Via email and posting

August 18, 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 of theVirtual NAESB Board of Directors Meeting, Strategic Session and Meeting of the Members – September 2, 2021 - Highlighted with Additional Items and Materials

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

On September 2nd at 9:00 am Central, NAESB will hold a Board of Directors Meeting, including a Strategic Session and its annual Meeting of the Members. This meeting will be held virtually utilizing the Zoom platform. The agenda and work papers for this meeting will be provided to you shortly. As part of our regular business, we plan to discuss our current financial and membership status, the progress on the standards development work included in the 2021 annual plans, and a review of the activities that are underway within our Board committees. We also plan to review the package of proposed modifications to the NAESB Certificate of Incorporation, Bylaws and Operating Procedures that have been under development by the Parliamentary Committee since 2018. A notational ballot to vote on the package will be distributed to Board members immediately following the meeting.

As part of our Meeting of the Members and our Strategic Session, we are very fortunate that former FERC Chairman Bay and former Commissioner Spitzer have both generously agreed to participate in the meeting and provide remarks to the Board of Directors for its consideration. Their leadership in the industry and support of NAESB over the years has been remarkable, and I want to thank both gentlemen for taking time out of their demanding schedules to participate. In addition, we will have a panel of several of our Advisory Council members to provide their thoughts on the strategic directions of our organization.

Despite holding all of our Board meetings virtually in 2020 and 2021, we have had excellent attendance and very productive meetings. We want to thank the Board members for their commitment to our organization during this unusual time, and look forward to continuing the success of these virtual sessions in September. To participate in this meeting, please register through the hyperlink found below. Instructions for participation will be provided to you in a separate emailed confirmation notice after you register. The registration will serve as your RSVP to attend.

| **Thursday, September 2, 2021** | **RSVP & Registration** |
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| Board of Directors Meeting  9:00 am to 1:00 pm Central | Please contact the NAESB office. |

Best Regards,



| **NAESB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  **Virtual Meeting – Thursday, September 2, 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 September 2, 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/bd090221a.docx> |
|  |  | b) | | Adoption of Draft Minutes: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd042221dm.docx> (04-22-21 Draft Minutes) |
|  |  | c) | | Adoption of 2021 WGQ Annual Plan: <https://www.naesb.org//pdf4/bd090221w3.docx> (Adopted by Board of Directors 4-22-21 with Proposed Revisions by the Executive Committee Chairs) |
|  |  | d) | | Adoption of 2021 Retail Annual Plan: <https://www.naesb.org//pdf4/bd090221w2.docx> (Adopted by Board of Directors 4-22-21 with Proposed Revisions by the Executive Committee Chair) |
|  |  | e) | | Adoption of 2021 WEQ Annual Plan: <https://www.naesb.org//pdf4/bd090221w1.docx> (Adopted by Board of Directors 4-22-21 with Proposed Revisions by the Executive Committee Chairs) |
| **Meeting of the Members & Strategic Session** | | | | |
|  | 3. | **Meeting of the Members & Strategic Session** | | |
|  |  | a) | Opening Remarks from the Chairman | |
|  |  | b) | Remarks from Former FERC Chairman Norman Bay, Willkie, Farr & Gallagher, LLP | |
|  |  | c) | Remarks from Former FERC Commissioner Marc Spitzer, Steptoe & Johnson, LLP | |
|  |  | d) | Remarks from Panel of Invited Guests | |
|  |  | e) | Discussion & Additional Comments | |
|  |  | f) | Identification of Action Items | |
|  |  | g) | Adjourn the Meeting of the Members and Strategic Session | |
| **General Business of the Board of Directors** | | | | |
|  | 4. | **Membership and Financial Reports** | | |
|  |  | a) | | Review of the Membership & Financial Reports: <https://www.naesb.org/misc/finance_membership_report_june2021.pdf> (June 2021 Membership & Finance Report) |
|  | 5. | **Reports from Board Committees \***A vote will be taken on the Proposed NAESB Strategic Plan 2021-2023 | | |
|  |  | a) | | Managing Committee Update: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/managing081821notes.docx> (8-18-21 Meeting Notes) |
|  |  | b) | | Gas Electric Harmonization Committee Update: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh061621notes.docx> (6-16-21 Meeting Notes); <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh062121_reqcom.docx> (6-21-21 Request for Comments); <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh072821notes.docx> (7-28-21 Meeting Notes); <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/geh082621a.docx> (8-26-21 Meeting Agenda) |
|  |  | c) | | Parliamentary Committee Update[[2]](#footnote-2): <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/parliamentary052021dm.docx> (5-20-21 Notes); <https://www.naesb.org/misc/naesb_certificate_pc_062121.pdf> (Redline Modifications to Certificate of Incorporation); <https://www.naesb.org/misc/naesb_bylaws_pc_062121.pdf> (Redline Modifications to Bylaws); <https://www.naesb.org/misc/naesb_operating_procedures_pc_062121.pdf> (Redline Modifications to Operating Procedures) |
|  |  | d) | | Revenue Committee Update: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd_revenue052021notes.docx> (5-20-21 Meeting Notes); <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd_revenue082621a.docx> (8-26-21 Meeting Agenda) |
|  |  | e) | | \*Strategy Committee Update: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd_strategy_052021mn.docx> (5-20-21 Meeting Notes); <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd_strategy_082621a.docx> (8-26-21 Meeting Agenda); <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd090221w4.docx> (Proposed NAESB Strategic Plan 2021-2023) |
|  | 6. | **Standards Development Efforts** | | |
|  |  | a) | | Energy Storage & Distributed Energy Resources: <https://www.naesb.org/misc/bd_battery_storage_update081721.docx> (8-17-21 Update) |
|  |  | b) | | Renewable Natural Gas Contract: <https://www.naesb.org/misc/bd_rng_update081821.docx> (8-18-21 Update) |
|  |  | c) | | Renewable Energy Certificates Contract: <https://www.naesb.org/misc/bd_rec_update081821.docx> (8-18-21 Update) |
|  |  | d) | | Cybersecurity: <https://www.naesb.org/misc/bd_cybersecurity_update081821.docx> (8-18-21 Update) |
|  |  | e) | | Other Development Efforts: <https://www.naesb.org/misc/bd_other_development_efforts081921.docx> (8-19-21 Update) |
|  | 7. | **Old and New Business** | | |
|  |  | a) | | Regulatory Filings and Related Actions, Liaisons with external groups |
|  |  |  | | * 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> |
|  |  |  | | * May 20, 2021 - FERC Final Rule - Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities (Docket Nos. RM05-5-029 and RM05-5-030; Order No. 676-J): <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/ferc052021_final_rule_order676J.pdf> |
|  |  |  | | * May 21, 2021 - Correspondence from Michael Desselle regarding FERC Order 676-J action on WEQ Version 003.3 Standards: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/correspondence_ferc_order_676-j_052121.docx> |
|  |  |  | | * June 21, 2021 - NAESB Informational Status Update on NAESB Standard Development Efforts to Support FERC Order Nos. 841 and 2222 (Docket No. RM05-5-000): <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/naesb062121_informational_status_update_ferc_order841and2222.pdf> |
|  |  |  | | * July 15, 2021 - FERC Final Rule - Standards for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines (Docket No. RM96-1-042; Order No. 587-Z): <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/ferc071521_final_rule_order587z.pdf> |
|  |  |  | | * July 16, 2021 – Correspondence from Valerie Crockett regarding FERC Order 587-Z action on WGQ Version 3.2 Standards: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/ferc_action_wgq_v3.2_order_587z_071621.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_vol14_issue1.pdf> (March 2021 - July 2021, Volume 14, Issue 1) |
| 1:00 P | 8. | **Adjourn** | | |

