##### November 22, 2016

**TO:** All Interested Parties

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

**RE: Retail Markets Quadrant (RMQ) Net Metering Activities Update**

**Update on Retail Net Metering Activities –**

On November 14, 2016, the RMQ Executive Committee approved, via notational ballot, two recommendations containing the data dictionaries and technical implementation for RMQ Book 10 – Customer Enrollment, Drop, and Account Information Change and Book 11– Customer Enrollment, Drop, and Account Information Change Using a Registration Agent. The two recommendations were unanimously voted out of the Information Requirements and Technical Electronic Implementation Subcommittee (IR/TEIS) on September 14, 2016. The thirty day formal comment period on the recommendations began on September 20, 2016 and concluded on October 19, 2016. The technical implementation for Book 10 facilitates Retail Net Metering within the 814 Enrollment Request/Confirmation/Rejection, the 814 Change Request/Confirmation/Rejection, and the 814 Reinstatement Request/Confirmation/Rejection transactions. The modifications to the Book 11 technical implementation address Retail Net Metering in the transactions under 814 Account Information Change Request and the 814 Enrollment Confirmation. The recommendations are currently posted for ratification by the NAESB membership. The ratification ballot is due on December 13, 2016.

As you may remember, the RMQ BPS initiated the Retail Met Metering effort by developing a definition for Retail Net Metering during its October 2013 meeting. As there are a myriad of differing implementations of net metering arrangements and variations in policy decisions by state commissions on the subject, the RMQ Executive Committee limited the scope of the project to metering data in competitive markets where net metering is available. Since October 2013, the RMQ BPS and RMQ IR/TEIS have revised four RMQ books to include Model Business Practices and Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) transaction standards to support Retail Net Metering: Book 3; RXQ.8 – Retail Customer Information Model Business Practices (Book 8), RXQ.10 – Retail Customer Enrollment, Drop, and Account Information Change Model Business Practices (Book 10); and RXQ.11 Customer Enrollment, Drop and Account Information Change Using a Registration Agent Model Business Practices (Book 11).

Ratified on October 5, 2016, the recommendation developed by the IR/TEIS for 2016 RMQ Annual Plan Item 3.b.ii – Book 3 was unanimously voted out of the IR/TEIS back in June. The revisions were approved by the RMQ Executive Committee through a notational ballot on September 2, 2016. Additionally, the IR/TEIS recommendation for Book 8 was ratified by the NAESB membership on June 8, 2016 and marked the completion of 2015 RMQ Annual Plan Items 1.b **–** Technical Implementation for Book 8 – and 2015 RMQ Annual Plan Item 4.b.ii – Book 8 – Customer Information.

Published on March 31, 2016, Version 3.1 of the NAESB RMQ Model Business Practices includes the NAESB Retail Net Metering Model Business Practices within Books 3, 8, 10, and 11 that were voted out of the RMQ Business Practice Subcommittee (BPS). The IR/TEIS accompanying revisions to the technical implementation for Books 3, 8, 10 and 11 will be included in the next RMQ publication.

Moving forward, the IR/TEIS will close out the year with one more conference call on December 6, 2016. Interested parties are strongly encouraged to participate in the RMQ IR/TEIS meetings. If you know someone who may be interested in the RMQ IR/TEIS, please have them contact the NAESB office at (713) 356-0060.