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TO: Business Practices Subcommittee (BPS) Chairs: Greg Lander, Producer Segment
Vacancy, Diane McVicker (absent), Kim Van Pelt, Robert McAnally (absent)
Posting for Interested Industry Participants

FROM: Rae McQuade, Executive Director

RE: Draft Minutes from the Business Practices Subcommittee Meeting

DATE: January 27, 2000

GAS INDUSTRY STANDARDS BOARD

GISB BUSINESS PRACTICES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Teleconference Call: January 20, 2000

FINAL MINUTES

I. Administrative

Ms. Van Pelt chaired the meeting and welcomed the participants. Mr. Buccigross identified the participants in a roll call and will take minutes. Mr. Buccigross gave the antitrust advice.

The agenda was modified so as not to include Item 3, Shipper Imbalance, Questions from Information Requirements Subcommittee. This item was deferred to next week's meeting. The modified agenda was then adopted without objection.

The draft minutes of January 13, 2000 were modified in the meeting and were adopted as final without objection.

II. Review of the following Capacity Release Category of Business Practices Subcommittee Requests for discussion and possible vote:

R97110 TransCapacity: The request addresses the date and time stamp appearing in the capacity release datasets in the field called Posting Date and Posting Time.

Mr. Lander made the following motion which was seconded by Mr. Young, later modified to the following:

Motion Modify the definition of Posting Date and Posting Time as follows:

Posting Date: The date on which the service provider *initially* posts or *updates (changes)* the information.

Posting Time: The time on which the service provider *initially* posts or *updates (changes)* the information.

Delete the data elements Withdrawal Posting Date and Withdrawal Posting Time from the Withdrawal Download (5.4.5) and add the mandatory data elements Posting Date and Posting Time with the above definitions.



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Ms. Corcoran asked whether this would be sufficient given the current definition for the data elements Withdrawal Posting Date and Withdrawal Posting Time.

Mr. Aschbrenner asked what benefit the additional verbage in the definitions of Withdrawal Posting Date an Withdrawal Posting Time adds? Mr. Buccigross added that he believed the added text did not add value and suggested that we utilize the new data elements and new definitions for the 5.4.5 Withdrawal Download data set.

He suggested modifications to the motion which were accepted by Mr. Lander and Mr. Young. (These changes are reflected in the text of the motion above.)

Action The motion carried unanimously. See voting record for specifics.

III. Review of the following Capacity Release Category of Business Practices Subcommittee Requests for discussion only:

R96018 TransCapacity. Mr. Lander briefly reviewed the request and the discussion from last meeting regarding this request. He again noted that a large part of the original request was now mooted based on the EC's discussion/determination on Request No. R99033. He noted that basically the only significant portion of the request left was the moving of the Posting Date and Posting Time from the header level to the detail level so that it is associated with each line item as opposed to the entire document.

He discussed the reason to have this information at the line item level. Currently the Posting Date and Posting Time are at the header level of the document, and they therefore apply to the whole document. The request asks that this information be applicable to the individual line item group (gas transaction point / quantity) it would be associated with. He proposed various name changes to the information such as "Available Capacity Posting Date" and "Available Capacity Posting Time."

Ms. Barnum asked why the data element names would have to be changed if the purpose was only to associate it with the line item. Mr. Lander responded that as long as the purpose of the request was accomplished, whether it was accomplished via instructions, standards, or data element changes was less important to him.

Ms. Barnum asked whether it was simply a matter of the sender sorting what capacity information has changed based on the posting date and time versus the receiver of the data sorting what capacity information has changed based on the posting date and time. Mr. Lander indicated that he believed that both the sender and the receiver of the data would gain efficiencies by incorporating this change whereby only the changed data (from the Data Begin Date and Data Begin Time) would be sent and received.

Ms. Corcoran asked how a requester would specify whether he wanted all points data or only data changed since a specified date and time. Mr. Lander explained the usage of the "Data Begin Date" and "Data Begin Time" and said it was up to the requester to specify the begin date and time for the request.



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Mr. Aschbrenner asked how this would be handled on the EBB, would all data be displayed, or only "changed data?" He asked whether this would create a comparability issue? Mr. Lander said he did not believe it did.

Ms. Barnum stated her belief that this presented a comparability issue and believed she would have to put an individual posting date and time on each point on her EBB since this filtering of data was available via EDI. Mr. Lander did not agree and felt that systems could be developed by EBB users to accomplish the same purpose.

Mr. Lander reviewed the status of his request at this point:

- Move posting date and posting time (or a comparable data element) from the header to the line item level.

