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2008 Calendar:

June 2008

06/03-04 - Retail BPS - Texas Task Force Meeting (Dallas, TX)
06/04 - WEQ BPS Meeting (Houston, TX)
06/05 - WEQ SRS Conf. Call
06/06 - WEQ EC Group - ATC Related Information Conf. Call
06/09 - WGQ Executive Committee Conf. Call
06/10-11 - WEQ ESS/ITS/ Meeting (Charlotte, NC)
06/11-12 - WGQ Contracts Standards and Models Course (Houston, TX)
06/12-13 - WEQ ESS/ITS/BPS Meeting (Charlotte, NC)
06/17 - WEQ ESS/ITS/BPS Conf. Call
06/17 - WGQ Technical Meeting (Omaha, NE)
06/18 - WEQ ESS/ITS/BPS Conf. Call
06/18-19 - Retail BPS - Texas Task Force Meeting (Houston, TX)
06/18-19 - Joint WGQ IR and WGQ Technical Meeting
06/19 - WGQ IR Meeting (Omaha, NE)
06/23 - WEQ ESS/ITS Conf. Call
06/24 - Joint REQ/RGQ Glossary Conf. Call
06/24 - Retail BPS Conf. Call
06/25 - WGQ EC Meeting (Houston, TX)
06/25 - WEQ Leadership Meeting (Houston, TX)
06/25 - Retail Leadership Meeting (Houston, TX)
06/26 - NAESB Board Resources Meeting (Houston, TX)
06/26 - NAESB Board of Directors Meeting (Houston, TX)
06/26-27 - Joint NAESB WEQ BPS and NERC TLR Meeting (St. Paul, MN)

July 2008

07/04 - Holiday - Independence Day (NAESB Closed)
07/08-09 - WEQ ESS/ITS/BPS Conf. Call
07/14 - WGQ EC Conf. Call
07/15-16 - WEQ ESS/ITS Meeting (Carmel, IN)
07/16 - NAESB Monthly Update Conf. Call
07/17 - Joint NERC/NAESB ATC/AFC Meeting (Carmel, IN)
07/17 - WEQ ESS/ITS/BPS Meeting (Carmel, IN)
07/22 - Retail Glossary Meeting (Houston, TX)
07/22-23 - Retail BPS Meeting (Houston, TX)
07/23-24 - WEQ JISWG Meeting (Halifax, Nova Scotia)
07/25 - WEQ SRS Conf. Call
07/29 - WEQ BPS Conf. Call
07/29 - WGQ Technical Meeting (Colorado Springs, CO)
07/30 - WEQ ESS/ITS/BPS Conf. Call
07/30 - Demand Side Management and Energy Efficiency (DSM/EE) Meeting (Carmel, IN)
07/30-31 - Joint WGQ IR and WGQ Technical Meeting (Colorado Springs, CO)

August 2008

08/19 - WGQ Technical Meeting (Colorado Springs, CO)
08/19 - WEQ Executive Committee Meeting (Colorado Springs, CO)
08/20 - Joint WGQ IR and WGQ Technical Meeting (Colorado Springs, CO)
08/20 - Retail Executive Committee Meeting (Colorado Springs, CO)
08/21 - WGQ Executive Committee Meeting (Colorado Springs, CO)
08/20-22 - WEQ ESS/ITS Meeting (Colorado Springs, CO)

STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT

eTariff (WEQ and WGQ): The initial meeting was held on February 1, 2007 at the FERC, opened by Chairman Kelliher. Since that initial meeting, we have held 26 days of meetings throughout the year, including meetings to address technical issues for XML schemas and telecommunication protocols. The standards include five definitions, two business practice standards, and a technical implementation guide – all of which are considered NAESB standards. The implementation guide includes instructions on how to electronically submit an eTariff XML filing package for a new, or modified existing or withdrawn/cancelled tariff, rate schedule or service agreement. The standards support a sheet based, section-based or whole document format for filing. The NAESB office forwarded a progress [NAESB Report](#) to the FERC including the record of standards development for the eTariff project. On April 17, 2008 the FERC issued a [Notice of Proposed Rule-making](#) (NOPR) regarding the standards forwarded to them on April 15 with a 30-day comment period after publication in the Federal Register. The NOPR proposes that all tariffs and tariff revisions and rate change applications for the public utility, natural gas pipeline, and oil pipeline industries be filed electronically according to a set of standards developed by NAESB. The NAESB standards will enable the Commission to make use of a tariff database which will also provide functionality for the public to view and research tariffs, and also provides companies the flexibility to design or purchase software for making tariff filings that best fits their business needs. Upon the effective date of a final rule in this proceeding, the Commission will no longer accept tariff filings submitted in paper format. The NOPR appeared in the Federal Register on April 29, 2008 beginning the clock for industry comment to the FERC. [[Final Action](#), [Implementation Guide](#)], [[eTariff Summary](#)]

