

**Quadrant/Segment:** Wholesale Gas Quadrant (WGQ)  
**Committee:** Business Practices Subcommittee  
**Regarding:** 2024 WGQ Annual Plan Item 4.a Formal Comments  
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The IRC Electric Gas Coordination Task Force appreciates the collaboration and robust discussions with natural gas industry representatives that have occurred over the past six months to effectuate improved communication and coordination protocols, particularly those that occur during critical periods of operation. The proposal that was ultimately approved herein is focused on enhanced communication standards between the interstate natural gas pipeline companies and downstream gas consumers, with an emphasis on those communications utilized by the IRC members. These enhancements will help to improve the granularity and efficiency of critical operational notifications in order to effectuate better understanding of and assessment of risks to gas fired generators serving the load within the IRC member footprints. The IRC members again wish to thank the interstate gas pipeline organizations for their efforts to move the ball forward on these important gas-electric coordination improvements.

The IRC members are committed to continue to work with representatives from the upstream gas sector (producers, gatherers, processors) to discuss potential options to communicate emergent critical gas supply loss events to downstream entities that may have a detrimental impact on downstream natural gas consumers.

Respectfully,  
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