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**TO:** Interested Industry Parties

**FROM:** Caroline Trum, Director of Wholesale Electric Activities

**RE:** Joint WEQ Business Practices Subcommittee (BPS), RMQ BPS, and WEQ Cybersecurity Subcommittee Meeting – Draft Minutes – February 18, 2025

**DATE:** February 18, 2025

**WHOLESALE ELECTRIC QUADRANT**

**RETAIL MARKETS QUADRANT**

**Business Practices Subcommittees and Cybersecurity Subcommittee**

**Conference Call**

**February 18, 2025 – 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Central**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

1. **Welcome**

Mr. Brooks welcomed the participants to the meeting. Ms. Trum provided the antitrust and meeting policies reminder. The participants introduced themselves. Mr. Brooks reviewed the agenda. The agenda was adopted by consensus.

The participants reviewed the draft minutes from the January 15, 2025 meeting. No modifications were offered. Mr. Galloway moved, seconded by Ms. Lee, to adopt the draft minutes as final. The motion passed a simple majority vote without opposition. The final minutes for the January 15, 2025 meeting can be viewed at the following hyperlink: <https://www.naesb.org/pdf4/weq_bps_css_rmq_bps011525fm.docx>.

1. **Discuss the** **DER Aggregator-Distribution Utility Bidirectional Market Based Information Communications Use Case**

Mr. Brooks stated that there were no additional comments or participant submitted work papers regarding the [use case](https://naesb.org/pdf4/weq_bps_css_rmq_bps021825w1.docx) submitted for the meeting. He asked if there was any additional discussion or comments. None were offered.

Mr. Brooks noted that, at the request of the chairs, [the NARUC-DoE Cybersecurity Baselines for Electric Distribution Systems and DER Interim Implementation Guidance](https://naesb.org/pdf4/weq_bps_css_rmq_bps021825w2.pdf) was posted as a work paper for the meeting. The participants discussed the white paper.

Mr. Galloway stated that the white paper references state adoption of the identified cybersecurity baselines. He noted that the WEQ Business Practice Standards have been adopted by FERC into regulation and asked how state regulators utilize NAESB standards. Ms. Trum stated that NAESB makes available new versions of the RMQ Model Business Practices available to state regulators via NARUC and also upon request. She explained that, as with the wholesale business practices, decisions regarding consideration or action on the model business practices is a determination for regulators. Mr. Coffin noted while there may be industry guidance in an area, RMQ Model Business Practices can still be helpful for state regulatory commissions. He explained that the business practices can support consistency in implementation across multiple retail jurisdictions and, where applicable, the wholesale markets. Mr. Brooks asked if there was any additional discussion or comments regarding the white paper. None were offered.

1. **Discuss the Continuation of Standards Development to Support 2025 RMQ Annual Plan Item 2.a / 2025 WEQ Annual Plan Item 3.c** **– Review cybersecurity protections, such as Public Key Infrastructure (PKI), that may be necessary to secure electronic communications for distributed energy resources (DERs), and develop business practices as needed**

Mr. Brooks stated that the joint subcommittees have held several meetings to discuss the potential development of standards. He noted that while a finalized DER Aggregator-Distribution Utility Bidirectional Market Based Information Communications Use Case could be used as a framework for standards development, additional information is still needed, especially from distribution utilities and DER aggregators. Mr. Galloway stated that there may not be the necessary industry support at this time to move forward with standards development in this area. Mr. Coffin agreed, noting that there could be future standard development efforts in this area. He stated that there should be consideration of any future proposals from industry or state regulators, especially to support the NARUC-DoE Cybersecurity Baselines for Electric Distribution Systems and DER. There was general consensus to draft a no action recommendation.

Mr. Galloway moved, seconded by Mr. Kloster, to adopt the [no action recommendation](https://naesb.org/pdf4/weq_bps_css_rmq_bps021825a1.docx). The motion passed a simple majority vote without opposition.

1. **Identify Next Steps and Action Items**

Mr. Brooks stated that the approval of the no action recommendation concludes the jointly assigned items on the 2025 Annual Plans for the RMQ BPS, WEQ BPS, and WEQ Cybersecurity Subcommittee. Ms. Trum stated that the WEQ and RMQ BPS have two remaining jointly assigned items to consider and develop business practices to help promote interoperability in the integration of DER management systems, which can be used to aggregate and centralize management of DERs, and other industry tools that facilitate access to DER data. Additionally, the WEQ Cybersecurity Subcommittee has two remaining 2025 WEQ Annual Plan assignments and one joint assignment with the WEQ BPS. She stated that NAESB will work with leadership of the subcommittees to schedule these meetings.

1. **Discuss Future Meetings**

Mr. Brooks stated that there are no additional planned joint meetings of the RMQ BPS, WEQ BPS, and WEQ Cybersecurity Subcommittee at this time.

1. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 1:37 PM Central on a motion by Mr. Coffin, seconded by Mr. Galloway.

1. **Attendance**

| **First Name** | **Last Name** | **Organization** |
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| Scott | Barfield-McGinnis | NERC |
| Tanner | Brier | BPA |
| Dick | Brooks | Business Cyber Guardian |
| Don | Coffin | Green Button Alliance |
| Michelle | Coon | OATI |
| Katie | Davis | BPA |
| John | Galloway | ISO-New England |
| Darren | Lamb | CAISO |
| Annabelle | Lee | Nevermore Security |
| Kyo | Kelly | Southern Company |
| Alan | Kloster | KCP&L and Westar, Evergy Companies |
| Hayden | Maples | KCP&L and Westar, Evergy Companies |
| Debbie | McKeever | Oncor |
| Darrell | Miller | Latitude Technologies, an ESG Company |
| Amrit | Nagi | NAESB |
| Kirsten | Rowley | MISO |
| Lisa | Sieg | LG&E and KU Services |
| Ben | Stander | OATI |
| Scott | Stewart | BPA |
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