Via email and posting

May 7, 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 22-23, 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 also thank those of you that have participated in our previous meetings, the most recent being the May 5-6, 2014 face to face in Houston, Texas earlier this week. During this meeting, we continued the progress we made during previous meetings and conference calls by discussing in detail the individual components of the alternative proposals included in the presentations reviewed during the April 22-23, 2014 meeting. We are now moving on to the next phase, and will start to try to form consensus around proposed packages that will be voted on during our final set of scheduled meetings on June 2-3, 2014.

**We should have an initial draft agenda available by end of business on Monday, May 12.** Our meeting for May 22-23 will be held in the same location – Hilton Americas in downtown Houston[[1]](#footnote-1) from 8 am to 5 pm C the first day (May 22), and 8 am to 2 pm C the second day (May 23). 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[[2]](#footnote-2), as well as contact information – email address and phone number. **To be eligible to vote and participate on May 22-23, you must RSVP by 5:00pm Central Friday, May 16, and be present during the voting either in person or by phone/web cast if registered to attend by phone**. We regret that there will be no exceptions. RSVP to the NAESB office at drager@naesb.org, or call 713-356-0060. More information will be provided in the agenda on Friday. Again, if you plan to vote during the meeting, you must provide the following information.

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| * Participant Name:
 | Your voting status (Yes or No): |
| * \*Company Representing:
 | Phone Number: |
| * \*Quadrant Representing:
 | Email Address: |
| * Segment Representing:
 | Attending (In Person or By Phone): |

\*You can find the segment descriptions for the wholesale quadrants at:  <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214w2.doc>.

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.

Please note that the lunch break during the meeting will be scheduled for more than an hour, as lunch will not be provided. 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.

Finally, to ensure that our time spent on May 22-23, 2014 is used in the most efficient and effective manner, we have asked the Forum participants to participate in a straw poll survey and vote on series of questions that are intended to inform the conversation on May 22-23, 2014 and aid the process going forward. The survey will be distributed on the week of May 12 and we will require a quick turn-around, so please be prepared.

For your convenience, we have included the work papers from our meeting on May 5-6:

Background Materials:

* NAESB GEH Forum Distribution List: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/naesb_geh_forum_distlist_2014.doc>
* 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>
* Comparisons of proposals: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/naesb_geh_proposal_comparison_0422_23_2014.pdf>
* RSVP List by Last Name <http://www.naesb.org/misc/naesb_geh_forum_rsvp_by_name_050514.pdf>
* RSVP List by Company <http://www.naesb.org/misc/naesb_geh_forum_rsvp_by_company_050514.pdf>
* RSVP List by Quadrant and Segment <http://www.naesb.org/misc/naesb_geh_forum_rsvp_by_quadrant_segment_050514.pdf>
* Notes from the April 22-23, 2014 Meeting: <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214notes.docx>
* Attendance on May 5-6, 2014: <http://www.naesb.org/misc/naesb_geh_forum_attendee_list_0505-0614.pdf>

Presentations on April 22-23, 2014:

* 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. Hilton Americas is located in downtown Houston, Hilton Americas-Houston, 1600 Lamar, Houston, Texas, 77010, Phone -- 713-739-8000. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The market and segment descriptions can be found at <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh042214w2.doc>. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)