##### October 7, 2024

**TO:** All Interested Parties

**FROM:** Amrit Nagi, Staff Attorney

**RE: WEQ/RMQ/WGQ Gas-Electric Coordination**

On October 24, 2024, the WGQ Executive Committee will consider a recommendation voted out by the Joint WEQ, WGQ, and RMQ Business Practices Subcommittee (BPS) in support of the joint 2024 Annual Plan assignments regarding the consideration of standards to support enhanced gas-electric market coordination communication during critical events. The recommendation proposes new and revised WGQ Business Practice Standards. These proposed standards will (1) establish a new area on an interstate pipeline’s informational posting web sites called “Gas Electric Coordination” where scheduled quantity data will be posted for pipelines that are directly connected to natural gas-fired power plants and (2) require interstate natural gas pipelines to include geographic information of impacted areas, locations, or pipe-line facilities when issuing a Critical Notice. A formal industry comment period ended on August 19, 2024, with comments submitted by Interstate Natural Gas Association of America and the ISO/RTO Council Electric Gas Coordination Task Force, both in general support of the recommendation. If adopted by the WGQ Executive Committee and subsequently ratified by membership, the standards will become a final action.

As part of a separate annual plan item, the WEQ BPS is considering the need for complementary WEQ Business Practices Standards to address cold weather preparedness and create corresponding business practices that may be beneficial for the industry. NERC made these changes in response to the FERC-NERC-Regional Entity Staff Report: February 2021 Cold Weather Outages in Texas and the South Central United States. The subcommittee held three meetings to review NERC Reliability Standards EOP-011 Emergency Operations, EOP-012 Extreme Cold Weather Preparedness and Operations, and TOP-002-5 Operations Planning and consider if there were any business practices that could be necessary or beneficial to support the industry in its implementation. The WEQ BPS reviewed each requirement of the identified NERC Reliability Standards and determined that there is likely no need for complementary business practices standards at this time. The subcommittee voted out a no action recommendation during its October 3, 2024 meeting. The formal comment period for the no action recommendation ends on November 4, 2024.