**1. RECOMMENDED ACTION: EFFECT OF EC VOTE TO ACCEPT RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

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| X | Accept as requested | X | Change to Existing Practice |
|  | Accept as modified below |  | Status Quo |
|  | Decline |  |  |

**2. TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT/MAINTENANCE**

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| **Per Request:** | | **Per Recommendation:** | |
|  | Initiation |  | Initiation |
| X | Modification | X | Modification |
|  | Interpretation |  | Interpretation |
|  | Withdrawal |  | Withdrawal |
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|  | Principle |  | Principle |
|  | Definition |  | Definition |
|  | Business Practice Standard |  | Business Practice Standard |
| X | Document | X | Document |
|  | Data Element |  | Data Element |
|  | Code Value |  | Code Value |
|  | X12 Implementation Guide |  | X12 Implementation Guide |
|  | Business Process Documentation |  | Business Process Documentation |

**3. RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY:**

On March 19, 2025, the WGQ Contracts Subcommittee (JTSC) voted to approve a recommendation under 2025 WGQ Annual Plan Item 5 (**Review and update, as necessary, the RNG Addendum to address new regulations or new market developments related to RNG transactions under the NAESB Base Contract**). The vote on the update to the RNG Addendum was conducted per the meeting notes at the February 27, 2025 meeting.

The Annual Plan Item 5 scope includes the review and update, as necessary, the RNG Addendum to address new regulations or new market developments related to RNG transactions under the NAESB Base Contract. Specifically, the WGQ Contracts Subcommittee should perform a review of the Environmental Protection Agency’s final rule regarding the Renewable Fuel Standard Program for 2023-2025 which finalized Biogas Regulatory Reform Rule regulations to determine if further action is necessary to update the RNG Addendum, and if an update is required, commence work on updates to the RNG addendum, as may be necessary and appropriate.

The WGQ Contracts Subcommittee met on January 17, 2025, to review the scope of the review of US EPA’s Federal Register publication and related presentations under EPS’s updates under its Biogas Regulatory Reform Rule (BRRR). Subcommittee held follow-up meetings on February 12, 2025, March 4, 2025, and March 19, 2025. A key document during the discussions and review was a BRRR transaction flow chart provided by Keri Bevel of Anew Climate (copy inserted below).

* **Recommendation Attachment:**
* Att 1 Updated RNG Addendum to the Base Contract

**MOTION FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

Motion to approve the recommendation and the RNG Addendum as reviewed and updated on March 19, 2025 to be sent to the WGQ Executive Committee for review and adoption as a NAESB Standard.

The SC vote on the motion passed.

**4. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**a. Description of Request:**

2025 WGQ Annual Plan Item 5: Review and update, as necessary, the RNG Addendum to address new regulations or new market developments related to RNG transactions under the NAESB Base Contract.

**b. Description of Recommendation:**

The recommendation contains the proposed NAESB Standard as set forth in the Attachment listed above with links to the NAESB website.

**c. Business Purpose:**

The updated RNG Addendum to the NAESB Base Contract for Purchase and Sale of Natural Gas will provide updates to accommodate US EPA’s new Biogas Regulatory Reform Rule.

**d. Commentary/Rationale of Subcommittee(s)/Task Force(s):**

**WGQ Contracts Subcommittee Meeting Minutes:**

The SC’s rationale for the development of the recommendation is found in the meeting minutes listed below with links to the NAESB website.

* [January 17, 2025](https://naesb.org/pdf4/wgq_contracts011725fm.doc)
* [February 12, 2025](https://naesb.org/pdf4/wgq_contracts021225fm.doc)
* [March 4, 2025](https://naesb.org/pdf4/wgq_contracts030425dm.doc)
* March 19, 2025

**US EPA Biogas Regulatory Reform Rule (BRRR) transaction flow chart**

