the Commission as well as other parties to find and access this information." The WGQ Executive Committee adopted the recommendation to add Voluntary Consent as a link on Transportation Service Providers' Informational Postings websites. Member ratification ballots are due on May 3. NAESB will report the modification to Standard 4.3.23 to the FERC within the next few weeks.

WEQ DRAFTING COLLABORATIVE-AMENDMENTS TO PROCEDURES: Mr. Michael Desselle, Director Public Policy for American Electric Power, and vice-chair of the NAESB Board of Directors, reviewed the ratified amendments to the WEQ Procedures. The WEQ Procedures were amended so that each of the five WEQ segments includes a new At Large sub-segment. The At Large sub-segment is intended for regional reliability organizations, regional transmission organizations, consultants, service companies, information services and software companies, law firms, and other such organizations that are not specifically encompassed in the other sub-segments for a given segment. A month long nomination period to fill the new At Large Board of Directors' and Executive Committee seats will end on May 19. Members that fit the definition of the At Large sub-segments are encouraged to run for the open seats.

UPDATE FROM THE REQ/RGQ BPS: Mr. Phil Precht, Baltimore Gas and Electric, and co-chair of the Retail Quadrant Business Practices Subcommittee reviewed the progress of the newly formed Business Practices Subcommittees of the two retail quadrants. The BPS met in March and April to prepare the ratified model business practices for publication by implementing the numbering system approved by the Executive Committees. The BPS also began developing business practices for exchanging customer information necessary for interaction prior to enrollment and billing and will soon begin drafting business practices for customer enrollment, switching, and dropping. The BPS also forwarded the Billing and Payments model business practices to the newly formed Retail Information Requirements Subcommittee to add the technical implementation section to the business practices.

UPDATE ON THE ENERGY DAY EFFORTS: Mr. Lou Oberski, Director Electric Market Policy, Dominion Resource Services, Inc., and WEQ Executive Committee Chair; Mr. Michael Desselle, Director Public Policy of American Electric Power, and vice-chair of the NAESB Board of Directors; and Mr. Mike Novak, Assistant General Manager, National Fuel Distribution, and co-chair of the WGQ Business Practices Subcommittee provided the update on the joint committee on



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Energy Day. The committee has adopted two definitions and six proposed business practice standards and will vote on the remaining standards at a conference call on March 25-26. The adopted language provides for regional differences, and where necessary, includes protections for contractual privacy. After the meeting on March 25-26, and a thirty day comment period, the Executive Committees of both quadrants will vote on the recommendation jointly. Mr. Deselle added that the Gas-Electric Interdependency Committee has been working to review at a high level issues requiring gas-electric interdependency and is drafting a report that will be submitted to the FERC along with the communication standards. The report will include identification of issues that are proper for NAESB standards development, and those that require further consideration by the industry.

OTHER TOPICS: On future monthly update calls, NAESB will continue to report on the Energy Day efforts and the Gas-Electric Interdependency Committee.

NEXT CONFERENCE CALL: The next conference call is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 18, 2005**, 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 contact the NAESB Office (713-356-0060, naesb@naesb.org).

NAESB Monthly Update Conference Call, Participant List April 20, 2005 -- 2:00 PM Eastern

| | Name | | Organization |
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| 1 | Philip | Bedingfield | The Georgia Public Service Commission |
| 2 | William | Bokram | Michigan Public Service Commission |
| 3 | William | Heinrich | New York Public Service Commission |
| 4 | Dave | Johnson | National Energy Board of Canada |
| 5 | Veronica | Jones | Defense Energy Support Center |
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| 11 | Jim | Buccigross | Group 8760 |
| 12 | Kathryn | Burch | Duke Energy Gas Transmission |
| 13 | Scott | Butler | ConEdison |
| 14 | Bill | Casey | Portland General Electric |
| 15 | Jennifer | Chen | SunGard Energy Systems |
| 16 | Carol | St. Clair | Entergy |
| 17 | Dale | Davis | Williams Gas Pipeline |
| 18 | Ed | Davis | Entergy |
| 19 | George | Dawe | Duke Energy |
| 20 | Michael | Desselle | AEP |
| 21 | Mary | Edwards | Dominion Virginia Power |
| 22 | Lynnda | Ell | Entergy |
| 23 | Chuck | Feagans | TVA |
| 24 | Peter | Flynn | National Grid |
| 25 | Ollie | Frazier | Duke Power |
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| 29 | Marie | Heard | Entergy |
| 30 | Bill | Hebenstreit | El Paso Production Company |
| 31 | Jim | Hicks | PacifiCorp |
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| 33 | Barb | Kedrowski | We Energies |
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| 37 | Bill | Lohrman | NERC |
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| 40 | Jim | Minneman | PPL Solutions |
| 41 | Clay | Norris | North Carolina Municipal Power Agency #1 |
| 42 | Michael | Novak | National Fuel |
| 43 | Marjorie | Perlman | Energy East |
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