Via email and posting

March 22, 2021

**TO:** NAESB Board of Directors, Executive Committee (EC) Members, EC Alternates, NAESB Members, NAESB Advisory Council and Invited Guests

**FROM:** Rae McQuade, NAESB President

**RE:** Announcement andAgenda - NAESB Board of Directors Virtual Meeting – April 22, 2021 Highlighted with Additional Materials

Dear Board Members, NAESB Members, EC Members, EC Alternates, NAESB Members, NAESB Advisory Council and invited guests,

On April 22, 2021 at 9:00 am Central, NAESB will host the first scheduled Board of Directors Meeting of 2021. As done in September and December 2020, the meeting will be held virtually utilizing the Zoom platform. The draft agenda is provided in this packet, and work papers for the meeting will be provided to you shortly. During the meeting, we plan to review the status of the board committee efforts, the membership and financial reports for the organization and the progress made on the projects included on the annual plans. The standards development updates will include a status report on the efforts to support battery storage and renewable natural gas.

We are very fortunate to have two speakers for this meeting. Morgan O’Brien, the Executive Chairman and Founder of Anterix, will provide remarks concerning industry connectivity. This is a topic that has always been crucially important to all industries, but even more so, now that we are more dependent on remote access due to Covid-19. Our second speaker is John Moura, from the North American Energy Reliability Corporation. He will bring us up to date on the impacts of Storm Uri – a subject many of us in Texas experienced personally. Both speakers are so relevant to the work we are doing – both in the digital arena with Mr. O’Brien, and in the gas-electric market harmonization arena for Mr. Moura. Indeed, both efforts are highlighted in our board strategies. I want to thank both gentlemen for taking time out of their demanding schedules to brief us.

We had excellent attendance at the September and December 2020 meetings, and we are hopeful to have the same level of participation during the April 2021 meeting.

The meeting has been scheduled for 4 hours. To attend the meeting, please contact the NAESB office. We appreciate your continued support of NAESB and wish everyone the best in these continued unusual times.

Best Regards,

| **NAESB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  **Virtual Meeting – Thursday, April 22, 2021 – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Central**  **DRAFT AGENDA** | | | |
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|  | **#** | **Agenda Item** | |
| 9:00 A | 1. | **Welcome** | |
|  |  | a) | Welcome to Board members, guests and convene the April 22, 2021 Board meeting |
|  |  | b) | Antitrust Guidelines: <http://www.naesb.org/misc/antitrust_guidance.doc> (Guidance) |
|  |  | c) | Establish quorum[[1]](#footnote-1): <http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bod_terms.pdf> (Board Roster) |
|  | 2. | **Consent Agenda** (For Consideration and Possible Vote) | |
|  |  | a) | Agenda Adoption: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd042221a.docx> |
|  |  | b) | Adoption of Draft Minutes: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd121720dm.docx> (12-17-20 Draft Minutes) |
|  |  | c) | Adoption of Revised 2021 WGQ Annual Plan: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/wgq_ec031121a1.docx> (3-11-21 Redline Approved by the WGQ EC) |
|  |  | d) | Adoption of Revised 2021 Retail Annual Plan: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/rmq_ec031021a1.docx> (3-10-21 Redline Approved by the RMQ EC) |
|  |  | e) | Adoption of Revised 2021 WEQ Annual Plan: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/weq_ec030921a1.docx> (3-9-21 Redline Approved by the WEQ EC) |
|  | 3. | **Increasing Importance of Industry Connectivity -- Remarks from Morgan O’Brien, Anterix** | |
|  | 4. | **Update on Storm Uri Impact – John Moura, NERC** | |
|  | 5. | **Membership and Financial Reports** | |
|  |  | a) | Review of the Membership & Financial Reports: <https://www.naesb.org/misc/finance_membership_report_dec2020.pdf> (12-31-20); <https://www.naesb.org/misc/finance_membership_report_feb2021.pdf> (2-28-21) |
|  | 6. | **Advisory Council Update:** <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/advisory020521notes.docx> (2-5-21 Meeting Notes) | |
|  | 7. | **Reports from Board Committees** | |
|  |  | a) | Managing Committee Update |
|  |  | b) | Parliamentary Committee Update: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/parliamentary022221a.docx> (2-22-21 Meeting Agenda); <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/parliamentary022221dm.docx> (2-22-21 Draft Meeting Minutes) |
|  |  | c) | Revenue Committee Update: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd_revenue022221a.docx> (2-22-21 Meeting Agenda); <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd_revenue022221notes.docx> (2-22-21 Meeting Notes) |
|  |  | d) | Digital Committee Update: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd_digital022221a.docx> (2-22-21 Meeting Agenda); <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd_digital022221notes.docx> (2-22-21 Meeting Notes) |
|  |  | e) | Strategy Committee Update: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd_strategy_022221a.docx> (2-22-21 Meeting Agenda); <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd_strategy_022221mn.docx> (2-22-21 Meeting Notes) |
|  |  | f) | Critical Infrastructure Committee Update |
|  |  | g) | Certification Program Committee Update |
|  | 8. | **Standards Development Efforts** | |
|  |  | a) | Battery Storage: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd_batterystorage121120notes.docx> (12-11-20 Meeting Notes); <https://www.naesb.org/misc/bd_batterystorage_update041221.docx> (4-12-21 Update) |
|  |  | b) | Renewable Natural Gas: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd_renewablenatgas121120notes.docx> (12-11-20 Meeting Notes); <https://www.naesb.org/misc/bd_renewablenatgas_update041221.docx> (4-12-21 Update) |
|  |  | c) | Renewable Energy Certificates: <https://www.naesb.org/misc/rec_update041221.docx> (4-12-21 Update) |
|  |  | d) | Other Development Efforts: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd042221w2.docx> (4-12-21 Update) |
|  | 9. | **Old and New Business** | |
|  |  | a) | Regulatory Filings and Related Actions, Liaisons with external groups |
|  |  |  | * February 18, 2021 - FERC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (WGQ, Version 3.2) Standards for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines (Docket No. RM96-1-042): <https://naesb.org/pdf4/ferc021821_nopr_naesb_wgq_v3.2_rm96-1-042.pdf> |
|  |  |  | * March 16, 2021- National Petroleum Council (NPC) Letter and Potential NPC Study Topics Report: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd042221w1.pdf> |
|  |  |  | * March 19, 2021- NAESB Comments Submitted to FERC on NOPR issued February 18, 2021 for (WGQ Version 3.2) Standards for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines (Docket No. RM96-1-042): <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/naesb031921_comments_ferc_nopr021821_wgqv3.2.pdf> |
|  |  | b) | Comments from Board Members, Invited Guests and Attendees |
|  |  | c) | Board Meeting Schedule 2021: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/2021_schedule.pdf> |
|  |  | d) | NAESB Bulletin: <http://naesb.org/pdf4/naesb_bulletin_vol13_issue3.pdf> (November 2020 - February 2021, Volume 13, Issue 3) |
| 1:00 P | 10. | **Adjourn** | |

