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**TO:** NAESB Retail Markets Quadrant (RMQ) and Wholesale Electric Quadrant (WEQ) Business Practices Subcommittee (BPS) Participants and Interested Parties,

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

**RE:** Final Minutes from Joint RMQ BPS and WEQ BPS Conference Call – August 8, 2024

**DATE:** August 20, 2024

**NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY STANDARDS BOARD**

**Joint RMQ/WEQ Business Practices Subcommittee**

**Conference Call with Webcasting**

**August 8, 2024 – 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Central**

**FINAL MINUTES**

1. **Welcome**

Ms. Sieg welcomed the participants to the meeting. Ms. Trum provided the Antitrust and Other Meeting Policies reminder. Ms. Sieg reviewed the agenda. The review of the draft minutes was struck. Mr. Zermeno moved, seconded by Mr. Watson, to adopt the revised draft agenda. The motion passed a simple majority vote without opposition.

1. **Continue to Discuss Informal Industry Feedback and Finalize the NAESB Base Contract for the Sale and Purchase of Distribution Services from DER Aggregations and Conditions Precedent Addendum**

Ms. Sieg stated that comments regarding the draft documents had been submitted by [CAISO](https://naesb.org/pdf4/weq_rmq_bps080824w3.docx) and [Corpus Christi Liquefaction](https://naesb.org/member_login_check.asp?doc=weq_rmq_bps080824w6.docx). She asked Mr. Lamb to review the comments from CAISO. Mr. Lamb stated that after discussing the draft contract internally, CAISO had questions regarding how the contract addresses applicable requirements that may be required by other entities, such as ISOs/RTOs and data sharing with ISO/RTO grid operators. Ms. Sieg stated that, as previously discussed by the participants, the intended parties to the contract are a DER aggregator or other third-party acting as the Seller and a distribution utility acting as the Buyer. She noted that the contract requires the Seller to follow requirements provided in Governing Documents, which could include operational coordination requirements. She explained that Section 17 includes several general terms and conditions related to operational coordination but that any agreements or interactions between a DER aggregator or distribution utility with other parties, such as bulk electric system operators, would need to be addressed outside of the contract.

The participants reviewed the comments submitted by Corpus Christi Liquefaction and agreed to incorporate the proposed changes.

Ms. Sieg stated that the WEQ/RMQ BPS Chairs had created a [Parking Lot Work Paper](https://naesb.org/member_login_check.asp?doc=weq_rmq_bps080824w5.docx) to identify the outstanding issues that still needed to be addressed and drafted [proposed revisions](https://naesb.org/member_login_check.asp?doc=weq_rmq_bps080824w5.docx) for the subcommittees to consider as a starting point for discussions. She reviewed the proposed revisions with the participants. Mr. Villarreal stated support for the modifications to Section 14. He explained that the changes will better clarify the data that is to be made available by the Buyer and Seller and that the use of such data by either party, including a customer’s energy usage information, should be limited to the express purpose for which the data is provided.

There was general agreement from participants to incorporate the proposed changes to the NAESB Base Contract for the Sale and Purchase of Distribution Services. The contract as revised during the meeting is available at the following link: <https://naesb.org/member_login_check.asp?doc=weq_rmq_bps080824a4.docx>.

The participants discussed the Draft NAESB Conditions Precedent Addendum as [revised](https://naesb.org/member_login_check.asp?doc=weq_rmq_bps080824w2.docx) during the previous meeting. Mr. Hubert stated that the term DS Interconnection Agreement may be confusing potential parties to the contract as all Resources will likely have an interconnection agreement with a distribution utility that establishes the terms and conditions to interconnect with the distribution utility’s system. He suggested that the term be renamed to better reflect that the requirements being referenced are those that must be met to be eligible to provide distribution services under a distribution utility or regulatory program. The participants agreed to rename DS Interconnection Agreement to Applicable Program Requirements and add a new defined term for Interconnection Agreement.

Mr. Patel asked if additional details could be provided to the addendum to identify specific communications or requirements that must be met. Ms. Sieg stated that as previously discussed by the participants, specific requirements, agreements, and interactions may vary widely based on the needs of the distribution utility, jurisdiction, and the resource type. She explained that in drafting the contract, the intent of the participants was to provide an appropriate level of specificity without being overly broad or too narrow. She suggested that the participants may want to consider the creation of an FAQ document which could provide additional details regarding the use of the contract. Mr. Patel stated support for this suggestion.

The addendum as revised during the meeting is available at the following link: <https://naesb.org/member_login_check.asp?doc=weq_rmq_bps080824a2.docx>.

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

Ms. Sieg stated that for the next meeting, the WEQ/RMQ BPS Chairs will develop a draft FAQ document for participant discussion. She asked participants to review the changes made to the contract and addendum during the meeting and provide any additional comments for discussion.

1. **Discuss Future Meetings**

Ms. Sieg stated that the next meeting of the WEQ/RMQ BPS will be held on August 20, 2024 and include the possibility of a vote on a recommendation.

1. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM Central on a motion by Mr. Watson.

1. **Attendance**

| **First Name** | **Last Name** | **Organization** |
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| Rebecca | Berdahl | BPA |
| Tanner | Brier | BPA |
| Katie | Davis | BPA |
| Shawn | Grant | CAISO |
| Darren | Lamb | CAISO |
| Tanguy | Hubert | EPRI |
| Robert | Kott | CAISO |
| Hayden | Maples | Evergy |
| Amrit | Nagi | NAESB |
| Farrokh | Rahimi | OATI |
| Saumil | Patel | ICF |
| Lisa | Sieg | LGE & KU Services |
| James | Sorrels | AEP |
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