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 - WEQ Interpretations Conf. Call
- 10/03/07
 - WEQ JISWG Meeting (Houston, TX)
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- 10/04/07
 - WEQ JISWG Meeting (Houston, TX)
 - Joint NERC TLR and NAESB WEQ BPS Meeting (Minneapolis, MN)
- 10/05/07
 - Joint NERC TLR and NAESB WEQ BPS Meeting (Minneapolis, MN)
- 10/08/07
 - Holiday—Columbus Day
- 10/09/07
 - WEQ ESS/ITS Meeting (Houston, TX)
 - WGQ BPS Order 698 Meeting (Houston, TX)
- 10/10/07
 - WGQ BPS Order 698 Meeting (Houston, TX)
 - WEQ ESS/ITS/BPS Meeting (Houston, TX)
- 10/11/07
 - eTariff Technical Task Force Meeting (Houston, TX)
- 10/12/07
 - eTariff Technical Task Force Meeting (Houston, TX)
 - Retail Executive Committee Conf. Call
- 10/16/07
 - Retail Glossary Meeting (Houston, TX)
 - Retail BPS Meeting (Houston, TX)
 - WGQ IR Meeting (Shelton, CT)
- 10/17/07
 - Retail BPS Meeting (Houston, TX)
 - WGQ Technical Meeting (Shelton, CT)
- 10/18/07
 - WGQ Technical Meeting (Shelton, CT)
- 10/19/07
 - Joint Retail IR/TEIS Conf. Call
- 10/22/07
 - eTariff Technical Task Force Meeting (Holyoke, MA)
- 10/23/07
 - eTariff Technical Task Force Meeting (Holyoke, MA)
- 10/24/07
 - WGQ Contracts, Standards and Models Course (Houston, TX)
- 10/25/07
 - WGQ Contracts, Standards and Models Course (Houston, TX)
- 10/27/07
 - WEQ ESS/ITS/BPS Conf. Call
- 10/30/07
 - WGQ BPS Order 698 Meeting (Houston, TX)
- 10/31/07
 - WGQ BPS Order 698 Meeting (Houston, TX)

eTariff (WEQ and WGQ): The initial meeting was held on February 1, 2006 at the FERC, opened by Chairman Kelliher. Proposals from INGAA, EEI, AOPL and Texas Intrastate Association were given, along with a review by FERC staff of requirements to be met for an e-Tariff program. Since that initial meeting, several others have been held and it appears that a consensus in building to support a web portal option for electronically filing tariffs. The metadata requirements are nearing completion and the method for submitting the filing (using XML schemas or open architecture database files) is now under consideration. NAESB standards should address three areas – (1) the metadata to accompany the electronic filing, the definitions of the metadata, and the mode of filing. It is expected that once we prepare our findings and standards for the FERC, a new NOPR will be issued. On July 27, the group agreed via straw poll to forward the metadata to the technical group to prepare an XML schema, and agreed that the option A web portal (submittal of meta data and documents through a web portal) was the approach to follow. The next e-Tariff meeting is scheduled for October 11-12 in Houston. [[eTariff Update](#)]

Order 890 and OATT Reform (WEQ): A working session was held to review the OATT NOPR and prepare analysis for the basis for NAESB comments to the FERC on August 7, 2006. The [comments](#) were filed on August 7, 2006. Similarly, NAESB provided [comments](#) to the FERC regarding the October 12 Technical Conference on OATT Reform on November 12, 2007. The Commission issued the final rule, Order 890, on [February 16, 2007](#). NAESB filed a status report on its plans on [June 13, 2007](#), which is [updated](#) as each subcommittee meets to perform its assigned tasks. The task list has been modified to show dependencies with NERC for ATC related items as is available on the [NAESB web site](#). [[Order 890 Update](#)]

Wholesale Electric Seams Issues: The NAESB office distributed several letters on behalf of the chair of the Seams Subcommittee, Mr. Schwermann. The letters were distributed via e-mail to: APPA, WSPP, WECC (the Seams Issues Subcommittee and the Information Scheduling and Accounting Subcommittee), EEI, and IRC. The included several inquiries regarding some of the Seams issues and whether the various organizations could provide additional information on the resolution of those issues and/or were willing to participate in an effort to address the issues with the NAESB Seams Subcommittee. Because of the survey, it was determined that there was no need for national standards at this time. At the recent August WEQ EC meeting, the [seams catalog](#) was reviewed for Order 890 tasks, which were determined to be represented in the [Order 890 work plan](#). [[Catalog](#)]