Demand Side Management—Energy Efficiency (RGQ/REQ/WEQ): The first phase of the project is to address measurement and verification standards for the quantity aspects of demand response (DR) programs. For the wholesale electric market, more than 40 distinct programs administered by ISOs and RTOs have been identified with program characteristics

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defined in a matrix. The entries in the matrix will provide the foundation for preparing standards. The draft standards should be available for subcommittee consideration in the 3rd quarter 2008. For the retail market, a similar matrix is in development with data provided by the utilities for dispatchable DR programs either in effect today or planned. In addition, the retail group is flow charting the programs to validate the structure of the retail matrix. As with the wholesale market, the matrix will provide the foundation for preparing standards. [[DSM Summary](#)]

Gas Quality (WGQ): The WGQ Executive Committee has acted on Request No. R06008 - gas quality standard changes to provide reporting of additional information on a more frequent basis and in formats that permitted analysis. Two standards failed via a segment block. The single segment failed standards addressed provisions for Wobbe Numbers or other alternative methods for interchangeability, and downloading of data in single files for the past 3 months. The [ratification of the three standards](#) completed in late 2007. On November 15, the FERC requested that NAESB undertake additional changes to the gas quality standards, was addressed by the Board and EC at its March and May meetings.. The FERC asked NAESB to develop a uniform set of standards regarding the posting of rapidly changing gas quality information. The Board at its March meeting revised the [WGQ Annual Plan](#) to reflect this additional development. [[Summary of Gas Quality Standards for R06008](#), [FERC Order Establishing Hearing, Docket No. RP07-504-000](#)]

Discussions with State Commissions: Several state commissions have requested waivers of copyright for their task forces to evaluate the retail standards which indicates increased interest in the Customer Choice standards developed by NAESB. Most recently, NAESB discussed the standards with staff from the Illinois Commerce Commission. It is hoped that through the evaluation process, the Illinois retail market participants will find the standards helpful and thus broaden the use of the NAESB work products.

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Welcome New Members:

Entegra Power Group, LLC - Contact: Rebecca Turner
(Wholesale Electric Quadrant, Generation Segment, Merchant Sub segment)

ICF International - Contact: David Pickles
(Retail Electric Quadrant, Services Segment)

Public Power Council - Contact: Nancy Baker
(Wholesale Electric Quadrant, Distribution Segment, Muni/Coop Sub segment)

San Diego Gas & Electric Company - Contact: Patricia vanMidde
(Wholesale Electric Quadrant, Transmission Segment, IOU Sub segment)

Vega Energy Partners, Ltd. - Contact: Julie Pincus
(Wholesale Gas Quadrant, Services Segment)

NAESB Membership Total 325

Membership by quadrant is:

130 Wholesale Gas Quadrant

23 Retail Electric Quadrant

20 Retail Gas Quadrant

152 Wholesale Electric Quadrant

Net Membership Growth from 2007: -11 members

CALENDAR OF ACTION ITEMS

Due June 4, 2008 - WEQ Request for Formal Comments on Recommendation 2008 WEQ Annual Plan Item 2.b.vi - Business practice standards to complement new NERC Supplemental SAR: Revisions to Existing Standards MOD001-MOD009, FAC12-13.

Due June 6, 2008 - WEQ Request for Informal Comments on Draft Recommendation for Conditional Firm.

Due June 21, 2008 - Modified: WGQ Member Ratification for Recommendation R05005 - Add new transaction type codes to the Nomination 1.4.1, Shipper Scheduled Quantity 1.4.5, and Transportation Sales Invoice 3.4.1 data sets, Recommendation C07003 and supporting documents - NAESB Base Contract for Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas bankruptcy provisions as revised by the WGQ EC on May 15, 2008, and Recommendation C07002 - Transportation Service Provider's (TSP) Informational Postings website downloads formats as revised by the WGQ EC on May 15, 2008.

Due June 22, 2008 - REQ/RGQ Member Ratification for Recommendation R05016 - Standards or model business practices for electronic retail billing transactions and bill payment transactions between customers, suppliers, and utilities and Recommendation Retail 2008 Annual Plan Item 3(i), (ii), and (iii) - Customer Enrollment, Drop and Account Information Change using a Registration Agent.

Due June 23, 2008 - WEQ Request for Formal Comments on 2008 WEQ Annual Plan Item 2.b.ii.2 - Postbacks and Counterflows Business Practice Standards.

Due June 23, 2008 - WEQ Member Ratification for Recommendation 2008 WEQ Annual Plan Items 2.a.i.5, 2.a.i.6, 2.a.ii.1-3 - Rebid of Partial Service, Preconfirmation Priority, Metrics, and Redispatch Cost Posting.

Due June 27, 2008 - WEQ Member Ratification for Recommendation 2008 WEQ Annual Plan Item 2.b.vii - WEQ-001 changes for "ATC Information Link" on OASIS and TTC and ATC methodologies and values.

