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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 27, 2000
DRAFT MINUTES

I. Administrative

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

The agenda was modified to defer Item 4, R98085 – Issues from Information Requirements Subcommittee, as the requester was unavailable for this meeting.

The agenda was also modified to rearrange Items 2 and 3 on the agenda, so R96018 would be discussed prior to Shipper Imbalance – Questions from IR. It was also agreed that this item would be up for discussion only, and then only if the group agreed.

The modified agenda was then adopted without objection.

The draft minutes of January 20, 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:

R96018 TransCapacity.

Mr. Lander renewed discussion of this request and re-state the status of the request from the last meeting:

- 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.

At this point Ms. Van Pelt took over chairing of the meeting so that Mr. Lander could advocate his request.

He proposed a modification of the above as a motion for a new standard, which was seconded by Mr. Young:



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Motion 5.3.x When responding to an Upload of Request for Download of Posted Datasets with respect to Operationally Available and Unsubscribed Capacity, a Transportation Service Provider should provide the most current value with respect to applicable available quantities and other quantity information, after the data begin date and data begin time, for any particular gas transaction point(s).

He explained that in this fashion a requester would only get the most current date and time when requesting quantity information for a gas transaction point or points.

Ms. Corcoran asked for clarification of the "on request" where this is applicable to the EBBs (Customer Activities Web Sites). Mr. Lander suggested that the "request" could be assumed as accessing the EBB via the viewing. Other suggested that the "Upon Request" language could be removed from the proposed standard language.

Mr. Keisler asked what the purpose of the language "after the data begin date and data begin time, for any particular gas transaction point" added to the standard. Mr. Lander noted his belief that this language added precision to the standard and prevented a requester from perhaps getting no data in the situation where the capacity data seldom (or never) changed.

The motion was modified during the discussion, the final language of motion is reflected above.

Mr. Scheel noted that he wanted to ensure that the most current value was displayed on both the EBB and in the EDI. Mr. Young asked why this would be necessary since presumably the EBB would always display the most current date and time.

Mr. Lander noted his belief that this could be addressed in another standard if individuals still felt it was necessary.

Ms. Barnum asked how this was applicable to EDI? Mr. Lander noted that the reference to the Upload of Request for Download language was particular to EDI and that this dataset would not be used on an EBB. Secondly, the Data Begin Date and Data Begin Time data elements are specifically contained in the Upload of Request for Download of Posted Datasets dataset, thus also pointing specifically to EDI. Ms. Barnum noted her belief that there still existed a comparability issue. Mr. Scheel noted his belief that as long as the times were the same there should not be a comparability issue.

Ms. Hess asked whether the intent of the standard was to get only the most current (i.e., new) data for the various gas transaction points. Mr. Lander agreed with that read of the intent. Ms. Hess then asked whether requesting the Operationally Available and Unsubscribed Capacity (OAU) was somewhat different than the other Capacity Release data. She noted that IR was currently working on another type of request for download (for different requests). This other request may better fit the request for OAU data.

Note IR is currently preparing some questions for BPS on these other requests and will forward these to BPS for consideration. Mr. Lander asked whether these questions could be prepared in an expeditious manner, Mr. Keisler agreed.

Action Mr. Lander, with Mr. Young's consent, then withdrew the motion and asked for consideration at a later



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meeting. He noted that the other issues surrounding this request could best be addressed after resolution of the above issue.

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

Shipper Imbalance – Issues from Information Requirements Subcommittee, memo dated January 20, 2000.

Mr. Keisler reviewed the issues from IR which read as follows:

The Information Requirements (IR) subcommittee sent a set of questions concerning the Shipper Imbalance (2.4.4) to the BPS dated October 10, 1999. Unfortunately, we failed to mention in that memo that the data element 'Adjustment Value' is also a concern to IR. Could you please consider the following questions?

1. Is the Adjustment Value data element needed? How is this data element used?
2. Should the Adjustment Value be communicated at the line item level? If not, at what level should this data be communicated?.

Mr. Keisler explained the question was whether the imbalance value should be expressed as a net difference value or as a restated value.

Mr. Scheel noted that the usage on Adjustment Value was Business Conditional (BC) and he believed this probably implied a somewhat less than widespread use in the industry. Mr. Keisler noted that the usage has since been changed to SO, however the issue as to its necessity still remained.

Mr. Lander asked if anyone currently used the data element, there were no takers. It was suggested that this was perhaps a data element proposed and/or used by El Paso Natural Gas, there was no representative on the phone.

Mr. Lander agreed to prepare a work paper which would propose to delete the Imbalance Value data element from the Shipper Imbalance, or in the alternative, move it to the service requester contract level in the dataset.

IV. Next Meeting and Agenda

The next conference call is scheduled for February 3, 2000. The agenda will be as follows:

For discussion and possible vote:

Questions for IR Regarding Request Nos. R96007 and R96008

R96018 - TransCapacity

Shipper Imbalance Questions from Information Requirements Subcommittee

(IR memo posted 1/20/00, Mr. Lander to post a work paper for 2/3/00 meeting)



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R98085 – Issues from Information Requirements, IR memo 11/29/99

After that, the "general" category of requests will be addressed.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 4:05 p.m. central.



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VI. Meeting Attendees & Voting Record

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