| **NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY STANDARDS BOARD2024 ANNUAL PLAN for the WHOLESALE GAS QUADRANT****Adopted by the Board of Directors on December 12, 2024**  |
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| **Item Description** | **Completion[[1]](#endnote-1)** | **Assignment[[2]](#endnote-2)** |
| **1. Electronic Delivery Mechanisms** |
|  |  | Review WGQ Cybersecurity Related Standards Manual, including data fields and minimum technical characteristics, and revise as needed.Status: Complete for 2024 | 2024 | WGQ EDM Subcommittee |
| **2. Update Standards Matrix Tool for Ease of Use[[3]](#endnote-3)** |
|  |  | Update the reference tool developed for Version 3.2 to reflect modifications applicable to Version 4.0Status: Not Started | 2024 | WGQ IR/Technical Subcommittee |
| **3. Update Prior Standards for digital representation (Blockchain) of natural gas trade events** |
|  |  | After development testing of prior Standards for digital representation of natural gas trade events, consistent with NAESB WGQ Standard No. 6.3.1 – NAESB Base Contract for Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas (Base Contract), update prior standards based on results of testing.Status: Not Started | 2024 | Joint WGQ BPS/EDM/Contracts Subcommittee |
| **4. Gas-Electric Market Coordination** |
|  | Upon a request or as directed by NAESB Board or a relevant jurisdictional entity, develop and/or modify business practice standards, as needed, in response to the FERC-NERC-Regional Entity Staff Report: February 2021 Cold Weather Outages in Texas and the South Central United States or from the final report on Winter Storm Elliot. |
|  | a) | Review and modify the Gas / Electric Coordination Business Practice Standards and any corresponding standards to improve communication among the operators of production facilities (producers, gatherers, processors) and pipeline and storage facilities for the timely dissemination of this coordinated communication from the these facilities to and from relevant natural gas infrastructure entities, BAs, shippers, and end-use customers (i.e., Local Distribution Companies) as needed to enhance situational awareness during extreme cold weather events without endangering sensitive commercial informationStatus: Started |  | Joint WGQ, WEQ, and RMQ Business Practice Subcommittees |
|  | i. | Develop and/or modify business practice standards for the communication of information about operational issues (e.g. location, estimated duration of outage) to and from BAs, LDCs, and shippers in anticipation of critical notices, OFOs or force majeure notices during extreme weatherStatus: Started | 3rd Q, 2024 | Joint WGQ, WEQ, and RMQ Business Practice Subcommittees |
|  | ii. | Develop and/or modify business practice standards for the communication of aggregated volume data or confirmed scheduled quantities for key upstream receipt points on the pipeline system during extreme cold weather events Status: Started | 3rd Q, 2024 | Joint WGQ, WEQ, and RMQ Business Practice Subcommittees |
| **5. Purchase and Sale Agreement for Hydrogen Transactions** |
|  | Develop business practice standards, as needed, to support purchase and sale transactions related to hydrogenStatus: Underway | 2025 | WGQ Contracts Subcommittee |
| **Program of Standards Maintenance & Fully Staffed Standards Work** |
|  | Business Practice Requests  | Ongoing | Assigned by the EC[[4]](#endnote-4) |
|  | Continue review against plan for migration to ANSI ASC X12 new versions as needed and coordinate such activities with DISA. | Ongoing | Assigned by the EC3 |
|  | Information Requirements and Technical Mapping of Business Practices | Ongoing | Assigned by the EC3 |
|  | Interpretations for Clarifying Language Ambiguities  | Ongoing | Assigned by the EC4 |
|  | Maintenance of Code Values and Other Technical Matters | Ongoing | Assigned by the EC3 |
|  | Maintenance of eTariff Standards | As Requested | Assigned by the EC4 |
| **Provisional Activities** |
| 1. | Upon a request or as directed by NAESB Board or a relevant jurisdictional entity, develop and/or modify business practice standards, as needed, for standards development resulting from the NAESB Gas-Electric Harmonization Forum. |
| 2. | Upon a request or as directed by NAESB Board, review and update, as necessary, the RNG Addendum or CNG Addendum to address new regulations or new market developments related to RNG or CNG transactions under the NAESB Base Contract.  |

**Wholesale Gas Quadrant**

**Executive Committee (WGQ EC)**

**Business Practices Subcommittee (BPS)**

**Contracts Subcommittee**

**Information Requirements Subcommittee (IR)**

**Technical Subcommittee**

**Electronic Delivery Mechanism Subcommittee (EDM)**

**Technical**

**Implementation**

**Task Forces & Working Groups**

**Practices**

**Development**

The translation of business practices to usable uniform business transactions is accomplished through the definition of information requirements for the data, and mapping of that data into specific electronic transactions. This translation is performed by IR and Technical subcommittees and completes the standards development process, often referred to as “full staffing.” Both IR and Technical work in tandem to complete this crucial technical implementation activity. Until these steps have been completed, the process is incomplete, and in many cases, the business practices cannot be used.

**Interpretations Subcommittee**

NAESB 2024 WGQ EC and Subcommittee Leadership:

Executive Committee: Jim Buccigross, Chair, Rachel Hogge, Vice-Chair

Business Practices Subcommittee: Willis McCluskey, Ben Schoene

Information Requirements Subcommittee: Rachel Hogge, Nichole Lopez

Technical Subcommittee: Kim Van Pelt, Steven McCord

Contracts Subcommittee: Keith Sappenfield

Electronic Delivery Mechanism Subcommittee: Leigh Spangler, Christopher Burden

1. **End Notes, WGQ 2024 Annual Plan:**

 Dates in the completion column are by end of the quarter for completion by the assigned committee. The dates do not necessarily mean that the standards are fully staffed to be implementable by the industry, and/or ratified by membership. If one item is completed earlier than planned, another item can begin earlier and possibly complete earlier than planned. There are no begin dates on the plan. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. The assignments are abbreviated. The abbreviations and committee structure can be found at the end of the annual plan document. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
3. As implementation of business issues are presented to the Information Requirements Subcommittee and Technical Subcommittee, those issues will be given precedence over 2024 WGQ Annual Plan Item No. 2. [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
4. The EC assigns maintenance of existing standards on a request-by-request basis. [↑](#endnote-ref-4)