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NAESB AT A GLANCE: MONTHLY UPDATE

UPDATE ON e-TAG TESTING: Mr. Harshbarger, co-chair of the Joint Electric Scheduling Subcommittee, provided the update on e-Tag testing in preparation of [implementing e-Tag version 1.8.1](#). E-Tag is a method of communicating interchange schedules between operating entities of the bulk electric system to ensure a common understanding of the nature of a transaction. Version 1.8.1 does not contain any changes to the schema; most of the changes were made to the way in which information is processed. The formal vendor testing occurred during the first two weeks of February, 2010. At the conclusion of the first two weeks of testing, the vendors agreed to continue testing, which delayed implementation by two weeks. On the first of March, vendors concluded testing and the cutover date was updated to March 30, 2010.

UPDATE ON NITS: Mr. Wood of Southern Company, and co-chair of the WEQ OASIS subcommittee provided a review of the [NAESB progress on NITS](#). Since the last monthly update call, the OASIS subcommittee has met twice in person and held one conference call. They have completed the application and evaluation of NITS and are currently working on modifications to the application. The next OASIS subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, 2010 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Central. The next face-to-face OASIS subcommittee meeting is scheduled for April 13-15 in Little Rock, AR, hosted by Entergy.

UPDATE ON DSM-EE EFFORTS:

Wholesale Demand Response Activities: Mr. True, chair of the wholesale demand response work group and co-chair of the DSM-EE subcommittee, provided an update on the wholesale demand response work. Two conference calls have been held in 2010 to continue to address the EC Demand Response Task Force's action items. The wholesale demand response work group created three task forces (glossary, model business practices and performance evaluation methods) to accomplish this work. The glossary task force has met twice to review and synchronize the [wholesale and retail demand response glossary terms](#). The model business practice task force and performance evaluation methods task force will both meet tomorrow, March 11, to kick off their efforts.

Retail Demand Response Activities: Ms. Cummings, NAESB counsel, provided the update on the retail demand response efforts. The retail demand response work group has met twice to review the formal comments that were submitted to them by the Retail Electric EC after approval of the first phase of retail demand response standards. In those two meetings they have reviewed approximately half of the comments that were submitted on the standards. The comments include proposed additions and deletions of the standards. The work group's [comment matrix](#) includes these comments, as well as the response of the retail demand response work group. The next retail demand response work group meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 22 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am Central.

Retail Energy Efficiency Activities: Mr. Loper, co-chair of the retail energy efficiency work group, provided the update. The retail EE work group has met twice to discuss the scope of work to be developed. The biggest challenge has been deciding whether or not to include evaluation with measurement and verification. The group ultimately agreed to include evaluation within the scope of their work product. The work group has also discussed the level of detail necessary for this effort. They ultimately agreed to focus on a high level guidance and will use the [National Action Plan for Energy Efficiency guide](#), specifically chapters 3-5, as guidance for standards development.



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UPDATE ON SMART GRID ACTIVITIES: Mr. Booe, NAESB counsel, provided an update on the [ongoing Smart Grid activities](#). This week, four documents were distributed for formal comment:

1. PAP03: Requirements Specifications for Common Electricity Product and Pricing Definition:
http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/weq_2010_ap6a_retail_2010_ap9a_rec.doc
2. PAP04: Requirements Specifications for Common Scheduling Mechanism for Energy Transactions:
http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/weq_2010_ap6b_retail_2010_ap9b_rec.doc
3. PAP09: Requirements Specifications for Wholesale Standard DR Signals:
http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/weq_2010_ap_6c_rec.doc
4. PAP09: Requirements Specifications for Retail Standard DR Signals:
http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/retail_2010_ap_9c_rec.doc

The Smart Grid Task Force is now addressing the phase II efforts to further refine and develop the detail of these specifications for PAP03, 04 and 09. They will also address tasks 5 and 6 for PAP10, which addressed standardization of usage information. Task 5 will involve the creation of a usage communication questionnaire and task 6 will consolidate use cases and requirements for existing and planned energy communications. The Smart Grid Task Force meets every Thursday from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Central.

UPDATE ON THE REGISTRY RFP: Ms. McQuade provided the update. The [Request for Proposals on the Electric Industry Registry Administrator](#) was released February 22, with a request that all proposals be returned by close of business on May 21. The registry is a tool currently administered by NERC, but is being transferred to NAESB, as a more appropriate venue.

UPDATE ON TLR AND PARALLEL FLOW VISUALIZATION: Mr. Busbin provided the [update](#). During the development of this work product, the subcommittee has addressed issues and approaches to be taken associated with prioritizing generation to load flows, in particular the prioritization of firm and non-firm. This issue of firm flow subordination to non-firm flow can be found in [FERC Docket RM10-9 – NOI for Transmission Loading Relief Reliability Standard and Curtailment Priorities](#) currently out for comment. The deadline for returning comments to FERC on this NOI is March 29, 2010. While the NOI is more specific to NERC activities, there is a strong correlation between NERC and NAESB on this issue. The WEQ BPS will meet on March 17-18 in Norristown, PA to continue discussion on this issue.

ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATE: Mr. Ellsworth, Chairman of the NAESB Advisory Council, presented the update. The [Advisory Council meeting](#) is an opportunity for NAESB to provide an update on its activities and for the Advisory Council to provide input to NAESB on their efforts. Issues were discussed regarding every quadrant in NAESB. For WEQ, the council discussed whether or not to develop standards that could impact program design; the Retail Quadrants discussed how to increase participation; and the WGQ discussed areas that could benefit from standardization.

NEXT CONFERENCE CALL: The next Monthly Update Call is scheduled for May 26, 2010 from 1-2 PM Central. The agenda and any work papers will be posted on the Monthly Update page of the NAESB website: http://www.naesb.org/monthly_update.asp. We hope you can join us. If there are particular topics you would like to see covered or would like to receive additional information, please contact the NAESB Office (713)356-0060, naesb@naesb.org.



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