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## NAESB AT A GLANCE: MONTHLY UPDATE

**FERC ORDER NOS. 890 AND 890-A:** Mr. Skiba of Midwest ISO, co-chair of the WEQ Electronic Scheduling Information Technology Subcommittee, and Business Practices Subcommittee (ESS/ITS/BPS) and Mr. Sorenson of OATI, co-chair of the WEQ Electronic Scheduling Information Technology Subcommittee (ESS/ITS), provided a review of the NAESB progress to address [FERC Order 890 and FERC Order 890-A](#). Mr. Skiba reported that the WEQ ESS/ITS/BPS has 18 line items listed in the 2008 WEQ Annual Plan. These items need to be completed within FERC's mandated timeline and drafted in conjunction with NERC MOD standards. The WEQ ESS/ITS/BPS Progress Report and the WEQ ESS/ITS/BPS Action Items have been updated and are posted on the NAESB website. The work plan cites references in FERC Order Nos. 890 and 890-A and are tied to specific items within the 2008 WEQ Annual Plan. The subcommittee is currently working on the following areas: NAESB standards that are complementary with NERC standards and capacity margins. The biggest issues facing the original deadlines set by FERC that have proved to be most contentious are the standards to support conditional firm service, the level of information with the Existing Transmission Capabilities (ETC) that will be posted on OASIS and review of CBM requirements. NAESB is required to file standards with the FERC supportive of ATC by August 7, 2008. This target date is 90 days after the issuance of Order 890 by FERC. NERC has filed for an extension with FERC on the majority of its MOD standards. FERC also granted an extension to NAESB. The timeframe for the completion of the CBM standards will be in November 2008. NAESB has meetings with NERC on a consistent basis assist in the coordination of standards from the respective organizations. Ms. McQuade noted that as NERC products are developed, the WEQ leadership reviews the standards for any additional modifications. Mr. Sorenson commented on the activities of OASIS/Electronic Scheduling. The EC has approved the recommended changes to the OASIS WEQ-001 standard that were made to accommodate the data structures required for Group 1 requirements and the metrics and redispatch cost posting elements required for Group 2 requirements as noted in the plan provided in the hyperlink above. FERC issued Order 890A which requires NAESB to track long-term conditional firm and conditional curtailment options. FERC requested the filing of standards take place 180 days after the issuance of Order 890A. The FERC filing deadline is July 15, 2008. The subcommittee will begin drafting the standard relating to the Group 3 Network Service on OASIS. In Group 4, the minor revisions were made to the draft recommendation to WEQ001-9.7 that addresses rollover rights for redirected transmission service. Group 5, (addressing Paragraph 1377 in Order 890) and Group 6 (Miscellaneous) have outstanding items that will be completed within the existing timeframe. In Group 7 (Tagging for Conditional Firm Service, Submittal Windows), there is a recommendation out for informal comment that develops tracking capabilities and business practices for tagging for implementation of conditional firm service.

**FERC ORDER NO. 698:** Ms. Crockett of TVA, and NAESB Board member, provided an overview of the [Order 698 activity](#) in the Wholesale Gas Quadrant (WGQ). The standards related WGQ Annual Plan Item 4b (Redirects Proposed Standards) were presented to the WGQ BPS and passed by a unanimous vote. The standard related to WGQ Annual Plan Item 4a (Capacity Release Index Pricing) were presented to the NAESB Executive Committee during the May 15, 2008 meeting. A request for formal comments was issued for WGQ 2008 Annual Plan Item 4a and WGQ 2008 Annual Plan Item 4a and comments were received May 2, 2008. Presentations by index providers will be made at the NAESB Executive Committee meetings in August. A meeting to address WGQ Annual Plain Item 4c (Intraday Nominations Timeline) was held April 22-23 in Washington, DC. There were a total of ten models that were evaluated. The three most popular models were voted on during the May 19-20 meetings in Washington, DC. The votes for these three models failed to receive an ultimate vote. In addition, two new proposals were offered and these models failed to receive an ultimate vote. This item will be presented before the NAESB Executive Committee as a no-change recommendation during the August meeting. Ms. McQuade noted the Board of Directors will be advised and will address the issue during the June 26, 2008 meeting.



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**NAESB DEMAND RESPONSE DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS:** Mr. Winkler, of ISO-NE, who is heading up the [DSMEE](#) task force for the wholesale electric matrix development including programs administered by ISOs and RTOs, provided an update on the matrix development. Mr. Newcomb, of Dominion, who is heading up the DSMEE task force for retail matrix development for programs that are administered by utilities and may or may not feed into wholesale programs, provided an update on the retail matrix development. Each of the matrices describes aspects of demand response (DR) programs relevant to measurement and verification from a quantity perspective. A summary of the reviews can be accessed from the hyperlink noted earlier in this paragraph.

The group met in Houston to review progress on the two matrices. The wholesale electric matrix had expanded significantly to provide for more comparability for responses. 45 DR programs have been identified and the data is now being verified. A template for the type of standards to be expected from this effort was reviewed. The retail matrix now has additional data and several interviews were conducted online, with the conclusion that it is the preferred way to gather data. The retail group is to set up a face-to-face meeting in May to review the matrix and make changes before sending it out to utilities for interviews.

**UPDATE ON RECENT RETAIL EFFORTS:** Mr. Jones of Duke Energy, co-chair of the REQ/RGQ Business Practices Subcommittee (BPS), provided an update on the recent [Retail](#) subcommittee efforts. The group has been diligently working on customer enrollment drop and account information change for the business practices. They have begun to draft business practices that will incorporate the use and nonuse of a registration agent. The registration agent will be developed after the Texas model. The group is currently reviewing electronic billing and payment. All of these business practices will subsequently be included in the next retail publication of the NAESB Model Business Practices.

**UPDATE ON THE TEXAS REGISTRATION AGENT EFFORT:** Ms. Munson of ERCOT, who is heading up the [Texas Registration Agent](#) task force, provided a brief update on the Texas Registration Agent effort. The 2008 Retail Annual Plan Item No. 3 (i), (ii), and (iii), all of which are related to the Texas Registration Model were voted out of subcommittee and may be viewed in the hyperlink provided above. The technical aspect of the standards will be documented with the business practice standards. Ms. McQuade noted that this effort will be a key component in upcoming publications because the retail standards incorporate regional operations and requirements from different states.

**NEXT CONFERENCE CALL:** The next Monthly Update Call is scheduled for July 16, 2008 from 1-2 PM Central. The agenda and any work papers will be posted on the Monthly Update page of the NAESB website: [http://www.naesb.org/monthly\\_update.asp](http://www.naesb.org/monthly_update.asp). 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](mailto:naesb@naesb.org).



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## NAESB Monthly Update Conference Call, Participant List

May 21, 2008 1:00 PM Central

Name	Organization
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Rae Davis	Carolina Gas Transmission Corporation
Lisa Simpkins	Constellation Energy Commodities Group
Ripley Newcomb	Dominion
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Susan Munson	ERCOT
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