

NAESB Bulletin



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STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT

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 eTariff program. Since that initial meeting, several others have been held and a consensus in nearing completion of the web portal for electronically filing tariffs, the XML schema for metadata requirements, and the technical implementation guide. NAESB standards should address three areas – the metadata to accompany the electronic filing, the definitions of the metadata, and the mode of filing. The subcommittee work will complete in February, and once we complete the standards development and submit to FERC, we expect that a new NOPR will be issued. The next eTariff meeting is scheduled for January 23-25 in Colorado Springs, CO which is planned to be the final subcommittee meeting to sign off on the recommendations. [[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](#). The FERC has granted an extension on ATC related activities to May 9, 2008 for NERC, and subsequent extension to NAESB for NERC dependent items to August 7, 2008. [[FERC Order](#)], [[Order 890 Update](#)]

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, five 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 November 30, further discussion was held on the tasks and work papers submitted. When reviewing the comments it was determined to focus in five areas specific to demand response programs, and develop business practice standards that would prove helpful – (1) DR programs administered by ISOs and RTOS in the wholesale markets, (2) DR programs administered by utilities in wholesale markets, (3) DR programs administered by utilities in the retail markets, (4) a glossary to support the DR programs, and (5) a preamble to put the business practice standards in context. To focus on the DR programs, task forces will develop matrices for each of the three markets (wholesale, wholesale ISO, and retail) that describe the aspects of the DR programs in effect today, planned, or were in effect in the past. The next meeting is scheduled for January 23 hosted by Baltimore Gas and Electric in Baltimore, MD. [[DSM Update](#)]

Annual Planning 2008: The 2008 annual planning process is well underway and should conclude at the December 13 Board meeting, where it is expected that all three plans (wholesale gas, wholesale electric, and retail) will be approved. [[Annual Plans 2008](#)]

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ELECTIONS

Please note we are in the process of identifying candidates for open Board and Executive Committee seats. If you are interested please contact the NAESB office.

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2007 Calendar :

December 2007

12/12 - WGQ Technical Meeting (Houston, TX)
12/12 - WEQ Leadership Meeting (Houston, TX)
12/12 - Retail Leadership Meeting (Houston, TX)
12/13 - NAESB Board Resources Meeting (Houston, TX)
12/13 - NAESB Board of Directors Meeting (Houston, TX)
12/17 - WEQ ESS/ITS/BPS Conf. Call
12/18 - WEQ ESS/ITS Conf. Call
12/24-25 - NAESB Office Closed - Holiday

2008 Calendar :

January 2008

01/07 - WEQ SRS Conf. Call
01/08 - Joint Retail IR/TEIS Conf. Call
01/09-10 - WGQ BPS Order 698 Meeting (Houston, TX)
01/15 - WGQ IR Meeting (Salt Lake City, UT)
01/15-16 - WEQ ESS/ITS Meeting (Carmel, IN)
01/15-16 - Retail BPS Meeting (Houston, TX)
01/16-17 - WEQ ESS/ITS/BPS Meeting (Carmel, IN)
01/16-17 - WGQ Technical Meeting (Salt Lake City, UT)
01/23-25 - NAESB eTariff Meeting (Colorado Springs, CO)
01/23 - NAESB Demand Side Management and Energy
Efficiency Meeting (Baltimore, MD)
01/28 - WEQ ESS/ITS/BPS Conf. Call
01/29-30 - Joint NERC TLR and NAESB WEQ BPS Meeting
(Houston, TX)
01/31 - WEQ ESS/ITS Conf. Call

February 2008

02/05 - WEQ Executive Committee Meeting (Location TBD)
02/06 - WGQ Technical Meeting (Houston, TX)
02/06 - Retail Executive Committee Meeting (Location TBD)
02/07 - WGQ Executive Committee Meeting (Location TBD)
02/08 - WGQ IR Meeting (Houston, TX)
02/11-12 - WEQ ESS/ITS Meeting (Location TBD)
02/13 - WEQ ESS/ITS/BPS Meeting (Location TBD)
02/16 - NAESB Advisory Council Meeting
(Washington, DC)
02/23-24 - WEQ JISWG Meeting (West Palm Beach, FL)
02/27 - Retail BPS Conf. Call
02/27-28 - WGQ BPS Order 698 Meeting (Houston, TX)

Welcome New Members:

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

NAESB Membership Total 336

Membership by quadrant is:

127 Wholesale Gas Quadrant

26 Retail Electric Quadrant

26 Retail Gas Quadrant

157 Wholesale Electric Quadrant

Net Membership Growth from 2006: 20 new members

NAESB Certification:

Qualedi, Inc. - Contact: Stephen A. Morocco has completed the NAESB Wholesale Gas Quadrant (WGQ) version 1.7 certification for their Qualedi PowerXchange EDM software.

