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**Standards Matrix Tool**

A newly developed matrix for NAESB WGQ Version 2.0 has been posted on the NAESB website along with the implementation guides. This matrix enumerates all the standards and identifies whether each one relates to the Informational Postings and/or Customer Activities Web site. It then identifies the topic(s) to which each standard pertains, e.g. Nominations, Notices, Capacity Release, etc. This matrix is in a downloadable spreadsheet format which can be sorted by users based on their needs. If there are any discrepancies between this spreadsheet and the published standards, the latter prevails. The matrix should be updated and posted after each new WGQ version publication. To find the current WGQ Version 2.0 matrix go to: <http://www.naesb.org/wgq/Imp.asp>

**NAESB Board of Directors Adopts 2013 Annual Plans:**

The NAESB Board of Directors adopted the 2013 Annual Plans for the four quadrants. In addition to the routine maintenance of standards, the Wholesale Gas Quadrant (WGQ) 2013 plan includes:

- Update of the above referenced standards matrix for WGQ Version 2.1.
- Review and analyze the interpretation of standards. Historically the FERC has not adopted the interpretations with the rest of the standards; therefore, this item was included to investigate if and how to incorporate the interpretations into the standards, implementation manuals or new planned frequently asked questions.
- Comprehensive review of the code values, sample papers and corresponding technical implementation to ensure accuracy and consistency.
- Review of the final rules published by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) to determine if new rules on various definitions will impact any of NAESB contracts, specifically in the general terms and conditions.
- Provisional items include: gas-electric coordination, variable energy resources, and capacity transfers on intrastate natural gas pipelines. No work will be done on a provisional item until such time as the NAESB Board of Directors determines that sufficient direction has been provided by FERC or other regulatory agencies.

To monitor the activities of the Board of Directors go to:

[http://www.naesb.org/WGQ/wgq\\_bod.asp](http://www.naesb.org/WGQ/wgq_bod.asp)

**NAESB Modifies Operational Capacity report to include Design Capacity and Operating Capacity:**

In response to a directive from FERC in Order 587-V, the NAESB Business Practices Subcommittee determined that (1) 'operating capacity' and 'design capacity' are not equivalent terms, (2) agreed to modifications to the business standards to include 'design capacity', and (3) directed the Information Requirements Subcommittee (IR) to modify the NAESB WGQ Standard No. 0.4.2 Operational Capacity data set accordingly. The package of modified business and technical standards were adopted by the Executive Committee during its February 2013 meeting and will be published in NAESB WGQ Version 2.1. The actions of the WGQ Executive Committee can be monitored at:

<http://www.naesb.org/WGQ/ec.asp>

**NAESB Copyright Policy and Waivers**

By letter dated November 20, 2012, NAESB provided a report to FERC explaining the NAESB Copyright Policy. On April 4, 2013 the Board of Directors adopted an 'Irrevocable, Self-Executing, Limited Waiver of NAESB Copyright for NAESB Members and Non-Member Purchasers of NAESB Standards' ('waiver') and a companion document which sets forth the procedure for obtaining and using the new waiver. These documents can be found at:

<http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd040413a2.doc> (waiver)

<http://www.naesb.org/pdf4/bd040413a3.doc> (procedure)

**NAESB WGQ Version 2.1 Publication:**

Version 2.1 of the WGQ standards is scheduled to be published by the end of April 2013. Once published, the NAESB News will include highlights of the modifications contained therein.