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**TO:** All Interested Parties

**FROM:** Elizabeth Mallett, NAESB Deputy Director

**RE:** **Monthly Update Call – Board Retail Structure Review Committee**

Board Retail Structure Review Committee

In late February or early March, the Board Retail Structure Review Committee will hold a conference call with webcasting to discuss recent events within the Retail Markets Quadrant (RMQ). Chaired by Cade Burks of Big Data Energy, the committee met in November and December to discuss the challenges and opportunities faced by the RMQ. Specifically, the committee noted feedback that some of the obstacles to increasing membership by retail participants in NAESB are related to the cost of membership and the lack of interest in nationalized Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) standards while work in the individual states is already underway. Further, the committee discussed aspects of open source and traditional standards development efforts. During the upcoming meeting, the committee will continue discussion on these topics and potentially discuss options to present in a report to the Board of Directors.

As a background, during the September Board of Directors meeting, NAESB Chairman Michael Desselle, reconvened the Board Retail Structure Review Committee in order to review the status of the RMQ and make recommendations to the Board of Directors to resolve the membership concerns that the quadrant faces. Specifically, Section 2.3 of the NAESB Bylaws states, “[i]n order to have representation on the Board or the EC, a Quadrant shall have at least forty Voting Members and at least four Segments.” At the time of this writing, the RMQ has exactly forty-one members. As are all NAESB meetings, the Board Retail Structure Review Committee meetings and conference calls are open to all interested industry participants.