Due July 2, 2008 - WGQ Request for Formal Comments on 2007 WGQ Annual Plan Item 7c and 2008 WGQ Annual Plan Item 4c (FERC Order No. 698 issued 6-25-07, Docket Nos., RM05-5-001 and RM96-1-027 as related to the NAESB reports submitted in Docket No. RM05-28-000).

Due July 7, 2008 - WGQ Request for Formal Comments on 2007 WGQ Annual Plan Item 7b and 2008 WGQ Annual Plan Item 4b - Recommendation Part 2 - Technical Implementation FERC Order No. 698 issued 6-25-07, Docket Nos., RM05-5-001 and RM96-1-027 as related to the NAESB reports submitted in Docket No. RM05-28-000).

Due July 11, 2008 - WGQ and Retail Member Ratification Retail 2007 Annual Plan Item 9/WGQ 2007 Annual Plan Item 3 - to address DOE Sandia National Laboratories 2006 surety assessment findings and recommendations.

Due July 11, 2008 - WEQ Request for Formal Comments on 2008 WEQ Annual Plan Item 6.a:R07019 - Review/revise WEQ-006 to remove/revise mandatory requirements for Interconnection Time Monitor. **For updated action items please reference: [Calendar of Action Items](#)**

STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Order No. 698 - Gas-Electric Interdependency (WGO): The FERC issued FERC Order No. 698, which adopted the gas-electric communication standards and highlighted areas for possible standards development: price indexing, redirects and changes to intraday nomination schedules. The [standard for redirects](#) has been completed and adopted by the WGQ EC. The [technical implementation](#) of the standard is being addressed by the Information Requirements and Technical Subcommittees. The [price indexing standards](#) have been the subject of several meetings and calls, and the WGQ EC is expected to consider these proposed standards for vote on June 25. The [Business Practices Subcommittee \(BPS\)](#) was unable to reach a consensus on the intraday nominations schedule changes, although several models were considered and many comments received, including input from state commissions. The electric markets were well represented at the meetings. The WGQ EC in July and the Board in June will consider the action taken by the BPS including the intraday nominations schedule conclusion that no changes were needed. [[Order No. 698 Summary](#)]

Order No. 890 and OATT Reform (WEQ): NAESB WEQ Subcommittees are working diligently to meet FERC deadlines. NAESB was to file Available Transfer Capability (ATC) related standards no later than August 7, 2008, but the FERC has granted an extension of the deadline to [November 27, 2008](#). To date, work is complete on [ATC/TTC narratives](#), [load forecast and actual load](#), [ATC information link](#), [data exchange for ATC modeling](#), [transmission reliability margins](#), [ATC and AFC calculation methodologies](#), [standards to complement NERC supplemental SAR](#): Revisions to Existing Standards MOD001-MOD009, FAC12-13, and [postbacks and counterflows](#) for the ATC related items. For OASIS Order No. 890 items, the following are complete: [Group 1](#) including conditional firm, ATC annotations, load forecast and actual load, rebids of partial service, preconfirmation priority, [OASIS exemptions Appendix C](#), and [WEQ-001 changes](#) for rebid of partial service, preconfirmation priority, and Group 2 metrics, redispatch cost posting. Additional work is underway and can be found both in the [WEQ Annual Plan](#) and the [Order No. 890 work plan](#). Most of the items will be completed well in advance of the extended deadline.

For the development of standards for conditional firm service, an informal comment period ends on June 6, 2008 for draft recommended standards for [Conditional Firm](#). The deadline for completing this effort and providing the work products to the Commission was set at July 14, 2008, in [FERC Order No. 890-A](#). It is expected that NAESB will be a few weeks off the schedule set in the FERC order and discussions are underway on the course of action to follow. [[Order No. 890 Work Plan](#), [NAESB Development Process](#)]

Texas Registration Model (RGQ/REQ): The Retail Business Practices Subcommittee has completed its work on the model business practices to support the [Texas Registration Model](#), and work is underway on the technical standards to support the business practices, including the information requirements and the mapping of [eleven transactions](#) for EDI. It is expected that this effort will conclude before yearend, after which the next version of retail standards will be published.

NAESB Primers and Training Courses:

June 11-12, 2008 - WGQ Contracts Standards and Models Course [[Registration Form](#), [Course Flier](#)]

October 8-9, 2008 - WGQ Business Practice Standards Updates and Changes, Version 1.8

November 12-13, 2008 - WGQ Contracts Standards and Models Course [[Registration Form](#), [Course Flier](#)]

Additional training courses will be added for 2008. Please monitor the [NAESB Primers and Training Courses](#) web page for scheduling of additional courses.

Announcement - "Time and Inadvertent Management Task Force" Request for Participants: Please note the WEQ Business Practice Subcommittee has set up a new task force to address the issues raised recently in Request No. R07020, which include manual time error correction (WEQ-006) and inadvertent interchange payback (WEQ 007). It will be headed by Mr. Bilke from Midwest ISO. If you are interested please contact the NAESB Office.