**Speaker Biographies**

**Norman Bay, Partner, Willkie, Farr & Gallagher, LLP**

Norman C. Bay is Co-Chair of the Energy Commodities Group and Head of the Energy Regulatory Practice at Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP in Washington, DC. His practice focuses on enforcement and compliance, energy policy and rates, mergers and acquisitions, and infrastructure development. Bay was Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), as well as Director of the Office of Enforcement. He was integral in shaping FERC policy on a wide range of energy market issues, including energy storage, aggregated distributed energy resources, transmission and interconnection policy, and price formation in the RTO markets. Bay was previously a Professor at the University of New Mexico School of Law and the U.S. Attorney for the District of New Mexico. He is currently a non-resident Senior Fellow with Duke University, a member of the NYU Institute for Policy Integrity Advisory Board, and a member of the Advisory Board of the Irving Institute for Energy and Society at Dartmouth College.

**Marc Spitzer, Partner, Steptoe & Johnson, LLP**

Marc Spitzer counsels and represents utilities and energy companies before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), at state utility commissions, Congress, federal agencies and state legislatures. Marc's clients rely on his deep understanding of the energy sector backed by years in appointed and elected government service. Marc served as a FERC commissioner from July 2006 to December 2011. He also served six years on the Arizona Corporation Commission, including a term as ACC chairman. First elected to the Arizona State Senate in 1992, Marc served four terms, including as Senate Majority Leader. One of his clients says Marc "has a keen political instinct for FERC matters and a broad knowledge of the subject matter that makes him an extremely effective advocate."

His electric utility clients have included Southern Company, Duke Energy, Edison Electric Institute, Southern California Edison, Arizona Public Service, Salt River Project, Hunt Utility Company, Tucson Electric Power, Exelon, and Pepco for regulatory and public policy work. Marc also represents natural gas and oil pipeline clients such as Southwest Gas, Rockies Express, Energy Transfer Partners, Enbridge, and Freeport LNG before FERC and other federal and state agencies.

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 through a notational ballot after the session concludes. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. A notational ballot proposing the adoption of the recommendations offered by the Parliamentary Committee will be distributed after the meeting concludes. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)