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**TO:** All Interested Parties

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**RE: Electric Industry Registry Update**

**Update on the Electric Industry Registry Activities–**

On April 22, 2013, NAESB officially announced the beginning of Phase 3 of the Electric Industry Registry (EIR), also known as OATI’s webRegistry, transition. In this phase, the WECC Registry within the WECC Interchange Tool (WIT) will be retired and transitioned into the EIR. Additionally, legacy TSIN items retained within the EIR as part of the original transition will be retired, and the EIR publication will transition to XML file format only, with the CSV and MDB file formats being retired. Phase 3 represents the coordinated efforts of NAESB, OATI, and the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC). As part of this coordination, NAESB, OATI, and WECC jointly hosted information sessions on May 21, 2013, May 22, 2013, June 4, 2013 and June 6, 2013 to provide the industry with an opportunity to learn more about the new functionalities being released as part of Phase 3.

Parallel operations for WECC users of the EIR began in June 4, 2013. On Tuesday, October 29, 2013, parallel operations between the EIR/webRegistry and the WECC registry ceased, and the EIR/webRegistry became the official registry for WECC users. The success of this cutover can be attributed to the coordinated efforts of NAESB, WECC, and OATI, and NAESB would like to thank both organizations for their assistance in this effort. Especially, we would like to express our appreciation for the leadership of Bob Harshbarger of Puget Sound Energy and Joshua Phillips of SPP, who shepherded the transition to a successful conclusion. Much of our success was reliant on the skills of Bob and Joshua.

The second activity considered for Phase 3, the retirement of the CSV and MDB publication file formats, was completed on November 12, 2013. On this date, the EIR began to publish registry publications in the XML file format exclusively. The use of the XML publication file format will allow more flexibility for registry publications to respond to the need of the industry. The third activity of Phase 3 will be the retirement of several user interface functionalities to take place during the 1st Quarter 2014. The retirement of these functionalities will serve to streamline and improve the efficiency of the EIR/webRegistry.

Additionally, as a separate activity from Phase 3, on December 3, 2013, the online emergency publication request functionality was made available within the EIR/webRegistry. This functionality was requested by industry participants and replaced the interim solution that NAESB and OATI had been operating under which required entities to contact the OATI Help Desk and make a verbal request for an emergency publication. The new functionality will allow users to make an electronic request for an emergency publication twenty-four hours a day – increasing efficiency and enhancing support for users needing emergency publications. As discussed during the September 5, 2013 Board of Directors meeting, the cost of the enhanced functionality will be borne by entities making the emergency publication requests, as a processing fee must be remitted at the time the request is submitted.