DSM-EE Activities: The first meeting of the group was held on April 11 – at which time the scope of the first phase was identified to focus on measurement and verification standards as related to energy quantity savings and peak load quantity reductions. Since that meeting, two others have been held to create a task list and identify volunteers and resource documents and refine the task lists and set deliverable dates. On July 26, further discussion was held on the tasks and work papers submitted. Comments have been requested by September 14 to review possible standards language. The next meeting is scheduled for September 25 hosted by ERCOT in Austin. [[DSM Update](#)]

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Welcome New Members:

DB Energy Trading - Contact: William Donnelly
Wholesale Gas Quadrant, Services Segment

Ozark Gas Transmission, LLC - Contact: David A.
Harrell, Wholesale Gas Quadrant, Pipeline Segment

Peoples Gas Systems - Contact: Wraye Grimard, Wholesale
Gas Quadrant, LDC Segment

SUEZ Energy Marketing NA, Inc. - Contact: Shirley
Tidor, Wholesale Gas Quadrant, End User Segment

SunGard - Contact: Andrew Tritch, Wholesale Electric
Quadrant, End User Segment, at large Sub segment

NRG Energy, Inc. - Contact: Jennifer J. Vosburg,
Wholesale Electric Quadrant, Marketer/Broker Segment,
NIOU Sub segment

Tri-State G&T Association, Inc. - Contact: Lisa Tiffin,
Wholesale Electric Quadrant, Generation Segment,
Muni/Coop Sub segment

NAESB Membership Total 339

Membership by quadrant is:

130 Wholesale Gas Quadrant

27 Retail Electric Quadrant

25 Retail Gas Quadrant

157 Wholesale Electric Quadrant

Membership Growth from 2006: 23 new members

Calendar of Action Items:

August 30, 2007 - NAESB Retail Request for Comments on 2007
Annual Plan Item No. 3a(iii) - Account Information Change and
2007 Annual Plan Item No. 5 - Customer Information -

Due October 1, 2007.

September 4, 2007 - NAESB WEQ Ratification Ballot for Recom-
mendation R06025 - Modify Appendix D of WEQ 004 to and expla-
nation for the terms “required” and “correctable”, to add a sentence
clarifying that tag data elements are not correctable and are not re-
quired, and to make the element of energy Product Type required as
revised by the WEQ Executive Committee on August 14, 2007 -

Due October 4, 2007.

September 6, 2007 - NAESB Retail Request for Comments for Rec-
ommendation: 2007 Retail AP Item No. 5 - Customer Information -

Due October 8, 2007.

September 14, 2007: NAESB filed WGQ Version 1.8 with the Fed-
eral Energy Regulatory Commission.

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Gas Quality: The WGQ Executive Committee has acted on
Request No. R06008 - gas quality standard changes. The recom-
mendation for this request was remanded to the WGQ Business
Practices Subcommittee during the December 7, 2007 conference
call for further development. A revised recommendation has been
processed by the WGQ BPS during December 2006 and January-
February 2007. At the May WGQ EC meeting, the EC adopted 3
of the standards proposed. The remaining standards did meet the
67% threshold for EC votes, but they did not meet the 40% seg-
ment threshold for one segment – the pipelines, and as such
failed. The [ratification of the three standards](#) was completed on
August 2. [[Gas Quality](#)]

Gas-Electric Interdependency: The FERC issued FERC
Order No. 698, which adopted the gas-electric communication
standards and highlighted areas for possible standards develop-
ment. The WGQ EC met on August 3 to discuss tasks and assign-
ments related to the order, and assigned the effort to the WGQ
Business Practices Subcommittee. The Board added this develop-
ment effort to the WGQ Annual Plan on June 28. The WGQ BPS
met on August 30-31 to begin the standards development efforts,
which can be monitored via the [NAESB web site](#). The next meet-
ing is scheduled for September 18-19 in Richmond. [[Order 698](#)]

Annual Planning 2008: The 2008 annual planning process
will begin shortly with a request for comments sent to members
and interested industry participants. The request for comments
will focus on standards development activities that would be ap-
propriate for each quadrant to undertake in 2008. For each quadrant the following considerations should be made –
(1) the plan may already have several items that are carryovers
from 2007 to 2008, (2) the plan priorities may need to reflect
deadlines and expectations of regulatory groups, and (3) the plan
priorities for 2008 may not be the same as the plan priorities for
2007.

For the WEQ plan, it is unlikely that there will be many additions,
as the group is focused on completion of Order 890 tasks, DSM-
EE efforts and other development activities to complement the
development of reliability standards by NERC. As such, a 2008
draft plan taking into account these considerations will be sent out
for comment. [[Annual Plans 2008](#)]