- A TSP would be required to provide only the most current value after the Data Begin Date and Data Begin Time for the Location Operationally Available Capacity, Location Operating Capacity, and Location Scheduled Quantity, for any particular gas transaction point.

Ms. Davis noted that it may not be possible to utilize these data element names in any future motion on this request since they did not exist in the data set at this time. Mr. Young and Mr. Lander agreed.

Discussion will be continued to next meeting and will be added to the agenda as a discussion and possible vote item.

IV. Review of the following question from IR for discussion only:

R98085 – Issues from Information Requirements Subcommittee (memo dated 11/29/99)

Mr. Keisler briefly described the request and reviewed IR's question regarding it. The IR memo reads as follows:

During the processing of R98085, the Information Requirements Subcommittee raised the following issue.

IIITF Action:

s76 Where a Transportation Service Provider populates the Upstream/Downstream Identifier via its EBB/EDM implementation based upon provision of an upstream or downstream contract identifier at pooling and logical points, an EDI nomination should be provided the same capability.

IR30 Instruct IR to change the usage codes of the Upstream Identifier Code* and Downstream Identifier Code* from Conditional (C) to Business Conditional (BC). IR should craft a revised Condition based upon s76.

IR Issue:

Was the intention to change the existing Usage and Condition of the Downstream Identifier Code and Upstream Identifier Code if the circumstance in s76 (GISB Standard No. 4.3.77) is not applicable (i.e., the point is not a logical or pooling point). That is, do the existing Usage and Condition no longer apply to physical points? The current Condition is based upon both Model Type and whether the location is a



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receipt or a delivery. Therefore, the underlying usage is 'Mandatory'. Was the intent to change this underlying 'Mandatory' usage to 'Business Conditional'?

Note: At this point, Ms. Van Pelt asked Mr. Lander to chair the remainder of the meeting. He agreed.

Ms. Van Pelt expressed some dismay with EIITF's instructions, noting that she considered it a minor comparability issue, not in wide usage, and that it had significant implications to the structure and usage of many data elements in the Nomination dataset.

Mr. Griffith added that the change to the conditionality and "reverse comparability" issues these instructions presented were not warranted based on the limited benefits gained by the request.

Mr. Lander added his general agreement with the opinions expressed and asked whether the proposed standard in the instructions, S76, had been adopted and published.

Note: The standard has been ratified and published as 4.3.77.

Mr. Lander noted his belief that 4.3.77 should be deleted as it was difficult if not impossible to implement via EDI. Various scenarios for the usage of the data elements were discussed. A primary issue complicating the usage discussion was the fact that this standard would only apply to those pipelines who support filling in the Upstream/Downstream Identifier based upon the sender filling in the Upstream/Downstream Contract Identifier data element.

Mr. Lander noted that the intent of the standard could potentially be accomplished by addition of an MA data element (supported by those TSPs who do the automatic fill-in on their EBBs) which then indicates that the Upstream/Downstream ID is to be filled-in by the TSP.

There was apparent general agreement that this standard perhaps went a little too far and Mr. Lander proposed (for next time) that consideration be given to deleting standard no. 4.3.77.

V. Next Meeting and Agenda

The next conference call is scheduled for January 27, 2000. The agenda will be as follows:

For discussion and possible vote:
Shipper Imbalance Questions from Information Requirements Subcommittee
(memo to be posted)
R96018 - TransCapacity
R98085 – Issues from Information Requirements, IR memo 11/29/99

There may be an additional issues from IR which will be added to BPS's list.
After that, the "general" category of requests will be addressed.

VI. Adjourn



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The meeting was adjourned without objection at 4:40 p.m. central.



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VI. Meeting Attendees & Voting Record

Name	Company	GISB Member	Vote	R97110
Pipelines:				
Betty Barnum	CMS Panhandle Eastern	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jim Keisler	Williams Gas Pipeline	Yes	No	
Clancy Aschbrenner	CIG	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bill Griffith	CIG	Yes	No	
Kim Van Pelt	CMS Trunkline Gas Co.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dale Davis	Williams Gas Pipeline	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dale Smith	ANR	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fred Cumming	Texas Eastern	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tammy Hopkins	FGT	Yes	Yes	Yes
Theresa Hess	Enron – Transwestern	Yes	Yes	Yes
Services:				
Jim Buccigross	National Registry	Yes	Yes	Yes
Greg Lander	Skipping Stone/TransCapacity	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cynthia Corcoran	Cynthia Corcoran Attorney At Law	Yes	Yes	Yes
Randy Young	Koch Midstream	Yes	Yes	Yes
Producers:				
Joyce Phillips	PanCanadian	Yes	Yes	Yes