



# **eForms Refresh:** **Updating the Electronic Filing** **Protocols for Commission Forms**

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# Agenda

- Chairman Norman Bay: Welcome & Opening Remarks
- Visual Fox Pro to XML
- IT Presentation
- National Association of Energy Standards Board
- Questions, Answers, & Discussion

# Overview

- Commission regulations require certain entities to report information to the Commission in electronic forms.
- The Commission needs to replace its current electronic filing format, Visual Fox Pro.

# Overview

- The Commission believes that Extensible Mark-Up Language (XML) file format is the best replacement
- The Commission and North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) will coordinate the transition

# Scope & Sequence

- 10 Affected forms:

1	3-Q electric	FERC-60
1-F	3-Q gas	FERC-714
2	6	
2-A	6-Q	

- Electric, Gas, Oil, & Service Companies
- Limited to updating how the forms are submitted, not changing data points required

# Customers

- Industry Filers
- FERC Staff
- Other interested public parties

# The Problem with VFP

- Visual Fox Pro is no longer supported
  - Must be replaced to ensure compatibility with later versions of Windows
  - Using unsupported software raises many other concerns
  - Visual Fox Pro will still be used during the transition

# Why XML?

- Non-proprietary
- Will move towards one standard for all forms
- Easily shared among information systems
- Already used by many filers
- Allows filers to customize their own system
- Easy, cost effective, reduces errors



# Implementation

- Receive industry feedback from this conference
- Work with NAESB to develop standards for submission of data in XML
- NAESB will submit recommendation
- The Commission will publish the new standards and process

# Conclusions

- Commission is planning to transition several forms to XML because VFP is no longer supported
- This offers benefits for Industry and the Commission.
- NAESB will run the standards development process
  - Industry input is critical
  - Recommendation to the Commission
- FERC will participate and implement final forms standards