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**TO:** All Interested Parties

**FROM:** Elizabeth Mallett, Director, Wholesale Gas and Retail Markets Quadrants

**RE: Renewable Natural Gas and Certified Gas Addenda Updates**

Recently, the WGQ Contracts Subcommittee met to continue drafting a NAESB Renewable Natural Gas Addendum (NAESB RNG Addendum) for the *NAESB Base Contract for Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas* (NAESB Base Contract). Since February of 2021, the subcommittee has held twenty-seven meetings to develop the addendum which will support sales and purchase transactions in both regulated and voluntary RNG markets. Once the NAESB RNG Addendum itself is complete, the participants will leverage the previous WGQ work effort to digitize the NAESB Base Contract in order to enable its use on electronic platforms, including distributed ledger technology. Subsequent meetings to address the NAESB RNG Addendum have been scheduled for August 23rd, and September 13th.

Once the recommendation containing the NAESB RNG Addendum is approved by the WGQ Executive Committee and ratified by NAESB membership, the subcommittee will move onto the task of developing the technical implementation needed for parties to utilize the NAESB Draft RNG Addendum on digital technologies, such as distributed ledger technology. In that effort, the subcommittee will leverage the previous implementation work performed by the subcommittee to digitize the NAESB Base Contract.

On August 18th, the WGQ Contracts Subcommittee has scheduled its next meeting to discuss the Certified Gas Addendum (NAESB CG Addendum) to the NAESB Base Contract. Since its first kick-off meeting to address the CG Addendum in June, the subcommittee has been hard at work refining the scope of the project, reviewing proposed terms and conditions, and discussing the name of the product – the subcommittee temporarily settled on “Certified Gas” until further discussion is held. During the well-attended follow up meetings, the subcommittee reviewed numerous comments submitted by Argus Media, BP, Cheniere Corpus Christi Liquefaction, ConocoPhillips, Emera Energy, the Environmental Defense Fund, Equitable Origin, MiQ, NRG and Eversheds Sutherland, Project Canary, Sabine Pass Liquefaction, and Sequent Energy Management.

The WGQ Contracts Subcommittee has called for any comments concerning the draft Certified Gas Addendum to be submitted to the NAESB office two to three days before the scheduled meetings. As stated above, the next call to address the NAESB CG Addendum is scheduled for August 18th and all interested parties are welcome to attend.