



More about North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) Version 3.1 Standard – NAESB Process

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A lot of people are talking about the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) Version 3.1 Standard that has been proposed for adoption by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). You can read more about the specifics of Version 3.1 in our earlier blog series [HERE](#). We here at Latitude have been getting questions about the process by which NAESB sets those standards. **Latitude has been involved with NAESB since its inception in 2002, and with the Gas Industry Standards Board (GISB), the precursor to NAESB, before that. Our knowledge of NAESB standards is extensive. If you have questions regarding the new requirements and their impact on your business, give us a call to discuss.**

So what does the typical NAESB process encompass? It usually goes something like this:

- 1) Someone - anyone - proposes a change or addition to the NAESB standards. This is called a Request.
- 2) The Request is "triaged" and assigned to the appropriate NAESB Committee(s) for discussion.

3) If the Request passes a Committee vote, it goes to the Executive Committee (EC) for another vote.

4) If the Request passes the EC vote, it goes out for member ratification.

5) If it passes member ratification, it becomes one of many changes to be incorporated into the next "Version" of the NAESB standards (the current Version is 3.0, the proposed Version is 3.1).

5) NAESB periodically "publishes" the newest Version and sends all the changes to the FERC. NAESB members can access the standards [HERE](#). Non-members can purchase the standards [HERE](#).

6) The FERC issues a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) proposing adoption of the new NAESB Version and seeking industry comment. Currently, FERC has a NOPR out for Version 3.1.

7) FERC issues an Order, making the new NAESB Version law. The deadline for pipelines to implement the new Version is usually 4 - 6 months after issuance of the Order.

This is just a general overview of the process - it can take YEARS and can get quite convoluted for controversial topics (think Gas-Electric Coordination). The process also requires the input and coordination of many people. But it has proven to be an effective process for establishing uniform business processes and technologies for the natural gas marketplace.

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