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## 2009 Calendar:

### January 2009

01/06 - WGQ Executive Committee Conf. Call  
01/07 - WEQ ESS/ITS Conf. Call  
01/07 - Joint WGQ Contracts, Retail BPS and WGQ EDM Meeting (Houston, TX)  
01/08 - WGQ BPS Conf. Call  
01/08 - WEQ Executive Committee Task Force Conf. Call  
01/12 - NAESB w/Tariff Workshop (New Orleans, LA)  
01/12 - WEQ BPS Conf. Call  
01/13 - WEQ SRS Conf. Call  
01/13-15 - Joint WGQ IR/Technical Meeting (Salt Lake City, UT)  
01/14-15 - WEQ JISWG Meeting (Scottsdale, AZ)  
01/14 - WEQ Executive Committee Review Session Conf. Call  
01/15 - DSM/EE Working Group 2, Retail Conf. Call  
01/15 - Retail Structure Review Committee Conf. Call  
01/19 - Holiday - Martin Luther King Day (NAESB Closed)  
01/20-22 - WEQ ESS/ITS Meeting (Houston, TX)  
01/21 - Retail Executive Committee Conf. Call  
01/22 - WGQ Executive Committee Conf. Call  
01/23 - Retail Glossary Conf. Call  
01/23 - Retail BPS Conf. Call  
01/23 - WEQ Executive Committee Conf. Call  
01/27 - WEQ Executive Committee Conf. Call  
01/28-29 - Joint WEQ BPS/NERC TLR Meeting (Houston, TX)  
01/28 - Joint WGQ Contracts, Retail BPS and WGQ EDM Conf. Call  
01/28 - Monthly Update Conf. Call  
01/29 - DSM/EE Working Group 2, Retail Conf. Call  
01/29 - Retail Structure Review Committee Conf. Call  
01/30 - Joint WEQ/WGQ BPS Conf. Call

### February 2009

02/03 - WEQ Executive Committee Meeting (Phoenix, AZ)  
02/03-04 - Joint WGQ IR/Technical Meeting (Phoenix, AZ)  
02/04-05 - WEQ ESS/ITS Meeting (Phoenix, AZ)  
02/04 - Retail Executive Committee Meeting (Phoenix, AZ)  
02/04 - Retail Structure Review Committee Conf. Call  
02/05 - WGQ Executive Committee Meeting (Phoenix, AZ)  
02/09 - WEQ BPS Conf. Call  
02/10 - WEQ SRS Conf. Call  
02/12 - DSM/EE Working Group 2, Retail Conf. Call  
02/14 - NAESB Advisory Council Meeting (Washington, DC)  
02/16 - Holiday - President's Day (NAESB Closed)  
02/18 - WEQ ESS/ITS Conf. Call  
02/18-19 - Joint WEQ TIMTF, NERC BACSDT Meeting (Folsom, CA)  
02/20 - Joint WEQ BPS/NERC TLR Conf. Call  
02/24 - WEQ ESS/ITS Conf. Call  
02/25 - Joint WGQ Contracts, Retail BPS and WGQ EDM Conf. Call  
02/26 - DSM/EE Working Group 2, Retail Conf. Call

### March 2009

03/03-05 - Joint WGQ IR/Technical Meeting (Colorado Springs, CO)  
03/04 - WEQ ESS/ITS Conf. Call  
03/06 - Retail Glossary Conf. Call  
03/06 - Retail BPS Conf. Call  
03/09 - WEQ BPS Conf. Call  
03/10 - WEQ SRS Conf. Call  
03/11-12 - WEQ JISWG Meeting (Houston, TX)  
03/11 - Monthly Update Conf. Call  
03/12 - DSM/EE Working Group 2, Retail Conf. Call  
03/12 - Joint WEQ/WGQ BPS Conf. Call  
03/17-19 - WEQ ESS/ITS Meeting (Raleigh, NC)  
03/24-25 - Joint WGQ IR/Technical Meeting (Houston, TX)  
03/25 - WEQ Leadership Meeting (Houston, TX)  
03/25 - WGQ Leadership Meeting (Houston, TX)  
03/25 - Board Reception & Dinner with Guest Speaker (Houston, TX)  
03/26 - NAESB Board Resources Meeting (Houston, TX)  
03/26 - NAESB Board of Directors Meeting (Houston, TX)

## STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT

*Demand Side Management—Energy Efficiency (REQ and WEQ):* The first phase of the project is to address measurement and verification (M&V) standards for the quantity aspects of demand response (DR) products and services, and it is well underway.

