



# North American Energy Standards Board

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## NAESB MONTHLY UPDATE CONFERENCE CALL

**WEQ: UPDATE ON NERC/NAESB/EIDSN:** Mr. True delivered the coordination update. NAESB and NERC regularly hold coordination calls to ensure the staff of the two organizations remain in lock step. Recently, those calls have focused on the WEQ publication that is set to be released tomorrow, December 8. A filing with FERC regarding the publication will be submitted that same day and includes updates concerning the Parallel Flow Visualization efforts, the removal of the PSE functional entity registration category from the NERC Compliance Registry, and cybersecurity, among other items. Mr. Booe thanked Mr. True for serving as the WEQ Executive Committee Chair.

**WEQ: UPDATE ON THE OASIS SUBCOMMITTEE ACTIVITIES** Mr. Pritchard delivered the WEQ OASIS update. He stated that, after the completion of the Short-Term Preemption and Competition standards, the subcommittee moved on to develop two no action recommendations and posted, for an informal comment period, a joint WEQ OASIS and WEQ Business Practices Subcommittee (BPS) recommendation concerning Redispatch Cost Posting to allow for the posting of third party offers of planning redispatch services. Additionally, during the January face-to-face meeting, the subcommittee anticipates the completion of a recommendation to address Paragraph 1627 of FERC Order No. 890. The OASIS Subcommittee has reviewed the six remaining items on the annual plan and will soon undertake a scope discussion regarding each item. Mr. Booe explained that three WEQ OASIS participants have been appointed co-chairs to assist with the substantial amount of subcommittee work, including Ken Quimby, Matt Schingle, and Rob Arbitelle. Mr. Pritchard stated that he appreciates the robust participation of the industry in the subcommittee activities.

**WEQ: ELECTRIC INDUSTRY REGISTRY (EIR)** Mr. Phillips delivered the update. He stated that the retirement of the Electronic Tagging (e-Tag) Functional Specification Version 1.8.2 on November 7, 2017 coincides with the retirement of the legacy market operator functionalities from the EIR in order to support the full use of the separate market operator role within the EIR. The retirement will also help the industry differentiate between e-Tagging changes made for market and reliability purposes. On November 28, 2017, modifications to the EIR will be implemented to ensure consistency in the performance of all data objects. Earlier this year, it was discovered that there was a coding error that had caused some pseudo-tie data objects that contained expired or otherwise invalid data to inadvertently still appear on registry display screens. The modifications will correct this coding error and allow subscribers to receive alarm notifications regarding the pending expiration of a pseudo-tie, similar to the alarm notifications provided for other pending data object expirations.

**WEQ: CYBERSECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE:** Mr. Buccigross reviewed the two recurring annual plan items addressed by the WEQ Cybersecurity Subcommittee. The first annual plan item calls for a review of WEQ 012 and the accreditation requirements for Authorized Certification Authorities (ACA) and the second annual plan item requests that the subcommittee evaluate the standards as needed to support and/or complement the current version of the NERC Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Standards and any other activities of NERC and the FERC related to cybersecurity. He stated that during the subcommittee review of the NAESB ACA requirements, it was found that some National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) guidelines were no longer current. The participants determined that modifications should be applied to Section 2.2.2 Authentication of Subscribers, to provide new mappings for the identity proofing process methods. Additionally, Section 3.7.1 was modified to remove a requirement relating to action NAESB may take that was already adequately addressed by the Authorized Certification Authority Process. Mr. Buccigross thanked Mr. Skiba for working with the subcommittee to complete the recommendation.

**WEQ & WGQ: FERC FORMS SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE:** Mr. Brooks delivered the FERC Forms Subcommittee update. He stated that the subcommittee will remain in a holding pattern until the XML and XSD development is completed by FERC staff. He stated that the subcommittee hopes to receive the documents next month. Mr. Booe thanked Mr. Brooks for the update.



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**RMQ: GREEN BUTTON UPDATE:** Mr. Tomlinson delivered the Green Button update. On November 29, 2017, the Ontario Ministry of Energy issued a regulatory posting proposing to require electricity and natural gas utilities to implement Green Button Download My Data (DMD) and Connect My Data (CMD) by July 1, 2020. The 54-day comment period for the proposal concludes on January 22, 2018. Mr. Tomlinson noted that the purchase of the NAESB REQ.21 Energy Services Provider Interface (ESPI) Standard, the critical XML foundation for the Green Button, would be required of the Ontarian regulated entities. Additionally, the Ontario Ministry of Energy will be joining the NAESB RMQ in the near future and will participate in the upcoming updates ESPI Standard. Recently, Ontario undertook a cost benefit analysis report concerning aspects of the Green Button. Mr. Booe thanked Mr. Tomlinson for the update and stated that the cost benefit analysis, if made available, will be linked on the NAESB website.

**RMQ: BOARD RETAIL STRUCTURE REVIEW COMMITTEE UPDATE:** Mr. Burks delivered the update. The Board Retail Structure Review Committee (RSRC) was reconvened during the last Board of Directors meeting to ensure that the RMQ maintains 40 or more members, per the requirements of the NAESB bylaws. The group identified three areas of focus – Green Button, Open Field Message Bus (OpenFMB), and collaboration with state working groups. Although a common repository of EDI standards from each state maintained under NAESB would be convenient for both state working group participants, suppliers, and vendors, the cost of participation in NAESB is often cited as the biggest challenge to participation. The group will continue to discuss membership fees, along with the treatment of open source standards, the Intellectual Property Policy, and a potential Memorandum of Understanding with the Smart Electric Power Alliance as it continues to address the three areas. MR. Booe thanked Mr. Burks for the update and noted that the group is tackling these tough issues with the intent to create a long term and sustainable solution.

**BOARD CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE UPDATE ON SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES SURETY ASSESSMENT:** Mr. Burks delivered the update on the Board Critical Infrastructure Committee. He stated that the Sandia National Laboratories surety assessment is divided into three tasks: a review of the WGQ and RMQ Internet Electronic Transport and Electronic Delivery Mechanism Standards, a review of the standards and documentation comprising the Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) Certification Program, and a dependency analysis between the gas and electric markets. During its December meeting, the group discussed a scoping document created by Sandia National Laboratories. The final report is anticipated to be complete in four to six weeks. Mr. Booe thanked Mr. Burks for the update.

**REGULATORY ACTIVITIES AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING UPDATES:** Mr. Booe delivered the Regulatory Activities update. Version 003.2 of the NAESB WEQ Business Practice Standards will be published and filed with the FERC on December 8, 2017. He noted that a final order has not yet been issued from the FERC on Version 003.1 of the standards and that a similar occurrence had taken place in the WGQ a few years back. On November 17, 2017, the Parliamentary Committee met to discuss moving forward with revisions to the NAESB governance documents to incorporate previous board resolutions, common practices, and updates for consistency. On the same day, the Board Revenue Committee met to review the proposed budget for 2018 and received updates on the communication activities, the membership reports, and the regulatory reports. Also, the Board Strategic Planning Task Force met recently to review the 2018 proposed plans from the Executive Committee to make ensure that they align with the strategic direction of the industry. During the December board meeting, the participants will approve the 2018 budget and the NAESB 2018 annual plans. The board dinner speaker will be Former FERC Chairman Bay and the speaker during the board meeting will be Former Commissioner Spitzer.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Mr. Booe stated the frequency of the Monthly Update calls will be reduced during the upcoming new year and the next call will be scheduled for February.

**NEXT CONFERENCE CALL:** The next Monthly Update conference call is scheduled for February 28, 2018 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](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](mailto:naesb@naesb.org).



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