The [NAESB Certification Program](#) enables companies requesting certification to determine whether their software product or software solution meet specific criteria defined in NAESB standards.

The [NAESB Certification Program - Certified Products](#) is a current list of certified software products and solutions, as well as contact information.

CALENDAR OF ACTION ITEMS

November 19, 2007 - NAESB WEQ Member Ratification of Standards Adopted by the WEQ Executive Committee on November 6, 2007 - 2007 Annual Plan Item 2© - Order 890 modifications to WEQ-001, C07001 Interpretation on WEQ-001-1.2 and 2007 Annual Plan Item 2(ii) Order 890 work plan group 1 - conditional firm, annotations for ATC, Load Forecast and Actual Load, Re-Bid of Partial Service and Pre-confirmation Priority as revised by the WEQ Executive Committee on November 6, 2007 - [Due December 19, 2007](#).

November 20, 2007 - WEQ ESS/ITS Request for Informal Comments on Recommendation – Appendix C – OASIS Exemptions, Attachment to the Recommendation – Draft Appendix C – OASIS Exemptions and Draft for Performance Metrics as required by Group 2 Metrics - [Due December 4, 2007](#).

December 3, 2007 - WEQ ESS/ITS Request for Informal Comments on NAESB Rebid of Partial Service and WEQ-001 890 updates to address Pre-confirmation Priority and other modifications that are needed to be made to WEQ-001 - [Due December 5, 2007](#).

December 5, 2007 - WGQ Contracts Subcommittee Request for Informal Comments on Draft ISDA Gas Annex Form - [Due January 11, 2008](#).

December 10, 2007 - WEQ ESS/ITS/BPS Request for Informal Comments on Recommended Standards to Address ATC-TTC Narratives - [Due December 16, 2007](#).

For updated action items please reference: [Calendar of Action Items](#)

STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Gas-Electric Interdependency: The FERC issued FERC Order No. 698, which adopted the gas-electric communication standards and highlighted areas for possible standards development. The WGQ EC met on August 3 to discuss tasks and assignments related to the order, and assigned the effort to the WGQ Business Practices Subcommittee, the work of which can be monitored via the [NAESB web site](#). Since then, the group has met six times, each in 2-day sessions and has focused on three areas: (1) price indexing for capacity release transactions, (2) redirects, (3) intraday nomination timelines. A proposal for redirects is garnering strong industry support as noted in the December meeting. Work is underway on proposals for price indexing and for timelines but the work in these two areas is moving more slowly. The next meeting is scheduled for January 9-10 in Houston, TX. [[Order 698](#)]

FERC Filings: It is planned for NAESB to file version 001 of the WEQ standards with the Commission on December 21 and drafts are now under review. The filing will include version 001 TLR standards, modifications to version 000 to support today's market operations (both for the standards complementary to NERC and for those supportive of OASIS), gas-electric coordination standards already [filed in a separate docket](#), public key infrastructure standards, and a reorganization of the OASIS standards including a implementation guide.

The standards can be accessed from the [NAESB web site](#). The filing also acknowledges the FERC extension of the deadline to August 7, 2008 for ATC standards under development now for Order No. 890 that are complementary to the NERC ATC reliability standards. The filing also notes the dissolution of the Joint Interface Committee, which has been supplanted by the joint development process between NERC and NAESB and the creation and population of the NAESB WEQ Independent Grid Operators and Planners segment.

Gas Quality: As reported in the last bulletin, the WGQ Executive Committee has acted on Request No. R06008 - gas quality standard changes. The recommendation 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% segment threshold for one segment – the pipelines, and as such failed. The [ratification of the three standards](#) was completed on August 2. Because NAESB files all proposed standards with the FERC that fail due to a one segment block, it is expected that those failed recommendations will be filed in late December 2007 or early January 2008. [[Gas Quality](#)]