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2004 WGQ Annual Plan Approved by the Board of Directors – December 4, 2003

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Item Description	Completion¹	Assignment
Gas-Electric Scheduling Activities		
1 Status Report on Gas-Electric scheduling coordination issues.	2 nd Qtr 2004	Gas-Electric Coordination TF
Standards Implementation		
2 Review and develop necessary standards for FERC Order 2003 (Affiliate Order).	2 nd Qtr 2004	Business Practices Subcommittee
Electronic Delivery Mechanisms and Related Activities		
3 Preparation of documents and submission of EDM standards to ANSI for approval as ANSI standards.	3 rd Qtr 2004	EDM Subcommittee
4 Explore additional possibilities for partnership with the Department of Energy. Sandia Review of security and reliability of version 1.7. Status: Pending, Discussion Underway	3 rd Qtr 2004	EC Officers
5 Review and enhance security standards as required by technological changes. Review security standards as may be deemed necessary, e.g. Public Key Infrastructure (PKI). Status:	2 nd Qtr 2004	EDM Subcommittee
6 Review of minimum technical characteristics in Appendices C, D, and E of the EDM Manual. Status:	4 th Qtr 2004	EDM Subcommittee
7 Prepare a common NAESB Electronic Transport (ET) and WGQ Quadrant Electronic Delivery Mechanism (WGQ QEDM) manuals using the version 1.6 NAESB WGQ EDM tab 6 and applicable 4.x.x standards as a base.	2 nd Qtr 2004	EDM Subcommittee

¹ 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 so as 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.

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Provisional Activities²

Subsequent FERC orders – Docket No. RM 96-1 (Creditworthiness)

Review of ISDA Gas Annex.

Program of Standards Maintenance & Fully Staffed Standards Work³

Business Practice Requests	Ongoing	Assigned by the EC on a request by request basis
Continue review against plan for migration to ANSI ASC X12 new versions as needed and coordinate such activities with DISA.	Ongoing	ANSI (X12) Subcommittee
Information Requirements and Technical Mapping of Business Practices	Ongoing	Assigned by the EC on a request by request basis
Ongoing Interpretations for Clarifying Language Ambiguities	Ongoing	Assigned by the EC on a request by request basis
Ongoing Maintenance of Code Values and Other Technical Matters	Ongoing	Assigned by the EC on a request by request basis

- Notes: (a) Priority is given to action items that are carry-overs from the 2003 Annual Plan.
- (b) Any new activity should be preceded by a request from the submitter after which the annual plan will be revisited. The provisional items would only be addressed after a request is submitted or an order is issued by the FERC.

² To the extent that it is determined that any of the provisional activities should be worked upon during the year as a result of a specific request for standards development or a FERC action, the Board has the discretion to modify the annual plan. Additionally, provisional activities will remain on the Annual Plan for one year pending the filing of a formal request or a decision to add them to the plan as active items.

³ This work is considered routine maintenance and thus the items are not separately numbered.