For the wholesale electric market, 45 distinct products and services administered by ISOs and RTOs were considered and the M&V aspects of several key characteristics of these DR products and services have been identified in standards that were approved by the wholesale electric participants of the DSM-EE subcommittee on December 2, 2008, and approved by the WEQ Executive Committee on February 10, 2009.

It is now in the process of being ratified by NAESB WEQ members. To underline that this is the first step in development, an item is carried on the 2009 annual plan for the WEQ that notes that additional technical standards will be developed this year. Once the standards are ratified, they will be provided to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as a status report, as NAESB does with all federally jurisdictional standards. The WEQ had excellent participation in the development of these standards, including all ISOs and RTOs administering or planning to administer for such products and services. [\[WEQ Recommendation\]](#)

For the retail development for demand response programs, the M&V model business practices are following in the wake of the wholesale effort. Indeed, the group is using the standards developed for the wholesale electric market as a template for retail applications. Currently the group is in the process of developing the recommendation for model business practices, much of which looks quite similar to the work products produced for the wholesale market.

There is consideration that the retail standards developed should be commodity neutral where possible (i.e. they should be applicable to both the retail gas and retail electric markets), but the decision has not yet been reached, and more research is needed to determine if they can be drafted broadly enough to encompass both markets. A focus on definitions and glossary is well underway. The standards are organized for dispatch products and non-dispatch products. [\[Retail Work Paper—redlined draft of recommendation\]](#)

For additional information, please access the NAESB web site for activities on the retail front. The retail development is underway in meetings held every two weeks on Thursdays, from 9 am to 11 am central. Once the retail group is complete with the development of the recommendation, it will go out for informal comment and it will be presented to the full subcommittee for discussion, modification and approval. [\[NAESB DSM-EE Page for Meetings\]](#)

The full subcommittee will begin meeting again later this year, once the retail group has a work product for consideration and the wholesale group has begun its efforts on the development of more technical standards.

*NAESB 2009 Annual Plans (All Quadrants):* On February 3-5, 2009, the Executive Committees of each respective quadrant approved 2009 annual plans for submittal to the Board of Directors.

The [retail annual plan](#) (both quadrants support a single annual plan for activities, as most are commodity neutral), is focused on the completion of standards for the Texas Registration Model, completion of other customer choice services such as customer inquiries and technical standards for customer information, billing and payments, and customer enrollments; and support for standards such as electronic billing, model trading partner agreements. The retail annual plan also includes activities for demand side management and supplier certification and supplier marketing practices.

The [wholesale gas annual plan](#) includes such development items as damage reporting for natural gas pipeline facilities per [FERC Order Nos. 682](#) and [682-A](#), several gas contracts issues, completion of gas-electric interdependency technical standards, several technical standards development efforts, and the promotion of a more efficient capacity market per [FERC Order Nos. 712](#) and [712-A](#). The plan also includes the completion of the technical standards development for gas quality to support posting of rapidly changing gas quality information, and the completion of standards for the posting of standards of conduct information per [FERC Order No. 717](#).

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**STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT** *(continued)*

**NAESB 2009 Annual Plans (All Quadrants) continued:** For the [wholesale electric annual plan](#), the work will continue to develop complementary business practices to support North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) reliability standards, continue work to support OATT reform directives of [FERC Order No. 890](#), develop standards to support electronic scheduling functions, the continuation of standards development for demand response products and services, and maintenance of the existing body of version 2 standards.

As can be seen from these plans, the workload in 2009 is ambitious and many of the development projects involve communications with FERC through several orders, or joint efforts with NERC or among the quadrants themselves. The plans will be presented to the Board on March 26 for approval.

**eTariff Activities (WGQ and WEQ):** NAESB completed three workshops on the NAESB eTariff standards and implementation, with Mr. Spangler serving as the instructor. The workshops were held on October 21, November 21 and January 12 — and many of the software application providers were in attendance to confer with clients and potential clients who may be interested in third party solutions for electronic filings. A [list of eTariff vendors](#) are now provided on the NAESB web site with delineations of membership status in NAESB, to indicate familiarity with NAESB, its work products and its processes. Now that the workshops have completed and the web page has been set up to announce vendors for third party solutions, a workshop for vendors to describe their work products is under consideration.

