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**TO:** All Interested Parties

**FROM:** Elizabeth Mallett

**RE: Renewable Energy Certificate (RECs) Contract Update**

Following the ratification of the *NAESB Base Contract for Sale and Purchase of Voluntary Renewable Energy Certificates* (NAESB REC Base Contract), the WEQ and RMQ BPS hit the ground running to begin the joint development of the technical implementation for the contract, including standards that allow for digitalization of the agreement. On March 15, 2022 and April 5, 2022, the subcommittees continue work on the Invoice and Invoice Response technical standards. To date, the participants have completed the data dictionary for the Invoice data set and have made substantial progress on the Transaction Confirmation data sets and code values. Where possible, the subcommittees are leveraging the standards created by the Wholesale Gas Quadrant efforts to digitalize the *NAESB Base Contract for Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas*. The subcommittees are on track to complete this joint effort next year.

As stated above, on November 4, 2021, the RMQ and WEQ membership ratified the NAESB REC Base Contract. The contract, approved by the WEQ Executive Committee on October 5 and the RMQ Executive Committee on October 6, was jointly developed by the WEQ and RMQ Business Practices Subcommittees (BPS). The NAESB REC Base Contract is intended to improve efficiencies in the voluntary REC transaction processes through the establishment of uniform terminology and model terms and conditions that can serve as a starting point for contract negotiations. Also, included as part of the model contract, is an attestation exhibit that allows parties to evidence transfer of REC ownership, including uniform description of a REC’s origins and creation. Additionally, the WEQ and RMQ BPS developed a FAQ document to that may be of use to parties utilizing the NAESB REC Base Contract.