**1. RECOMMENDED ACTION: EFFECT OF EC VOTE TO ACCEPT RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

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|  | Accept as requested |  | Change to Existing Practice |
|  | Accept as modified below | X | Status Quo |
| X | Decline |  |  |

**2. TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT/MAINTENANCE**

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| **Per Request:** | | **Per Recommendation:** | |
|  | Initiation |  | Initiation |
|  | Modification |  | Modification |
|  | Interpretation |  | Interpretation |
|  | Withdrawal |  | Withdrawal |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | Principle |  | Principle |
|  | Definition |  | Definition |
|  | Business Practice Standard |  | Business Practice Standard |
|  | Document |  | Document |
|  | Data Element |  | Data Element |
|  | Code Value |  | Code Value |
|  | X12 Implementation Guide |  | X12 Implementation Guide |
|  | Business Process Documentation |  | Business Process Documentation |

**3. RECOMMENDATION**

**SUMMARY:**

The Wholesale Gas Quadrant (WGQ) Business Practices Subcommittee recommends no further action at this time on 2022 WGQ Annual Plan Item 5.a.ii/Standards Request R21006 – Create standard designations of critical natural gas infrastructure facilities that are essential to the operations of critical electric infrastructure facilities during impending extreme weather-related emergency operating conditions consistent with other industry designations.

**Recommended Standards:**

None

**4. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

1. **Description of Request:**

Create standard designations of critical natural gas infrastructure facilities that are essential to the operations of critical electric infrastructure facilities during impending extreme weather-related emergency operating conditions consistent with other industry designations

**b. Description of Recommendation:**

The WGQ BPS is recommending no action at this time.

In November of 2021, Southwest Power Pool submitted Standards Request [R21006](https://naesb.org/pdf4/r21006.docx), a request from standards development to support coordinated commercial practices between the natural gas and electric markets during impending extreme weather-related emergency operating conditions. In response to that request the WEQ, WGQ and RMQ held five joint meetings on [February 17, 2022](https://naesb.org/pdf4/weq_wgq_rmq_bps021722fm.docx), [March 1, 2022](https://naesb.org/pdf4/weq_wgq_rmq_bps030122fm.docx), [March 16, 2022](https://naesb.org/pdf4/weq_wgq_rmq_bps031622fm.docx), [April 12, 2022](https://naesb.org/pdf4/weq_wgq_rmq_bps041222fm.docx), and [April 26, 2022](https://naesb.org/pdf4/weq_wgq_rmq_bps042622dm.docx).

During the joint WEQ/WGQ/RMQ BPS meeting on April 26, 2022, the joint subcommittees voted out a recommendation for no action regarding Standards Request R21006 in support of the jointly assigned annual plan items associated with defining an impending extreme weather-related emergency operating condition and communication protocols to be utilized during those conditions (2022 WEQ Annual Plan Items 7.a.i and 7.a.iii, 2022 WGQ Annual Plan Items 5.a.i and 5.a.iii, and 2022 RMQ Annual Plan Items 3.a.i and 3.a.ii.).

As part of the request[[1]](#footnote-1), the WGQ BPS was individually assigned an annual plan item, 2022 WGQ Annual Plan Item 5.a.ii, to create standard designations of critical natural gas infrastructure facilities that are essential to the operations of critical electric infrastructure facilities during impending extreme weather-related emergency operating conditions consistent with other industry designations. During the June 30, 2022 WGQ BPS meeting, the WGQ BPS did not see a benefit in moving forward with 2022 WGQ Annual Plan Item 5.a.ii when the associated joint efforts, WGQ Annual Plan Items 5.a.i and 5.a.iii, concluded with a no action recommendation. A motion was made to move forward with a no action recommendation for 2022 WGQ Annual Plan Item 5.a.ii. The motion unanimously passed a simple majority vote.

**c. Business Purpose:**

There is no business purpose to modify the NAESB WGQ Business Practice Standards at this time.

**d. Commentary/Rationale of Subcommittee(s)/Task Force(s):**

Please see the following meeting minutes:

* WGQ BPS Draft Minutes

[June 30, 2022](https://naesb.org/pdf4/wgq_bps063022dm.doc)

* Joint WGQ/WEQ/RMQ BPS Final Minutes

[February 17, 2022](https://naesb.org/pdf4/weq_wgq_rmq_bps021722fm.docx)

[March 1, 2022](https://naesb.org/pdf4/weq_wgq_rmq_bps030122fm.docx)

[March 16, 2022](https://naesb.org/pdf4/weq_wgq_rmq_bps031622fm.docx)

[April 12, 2022](https://naesb.org/pdf4/weq_wgq_rmq_bps041222fm.docx)

[April 26, 2022](https://naesb.org/pdf4/weq_wgq_rmq_bps042622dm.docx)

* Joint WEQ/WGQ/RMQ Executive Committee Final Minutes

[January 25, 2022](https://naesb.org/pdf4/ec012522fm.docx)

* NAESB Triage Subcommittee Minutes

[December 7, 2021](https://naesb.org/pdf4/tr120721notes.docx)

[December 14, 2021](https://naesb.org/pdf4/tr121421notes.docx)

1. Also as part of this request, the WEQ BPS was individually assigned, an annual plan item to identify critical electric infrastructure impacted by the defined term of impending extreme weather-related emergency operating conditions. The WEQ BPS voted out a [no action recommendation](https://naesb.org/pdf4/weq_2022_api_7aii_r21006_rec_060222.docx) during its June 1, 2022 meeting citing that since there is not to be an associated defined approach for identifying impending extreme weather-related emergency operating conditions, it is not feasible for the WEQ BPS to independently move forward with identifying these impacted critical electric infrastructure facilities. The [comment period](https://naesb.org/pdf4/weq_060222reqcom.doc) for that no action recommendation concludes on July 1, 2022. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)