**Order No. 890 and OATT Reform (WEQ):** NAESB WEQ Subcommittees continue to work diligently to complete the standards development tasks related to FERC Order No. 890. They have completed the development related to Capacity Benefit Margin, the remaining item associated with a FERC deadline. As such, NAESB will provide a status report to FERC on February 19, which will complete all deadline related ATC items, but does not complete many other development efforts related to FERC Order No. 890. [[Order 890 Work Plan](#)]

**Welcome New Members:**

- Cheniere Pipeline Company** - Contact: Whit Scott  
*(Wholesale Gas Quadrant, Pipeline Segment)*
- EnerNOC, Inc.** - Contact: Aaron Breidenbaugh  
*(Wholesale Electric Quadrant, End User Segment, End Use Sub segment)*
- Equitrans, L.P.** - Contact: Joseph M. Dawley  
*(Wholesale Gas Quadrant, Pipeline Segment)*
- The United Illuminating Company** - Contact: Rose Pysh  
*(Wholesale Electric Quadrant, Transmission Segment, IOU Sub Segment)*

NAESB Membership Total 322  
 Membership by quadrant is:  
 133 Wholesale Gas Quadrant  
 23 Retail Electric Quadrant  
 19 Retail Gas Quadrant  
 147 Wholesale Electric Quadrant  
 Net Membership Growth from 2008: 0 members

**STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT** *(continued)*

**New Version Standards Publications Expected (All Quadrants):** With the completion of several functions supportive of the Texas Registration Model nearing completion and several other customer choice program business practices approaching completion, it is planned that the next version of retail standards should be ready to go to press in second quarter 2009. Similarly with the efforts on FERC Order No. 717 and the technical implementation of price indexing related to FERC Order No. 698 well in hand, it is expected that the next version of WGQ standards should be ready for publication in third quarter 2009. Both the retail and the WGQ publication will contain significant changes as the last publication for each was in 2005 and 2006, respectively. The WEQ publication for version 002.1 should be published in conjunction with the filing with FERC on February 19 which includes the business practice standards for Capacity Benefit Margin. Version 002.2 would include the standards related to the remaining Order No. 890 development efforts which is not expected before fourth quarter 2009. [[Retail Publication Schedule](#), [WGQ Publication Schedule](#)]

**Development Process Efficiencies (All Quadrants):** NAESB continues to review process to gain efficiencies where it can. Most recently, the WGQ determined to use the [minor correction practice](#) to process code value changes, a process specifically noted in the practice, including the development of a [request form](#) and [recommendation form](#). As such, with no changes to any practices or governing documents, it is expected that both NAESB staff and committee member and industry time and effort will be saved by doing so. Also to support the objectives of effective meetings, Mr. Richard Miles of FERC and Mr. William Boswell, NAESB General Counsel, will conduct a two day work shop April 1-2.

**CALENDAR OF ACTION ITEMS**

**Due January 19, 2009** - WGQ Request for Formal Comments on Recommendations: R06016 - “Modify NAESB WGQ Standard No. 4.3.69 to expand the “Submit” function to include sending records to the TSP for processing from the Matrix to now include the Form as well” and R08007 - “Modify NAESB WGQ Standard No. 4.3.16 to refer to Appendix C for valid display and download formats.”

**Due January 22, 2009** - REQ/RGQ Request for Formal Comments on Recommendations: 2008 Retail Annual Plan Item No. 2a, Part 2 - Customer Enrollment, Drop and Account Information Change including using a Registration Agent (Data Dictionaries) and 2008 Retail Annual Plan Item No. 3 (iv) and (v), Part 1 - ESI ID Set-up, ESI ID Information Change, and Ad Hoc Historical Usage Using a Registration Agent (Model Business Practices)

**Due February 6, 2009** - Ratification Ballot for WGQ Member Vote on Standards Adopted by the WGQ Executive Committee on January 6, 2009: Recommendation WGQ 2008 Annual Plan Item 10 / R08026 - Standards of Conduct.

For updated action items please reference: [Calendar of Action Items](#)

**NAESB Primers and Training Courses:**

Please monitor the [NAESB Primers and Training Courses](#) web page for scheduling of upcoming courses.