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**FERC Issues Final Rule in Docket No. RM96-1-037 for NAESB WGQ Version 2.0**

The FERC issued its Final Rule to amend the Title 18 CFR § 284.12 regulations to incorporate by reference NAESB WGQ Version 2.0 published November 30, 2010. The order mandates the implementation on December 1, 2012. Pipelines are required to file tariff sheets to reflect the changed standards by October 1, 2012. A summary of the standards being incorporated is included in the April 2012 NAESB News which can be found at the following link:

[http://www.1line.williams.com/Transco/regulatory/naesb/files/NAESB\\_News\\_Apr\\_12.pdf](http://www.1line.williams.com/Transco/regulatory/naesb/files/NAESB_News_Apr_12.pdf)

In the Final Rule, the Commission provided guidance on the processing of waivers. Two points to note are (1) if a pipeline currently has a waiver and the conditions still exist that justify the waiver, the pipeline will have to re-file for a new waiver, and (2) in the past, the Commission has granted waivers of standards, primarily data sets, until **90 days** after the pipeline receives a request for such. In this order, the Commission has changed that to **60 days**.

Transco will provide guidance in the coming months in the Non-Critical Notices section of the Informational Postings regarding the modifications to 1Line that will be made to implement NAESB WGQ Version 2.0.

**NAESB Board of Directors Gas Electric Harmonization:**

The NAESB Board of Director's (BOD) Gas Electric Harmonization (GEH) Committee has completed its review of a number of reports and documents prepared by various organizations in the energy industry on the harmonization of the gas and electric markets. They have categorized their observations from these reports into the following areas:

- **Standards** - Potential areas where standards could be developed or modified by NAESB or someone other than NAESB (e.g. NERC) to assist in addressing GEH issues.
- **Policy** – Identified issues where existing policies may require changes and / or new policies that might be needed to advance GEH. The items in this category may or may not lead to standards development.
- **Commercial Solutions** – Identified practices on a regional or pipeline specific basis that address the underlying GEH issues but do not necessarily lend themselves to standardization across all regions/pipelines.
- **Observations** – These observations are by the respective GEH Committee members, and are not to be considered positions endorsed by the GEH Committee.

The GEH Committee report is being finalized for presentation to the BOD in September. Based on the recommendations in that report, items that are ready for discussion on possible standardization may be identified for inclusion on the various quadrants 2013 Annual Plans.

To monitor the activities of this committee go to:

[http://www.naesb.org/board\\_gas\\_electric\\_harmonization.asp](http://www.naesb.org/board_gas_electric_harmonization.asp).