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## NAESB AT A GLANCE: MONTHLY UPDATE

**UPDATE ON PARALLEL FLOW VISUALIZATION:** Mr. Skiba, co-chair of the WEQ BPS subcommittee, provided the update. Since the last Monthly Update call, the WEQ BPS continued to discuss the two options for the parallel flow visualization permanent solution, including the identification of key concepts to address before a resolution could be reached. Last week, the two options were discussed in detail, other potential issues were identified, and concepts to address once an option was chosen were discussed. A motion passed to move forward with the <u>hybrid option</u> and cease discussion on the flowgate allocation option. The subcommittee can now move forward on developing the recommendation for the hybrid option.

### **UPDATE ON DSM-EE EFFORTS:**

<u>Retail Demand Response</u>: Mr. Precht provided the update. The retail demand response work group continues to focus on the development of <u>new model business practices</u> to create common code interfaces and data structures necessary for enrolling demand response sites in a demand response program. Converge presented a power point presentation to explain their demand response enrollment process. Mr. Precht is currently using that presentation as a starting point to create process flows to be discussed at the next retail demand response work group meeting.

<u>Retail Energy Efficiency</u>: The Retail Energy Efficiency work group continues to work on its <u>recommendation</u>. During the May Retail EC meeting, the co-chairs of the work group expressed concern regarding the scope of the recommendation. As the work group was drafting the recommendation there was concern voiced that the scope was too broad, while others thought the scope was not broad enough. There was also concern raised that NAESB's efforts were overlapping the SEE Action effort led by the Department of Energy. A conference call was held yesterday between the DOE, NARUC and NAESB to address this concern. During that meeting, it became apparent that there was not redundancy in the two efforts. As a result, several participants volunteered to take the recommendation in its current form and complete a full set of model business practices.

#### UPDATE ON SMART GRID ACTIVITIES:

<u>Energy Service Provider Interface Task Force</u>: Mr. Booe, NAESB counsel, provided the update. The Energy Services Provider Interface Task Force has continued to meet weekly over the last quarter to develop a recommendation in response to REQ AP Item 9.e (the standardization of the Open ADE specification – which is a specification that describes communications between utilities, customers and 3<sup>rd</sup> party service providers). This standard is considering an extension of the PAP 10 Energy Usage Information Model and is being monitored by leadership within the SGIP. Following a review of the recommendation on Friday, it will be posted for an informal comment period. The work group anticipates that it will meet the second quarter deadline.

<u>Data Privacy</u>: The REQ Data Privacy Task Force is the task force responsible for addressing the request to develop model business practices that will set forth standards for the release of consumer information to third parties and the privacy policies and practices those third parties should employ. The task force unanimously voted out a <u>recommendation</u> on May 19<sup>th</sup> for a formal comment period which will end on June 20th. The Task Force has scheduled a meeting for Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Central to review any formal comments submitted and provide a set of late comments that will be reviewed by the REQ EC during a single topic review session on June 30<sup>th</sup> and voted on during a July 7<sup>th</sup> conference call.



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**UPDATE ON THE WEQ OASIS EFFORTS:** JT Wood, co-chair of the OASIS subcommittee, provided the update.

<u>Service Across Multiple Transmission Systems (SAMTS)</u>: The <u>SAMTS recommendation</u> was sent out for an informal comment period on April 29. The subcommittee reviewed the comments received and incorporated them into the recommendation. The recommendation was then voted out of the subcommittee and sent out for a 30 day formal comment period, ending on June 10. The WEQ EC has scheduled a meeting for June 30 to vote on the recommendation.

<u>Network Integrated Transmission Service (NITS)</u>: The WEQ OASIS subcommittee has continued to address the <u>NITS recommendation</u>. It has completed work on WEQ-001 and WEQ-003, and is nearing completion on the technical specifications in WEQ-002. It is anticipated that work on WEQ-013 will begin next week.

**UPDATE ON STREAMLINING WGQ STANDARDS:** Mr. Buccigross provided the review. <u>2011</u> <u>WGQ Annual Plan Items 1 through 4</u> address the reorganization of the standards. In particular, to develop a separate WGQ manual for Informational Postings standards or add the Informational Postings standards to the Additional Standards manual to provide ease in implementation; and to continue to reorder the standards by topic and as future standards are added, standards will continue to be ordered in topic format. It will also include a review and update of Sample Papers; a review of code values and code value descriptions in all data sets to make them easier to understand on the TSP's EBB web sites; and plan for the development of meaningful error code values in all data sets to make them easier to understand on the TSP's EBB sites as compared to the X12 DISA error codes.

**UPDATE ON THE ELECTRIC INDUSTRY REGISTRY**: Ms. Cummings and Mr. Kubousek provided the update. OATI has developed the functional specification for the new registry so that it is adaptable to changes in the industry. The functional specifications have been approved and are currently under development. Development should conclude in late summer and early registration of the registry will commence in early fall, with a full industry registration in the winter.

**REPORTS TO FERC, NARUC AND NIST:** Ms. McQuade stated that NAESB had made several filings in recent weeks. The NAESB office filed the status report on the OASIS standards on SAMTS, and the <u>WEQ DR and EE standards</u> with the FERC. NAESB also filed comments on the Dodd-Frank Bill to the Commodities and Futures Trading Commission. In the upcoming weeks the Smart Grid filing will be submitted to FERC, as well as both WEQ and WGQ minor corrections to the current versions.

**DODD-FRANK BILL:** Mr. Sappenfield provided the update. The Dodd-Frank Bill will go into effect in July of this year. Participants were encouraged to file comments on the proposed rules because the forward contracts could be impacted by some of the provisions in the bill. From a reporting standpoint, most energy business will be impacted.

**WGQ CONTRACT PROGRESS**: Mr. Sappenfield provided the update. The Contracts Subcommittee held three meetings to discuss whether or not to incorporate some of the special provisions into the contract. The initial meeting led to a <u>survey</u> to increase participation in the effort and to get a high level opinion on whether or not the special provisions warrant incorporation. As a result of the survey, the subcommittee recommended to decline any changes to the contract.

**BOARD CRITICAL INFRASTRUCUTRE COMMITTEE:** Mr. Hurley provided the update. The committee met on <u>April 15</u>, during which he moved to consider a request for standards development regarding the PKI standards in WEQ-012. The goal of the request is to address cyber-security concerns. The committee identified some potential changes to the language in the request to remove specific changes to the standards. Mr. Hurley will make those changes before submitting it to the NAESB office.



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**NEXT CONFERENCE CALL:** The next Monthly Update Call is scheduled for May 29, 2011 from 1-2 PM Central. The agenda and any work papers will be posted on the Monthly Update page of the NAESB website: <u>http://www.naesb.org/monthly\_update.asp</u>. 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, <u>naesb@naesb.org</u>.

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