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NAESB MONTHLY UPDATE CONFERENCE CALL

WGQ & WEQ: UPDATE ON GAS-ELECTRIC HARMONIZATION ACTIVITIES AND FERC ORDER

NO. 809: Ms. Crockett, chair of the WGQ, delivered the gas-electric harmonization update. At the December 10, 2015 meeting of the NAESB Board of Directors, the GEH Forum was charged with 1) providing a forum for industry education from both the natural gas and electric industries regarding gas-electric coordination specific to computerized scheduling, and confirmations including a streamlined confirmation process, if necessary; 2) identifying potential issues specific to computerized scheduling, and confirmations including a streamlined confirmation process, if necessary, which could be based on the education provided in step one; 3) identifying potential solutions to the issues identified in step two; and 4) identifying potential schedules for standards development, including status and progress reports to the board. On January 25, 2016, the Gas-Electric Harmonization (GEH) Forum held an organizational and informational conference call to summarize the direction given by the NAESB Board of Directors. During the call, a request was made that participants submit presentations focusing on issues that might arise in computerized scheduling and potential solutions. The first face-to-face meeting of the GEH Forum was held on February 18 – 29, 2016, during which eight presentations were made by the NAESB WGQ Pipeline Segment, PJM, ACES Power, Fidelity National Information Services, Skipping Stone, Environmental Defense Fund, Coalition of Energy Technology Firms, and OATI. The GEH Forum held its second face-to-face meeting on March 7 – 8, 2016, during which the participants reviewed the issues presented in the presentations during the previous meeting and identified additional issues not previously discussed. During the next meeting, scheduled for March 21 – 22, 2016, the participants will categorize and further refine the issues with focus on developing a report for the NAESB Board of Directors to review during its April 7, 2016 meeting.

WGQ & WEQ: UPDATE ON FERC FORMS SUBCOMMITTEE: Mr. Spangler, co-chair of the FERC Forms Subcommittee, provided the update. The subcommittee was initiated by the NAESB Board of Directors in response to the Order Instituting Proceeding to Develop Electronic Filing Protocols for Commission Forms¹ issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) on April 16, 2015. In the order, the Commission proposed to replace the current filing format for various FERC Forms with the Extensible Mark-Up Language (XML) file format and to utilize the NAESB process for the XML development. FERC staff has provided a piece of example XML and a field analysis for FERC Form 1. The subcommittee will use this information to develop sample XML for the entirety of FERC Form 1. The next meeting of the subcommittee is schedule for March 24, 2016.

WGQ: LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG) CONTRACT UPDATE: Ms. Trum, NAESB Deputy Director, provided the update. For 2016, the WGQ Contracts Subcommittee has been assigned an annual plan item to consider and determine if a NAESB LNG Master Agreement is needed and, if so, develop the master agreement. The subcommittee has scheduled a meeting for March 24, 2016 to begin addressing this annual plan item.

WEQ: UPDATE ON NERC/NAESB IDC COORDINATION: Mr. True, co-chair of the WEQ Executive Committee, provided the update. NAESB continues coordination efforts with both the North American Electric Reliability Association (NERC) and the Interchange Distribution Calculator (IDC) Association regarding the Parallel Flow Visualization (PFV) project. On January 29, 2016, NAESB filed a PFV status report, drafted in coordination with NERC and the IDC Association, to provide the FERC with an updated project timeline based on new information provided by the IDC Association. This year, the IDC Association's IDC Working Group will begin working with the software vendor for the IDC tool to implement the needed modifications for PFV. The PFV field trial is scheduled to begin in August 2017.

¹ The Order Instituting Proceeding to Develop Electronic Filing Protocols is available at the following link:
https://naesb.org/pdf4/ferc041615_electronic_filing_protocols_forms.pdf



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Additionally, NAESB continues to engage coordination with NERC on various industry activities. In late February, NERC filed a request for standards development² proposing NAESB consider the removal of its WEQ-006 Manual Time Error Correction Business Practice Standards to correspond with the proposed retirement of the NERC BAL-004 Time Error Correction Reliability Standard. The NAESB standards are complementary to the NERC standards. The standards request was assigned to the WEQ Business Practices Subcommittee. NAESB and NERC hold monthly coordination calls to ensure that the organizations remain in lock step. Recently, the agenda has included the NERC BAL-004, BAL-005, and BAL-006 Reliability Standards, PFV, and a potential request for standards development to be submitted by WEQ leadership to address the proposed retirement by NERC of a requirement related to dynamic tagging.

WEQ: OASIS SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE: Mr. Wood, co-chair of the WEQ OASIS Subcommittee, provided the update. Currently, the subcommittee is working to address short-term and long-term preemption and competition. In December 2015, the WEQ OASIS Subcommittee voted out a recommendation in support of 2015 WEQ Annual Plan Item 2.a.i.2 – Long-Term Firm Rollover Rights Competition (OATT Section 2.2) for a forty-five day formal comment period. The subcommittee reviewed the formal comments during its January 26 – 28, 2016 meeting and developed late formal comments to address the issues raised during the formal comment period. However, there were four issues from the formal comments that the subcommittee was unable to resolve. The WEQ Executive Committee reviewed the recommendation as well as the formal comments during its meeting on February 23, 2016 and took action to remand the recommendation back to the WEQ OASIS Subcommittee to address the remaining issues as raised by the formal comments and discussed by the WEQ Executive Committee during the meeting. With the guidance provided by the WEQ Executive Committee, the WEQ OASIS Subcommittee was able to develop a revised recommendation which is currently the subject of a formal comment period ending on March 30, 2016. The subcommittee will review any formal comments received on the second recommendation during its meeting scheduled for March 29 – 31, 2016. Mr. Booe thanked Mr. Wood and Mr. Pritchard for their subcommittee leadership.