**Speaker Biographies**

**Morgan O’Brien, Executive Chairman of the Board, Anterix**

Morgan O’Brien has served as Executive Chairman of the Board since July 2020 and has been a member of the Anterix Board since April 2012. From May 2014 to April 2018, he served as Vice Chairman; and from April 2018 to June 2020, he led Anterix as the Chief Executive Officer. Since 2009, Mr. O’Brien has served as an independent consultant to several wireless start-ups. As a co-founder and chairman of Nextel, Mr. O’Brien led the creation of the first all-digital nationwide wireless network (the Nextel National Network) and brought push-to-talk (“PTT”) communication to the mass business and consumer markets. After the merger of Nextel with Sprint Corporation in 2004, he was a co-founder of Cyren Call Communications Corporation, where he served until January 2009. In 2016, Mr. O’Brien was awarded the Armstrong Medal, the highest award of the Radio Club of America, for demonstrated excellence and lasting contributions to radio arts and sciences. He was recognized in 1987 as New Jersey Entrepreneur of the Year and was voted the RCR Person of the Year in 1993 and again in 2006. In 2005, he was inducted into the Washington, D.C., Business Hall of Fame. In 2007, he was named a Fellow of the Radio Club of America and was named “one of the top U.S. wireless innovators of all time,” by Fierce Wireless. He has served on a number of boards of other public companies, including Sprint, Williams Telecommunications and GTT Communications, Inc. He also serves on the board of several private companies and charitable organizations. Mr. O’Brien is a graduate of Georgetown University and earned his law degree from Northwestern University.

Anterix Inc, formed in 2004 by Brian McAuley and Morgan O-Brien (also the cofounders of Nextel Communications), is a United States-based company engaged in delivering broadband needed to modernize infrastructure for energy, transportation, logistics, and other industries. Anterix enables critical infrastructure and enterprise to transform their businesses through the power of private wireless broadband connectivity on 900 MHz spectrum. The foundational spectrum allows for greater risk mitigation with increased cyber security, resiliency and control. Anterix is the largest holder of licensed spectrum in the 900 MHz band, with nationwide coverage throughout the contiguous United States, Hawaii, Alaska and Puerto Rico. Anterix has obtained approval by the Federal Communications Commission to modernize and realign the 900 MHz band so it can be used to deploy broadband networks, technologies and solutions.

**John Moura, Director of Reliability Assessment and System Analysis, North American Electric Reliability Corporation**

John Moura is the Director of Reliability Assessment and System Analysis for the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), where he joined in 2008. John leads the Electric Reliability Organization’s efforts to independently assess and report on the overall reliability, adequacy, and associated risks of the interconnected North American bulk power system. John leads the development of NERC’s annual long-term and seasonal reliability assessments, as well as NERC’s efforts in evaluating reliability impacts of potential environmental regulations, high-levels of variable generation, and an increasing dependence on natural gas. He is the co-author of numerous NERC special reports and several technical publications. In addition, John is actively engaged in multiple groups and committees across North America focused on the power system risk and vulnerability analyses, loss of load studies, probabilistic resource adequacy modeling, and interconnection-wide power system modeling. John earned his bachelor degree from Rutgers University.

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) is a not-for-profit international regulatory authority whose mission is to assure the effective and efficient reduction of risks to the reliability and security of the grid. NERC develops and enforces Reliability Standards; annually assesses seasonal and long‐term reliability; monitors the bulk power system through system awareness; and educates, trains, and certifies industry personnel. NERC’s area of responsibility spans the continental United States, Canada, and the northern portion of Baja California, Mexico. NERC is the Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) for North America, subject to oversight by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and governmental authorities in Canada. NERC's jurisdiction includes users, owners, and operators of the bulk power system, which serves nearly 400 million people.

1. As we are meeting remotely, if quorum is not reached, the Board meeting will be considered a working session, and all votes will be processed notationally after the session concludes. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)