Via email and posting

April 24, 2014

**TO:** NAESB Gas-Electric Harmonization (GEH) Forum Distribution List

**cc:** NAESB Board of Directors, NAESB Advisory Council

**FROM:** NAESB Office

**RE:** Announcement for the NAESB Gas Electric Harmonization Forum – May 5-6, 2014

Dear Forum Distribution,

Thank you for showing interest in our process and being part of the group that shapes the NAESB response to the directives of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) on *Coordination of the Scheduling Processes of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines and Public Utilities* issued on March 20, 2014 (Docket No. RM14-2-000). We have already held two conference calls on March 27 and April 1, given one review session also on April 1, and asked for presenters for the April 22-23 meeting to be identified. The deadline for indicating intent to provide presentations was April 11. Thirteen companies[[1]](#footnote-1) provided alternatives to the proposal provided by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in its NOPR. We held a meeting on April 22-23 where the presentations were given with an opportunity for clarifying questions to the presenters. We are now moving on to our next phase – determining if there is an industry consensus on alternative(s) to the proposal provided by the FERC in the NOPR.

**We should have the agenda available by end of business on Friday April 25.** Our meeting for May 5-6 will be held in the same location – Hilton Americas in downtown Houston[[2]](#footnote-2) from 8 am to 5 pm C the first day, and 8 am to 2 pm C the second day. NAESB does not have a room block at the Hilton. The meeting will be available by conference call and web cast for those unable to travel. If you are going to vote, it is a requirement that you RSVP, and provide your name, company or organization represented, and the market and segment that you represent[[3]](#footnote-3), as well as contact information – email address and phone number. **To be eligible to vote on May 5-6, you must RSVP by 4:00pm Central Thursday May 1, and be present during the voting either in person or by phone/web cast**. RSVP to the NAESB office at drager@naesb.org, or call 713-356-0060. More information will be provided in the agenda on Friday.

When you RSVP (to participate by phone or in person), you will be assessed a $100 meeting fee charge to defray the costs of holding the meetings. Any participant who is with a state or federal regulatory agency or is a representative of a consumer advocacy group is exempt from the meeting fee.

We expect to discuss and possibly vote on the following subjects over the course of the next sets of meetings and the leadership is determining the order today and tomorrow morning. The subjects are:

* Gas Day Start
* Intraday Nominations 3 vs. 4
* Time of Last Bumping Cycle
* Cycle Times / Overlap / Reaction
* Clean-up / Post-op Nominations
* Capacity Release Changes
* Primary Firm vs. Secondary Out-of-Path
* EPSQ Flexibility
* Energy Day / Multiple Energy Days
* Electric Market Clearing Timelines

Please note that the lunch break is scheduled for more than an hour, as lunch will not be provided during the meeting. Also, should you bring laptops or other electronic devices, please ensure your battery is fully charged as power strips are not available. If you need access to the internet, please bring your air card or other similar device. Complimentary internet access is available in the lobby.

The meeting will be transcribed. Because Commission staff may be participating in or monitoring these meetings, if participants want to discuss the FPA section 206 proceedings to reform the ISO and RTO scheduling practices, we request that those discussions be held elsewhere.

For your convenience, we have included the work papers from our meeting on April 22-23:

* NAESB GEH Forum Distribution List: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/naesb_geh_forum_distlist_2014.doc>
* RSVP List by Last Name <http://www.naesb.org/misc/naesb_geh_forum_rsvp_by_name.pdf>
* RSVP List by Company <http://www.naesb.org/misc/naesb_geh_forum_rsvp_by_company.pdf>
* RSVP List by Quadrant and Segment <http://www.naesb.org/misc/naesb_geh_forum_rsvp_by_quadrant_segment.pdf>
* Antitrust Guidance: <http://www.naesb.org/misc/antitrust_guidance.doc>
* Voting Process: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214w3.docx>
* Segment Descriptions: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214w2.doc>
* Timeline: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214w1.pdf>
* FERC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, *Coordination of the Scheduling Process of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines and Public Utilities*, can be found through the following hyperlink: <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/comm-meet/2014/032014/M-1.pdf>.
* FERC NOPR Excerpts: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/excerpts_ferc_nopr_rm14_2_000.docx>
* Natural Gas Council Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214ngc.pdf>
* ISO/RTO Council Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214iso_rto.pdf>
* INGAA Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214ingaa.pdf>
* Northern Natural Gas Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214nng.pdf>
* Washington Gas Light / Piedmont Natural Gas Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214washgas_piedmont.pdf>; <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214washgas_piedmont_text.pdf>
* National Grid Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214ngrid.pdf>
* Southern Company Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214southern.pdf>
* PG&E / SoCal Gas Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214pge_socal.pdf>
* Hess Energy Marketing (a Direct Energy Company) Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214hess_energy_marketing.pdf>
* Desert Southwest Pipeline Stakeholders Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214dsps.pdf>
* Southwest Customer Group Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214southwest_customer_group.pdf>
* AEP Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214aep.pdf>
* Skipping Stone / Conservation Law Foundation Presentation: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214clf_skipping_stone.pdf>

Information on all NAESB activities can be found at <http://www.naesb.org>, and for GEH Forum activities at <http://www.naesb.org/naesb_geh_forum.asp>.

1. Natural Gas Council, INGAA, National Grid, Southern Company, ISO/RTO Council, Washington Gas Light/Piedmont Natural Gas, Northern Natural Gas, Skipping Stone/Conservation Law Foundation, Hess Energy Marketing (a Direct Energy Company), Southwest Customer Group, Desert Southwest Pipeline Stakeholders, PG&E/SoCal and AEP [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Hilton Americas is located in downtown Houston, Hilton Americas-Houston, 1600 Lamar, Houston, Texas, 77010, Phone -- 713-739-8000. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. The market and segment descriptions can be found at <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214w2.doc>. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)