WEQ: COORDINATE INTERCHANGE SCHEDULING SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE: Mr. Phillips, chair of the WEQ Coordinate Interchange Scheduling Subcommittee (CISS), provided the update. The CISS is currently working to address 2016 WEQ Annual Plan Item 5.d – Review and modify as necessary WEQ-004, Electric Industry Registry (EIR) Business Practice Standards, Electronic Tagging (e-Tag) Functional Specification, and e-Tag Schema to make the necessary modifications to recognize the Market Operator role within the Electric Industry Registry. The subcommittee has already identified and made the modifications to the WEQ-004 Coordinate Interchange Business Practice Standards and the WEQ-022 EIR Business Practice Standards based on the Market Operator White Paper developed by the subcommittee participants. The subcommittee is currently working to identify and make the necessary modifications to the e-Tag Functional Specification and e-Tag Schema.

RMQ: SUPREME COURT RULING ON FERC ORDER NO. 745: Mr. Winkler, co-chair of the WEQ/RMQ Demand Side Management and Energy Efficiency (DSM-EE) Subcommittee, provided the update. On January 25, 2016, the Supreme Court of the United States upheld FERC Order No. 745 and reversed and remanded the D.C. Circuit Court ruling vacating the FERC order. The WEQ and the RMQ have annual plan items (2016 WEQ Annual Plan Item 8.a and 2016 RMQ Annual Plan Item 7.a) to review the NAESB Demand Response Business Practice Standards as needed in response to the Supreme Court of the United States ruling on FERC Order No. 745. The WEQ/RMQ DSM-EE Subcommittee has a meeting scheduled for March 11, 2016. Mr. True commented that NAESB Demand Response Standards are high-level and there would likely be no changes to the standards as the Supreme Court of the United States upheld FERC Order No. 745, which was in place when the standards were originally developed.

RMQ: GREEN BUTTON ALLIANCE AND THE NAESB ESPI STANDARD: Mr. Coffin and Mr. Roberts with the Green Button Alliance, provided the update. The Green Button Alliance is a non-profit organization formed for the purpose of fostering the development, compliance, and adoption of the Green Button. The Green

² Standards Request R16002 is available at the following link: <https://naesb.org/pdf4/r16002.doc>



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Button was initiated in 2011 by the White House Office of Science and Technology and is built upon the NAESB Energy Service Provider Interface (ESPI) Standard. Using the Green Button, over 100 million people across the United States have access to their energy data. Since the debut of the initiative, there have been variances in the implementation of Green Button and the NAESB ESPI Standard. The Green Button Alliance has committed to participating in NAESB efforts to update the NAESB ESPI standard. Additionally, the Green Button Alliance is developing a Green Button Certification Program that would require entities seeking certification to comply with the NAESB ESPI Standard and provide proof that the entity has obtained legal access to the standard.

RMQ: UPDATE ON RETAIL NET METERING STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT EFFORT: Mr. Precht, co-chair of the RMQ Business Practices Subcommittee, provided the update. The scope of the retail net metering effort is limited to identifying and providing the net metering data required by market participants in competitive energy markets in jurisdictions where charges to retail customers account for retail net metering arrangements. Four existing suites of retail model business practices are impacted by this standards development effort: RXQ.3 – Billing and Payments in Competitive Energy Markets, RXQ.8 – Retail Customer Information, RXQ.10 – Customer Enrollment, Drop, and Account Information Change, and RXQ.11 – Customer Enrollment, Drop, and Account Information Change Using a Registration Agent. During the February 24, 2016 meeting, the RMQ Executive Committee adopted the proposed modifications to RXQ.11. All other modifications to the model business practices have been previously adopted and ratified. The next step will be to complete the technical documentation. The RMQ Information Requirements and Technical Electronic Implementation Subcommittee is currently working to complete the technical implementation for RXQ.8.

REGULATORY ACTIVITIES AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING UPDATE: Mr. Booe, NAESB Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, provided the update. The Board of Directors will hold its next meeting on April 7, 2016. A major topic of discussion during the meeting will likely be gas-electric harmonization and the activities of the GEH Forum. During the Board of Directors Reception and Dinner, to be held on April 6, 2016, the Honorable Brank Terzic will be the speaker and provide his perspective on the state of the current energy market.

Regarding regulatory activities, NAESB will likely soon be filing a status report with the Commission to provide an update on gas-electric harmonization activities.

NEXT CONFERENCE CALL: The next Monthly Update conference call is scheduled for May 11, 2016 from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Central. The agenda and any work papers will be posted on the Monthly Update page of the NAESB website, accessible at the following link: http://www.naesb.org/monthly_update.asp. We hope you can join us. If there are particular topics you would like to see covered or if you would like to receive additional information, please contact the NAESB Office by phone at (713) 356-0060 or email at naesb@naesb.org.



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Michelle Coon	OATI
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Valerie Crockett	Tennessee Valley Authority
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Jeremy Faulkner	BP Pipelines (North America) Inc.
Keith Flynn	TransCanada US Pipes
Bill Heinman	Golden Pass Pipeline
Max Hermis	Spectra Energy
Sherry Hill	TransCanada Pipelines
Rachel Hogge	Dominion Transmission
Linda Horn	We Energies
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