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Mr. Tobin Richardson
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RE: Request for Comment on Smart Energy 2.0

Dear Mr. Richardson,

NAESB appreciates the opportunity to offer these comments and to support the efforts of the ZigBee Alliance. We look forward to continuing the successful relationship our organizations share.

With Best Regards,

Rae McQuade

Rae McQuade, President, NAESB

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Comments of the North American Energy Standards Board

Much like the ZigBee Alliance, the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) is a non-profit member-driven organization formed to add efficiency to the industry through the development of standards. NAESB was created with the support of the Department of Energy (DoE) for the purpose of developing voluntary standards and model business practices designed to promote more competitive and efficient natural gas and electric services that streamline the transactional processes of the natural gas and electric industries. NAESB and its predecessor organization, the Gas Industry Standards Board (GISB), have developed voluntary consensus-based standards in these industries for nearly twenty years with the support of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the DoE, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and state utility commissions, among other governmental and industry entities. Organizations such as NAESB and the ZigBee Alliance, which serve as a voice for the industry and provide necessary standardization, are critical to interoperability and the success of the modern electric grid.

NAESB's involvement in smart grid activities began in the spring of 2009 and at the request of the National Institute of Standards and Technology ("NIST") and the Smart Grid Interoperability Panel ("SGIP"); NAESB has developed a suite of standards in response to priority action plans 03, 04, 09 and 10. The development of these standards and the success of the NAESB smart grid efforts could not have taken place without the support of many organizations, including the ZigBee Alliance and its members. Specifically, the ZigBee Alliance's role in the development of the NAESB Energy Usage Information Model, through the leadership of Tobin Richardson as co-chair of the NAESB Smart Grid Standards Development Subcommittee on Priority Action Plan 10, was immeasurable. His ability to guide the development of the standard in a manner that recognized the interests of many different perspectives resulted in a product that is widely supported by the smart grid community and has been adopted as part of the SGIP Catalog of Standards.

As smart grid technologies are expanded and new areas of standards development are identified to ensure interoperability, it is important that standards setting organizations such as NAESB and the ZigBee Alliance continue to communicate and act as open forums for their respective memberships. The relationship that NAESB and the ZigBee Alliance have formed is as an example of a collaborative and inclusive partnership that can foster outcomes that serve the needs of all interested parties. NAESB looks forward to building upon this open and collegial relationship to the benefit of both organizations and to the industry at large.