



## Gas Industry Standards Board

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**TO:** BPS Chairs (Bill Hebenstreit, Greg Lander, Mike Novak, Kim Van Pelt, Producer vacancy)  
Posting for Interested Industry Participants

**FROM:** Rae McQuade, Executive Director

**RE:** **Final** Minutes for the Business Practices Subcommittee – February 1, 2001

**DATE:** February 15, 2001

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**GAS INDUSTRY STANDARDS BOARD  
BUSINESS PRACTICES SUBCOMMITTEE  
Thursday, February 1, 2001 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
FINAL MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Administrative**

Ms. Van Pelt gave the anti-trust advice. The agenda was adopted as posted. The draft minutes of January 18, 2001 were reviewed, modified, and adopted as amended.

**2. Order 637 Priority Action Items 1 and 2 (Priority 6) returned to BPS by the Executive Committee (see 12/14/2000 EC Minutes, 1/18/2001 BPS Minutes)**

Based on the discussion at the Executive Committee, it was determined that there were issues with the modifications that were made to GISB Standard Nos. 5.3.31 and 5.3.32. These standards were discussed at the January 18, 2001 BPS meeting (see final minutes). Based on the new capacity release timeline (GISB Standard No. 5.3.2) adopted in December by the EC, GISB Standards Nos. 5.3.31 and 5.3.32 are being reviewed to determine if modifications are needed.

**Motion:**

Mr. Aschbrenner made the following motion, seconded by Ms. Hess:

Modify 5.3.31 as follows:

Transportation Service Providers which support capacity release should accept and process uploads of ~~biddable~~ capacity release offers from releasing shipper(s) (or its authorized third party service provider), provided the offer is received by the Transportation Service Provider at their designated site no later than 15 minutes prior to the respective deadline specified in GISB Standard No. 5.3.2 by 11:45 A.M. CCT on a Business Day. Such received offer, if determined to be valid, should be posted as an Offer and should be available for bidding by ~~12:00 PM CCT~~ the normal posted-by deadline and start of bidding time specified (for the received Business Day) in GISB Standard No. 5.3.2) on that Business Day or the Releasing Shipper's specified Business Day (if later than the received Business Day).

**Discussion:**

Ms. Bragg stated that she believed Mr. Novak's concerns regarding the 15 minute interval and the exclusion of non-biddable capacity release offers have been addressed by this motion.

Ms. Lewis asked if 5.3.31 is a subset of 5.3.33 and said that it appears that 5.3.31 conflicts with 5.3.33 and is restrictive. Ms. Davis stated that there shouldn't be any conflict by modifying 5.3.31 and 5.3.32 and leaving 5.3.33 unchanged. She also stated that GISB Standard No. 5.3.33



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addresses processing and validation issues and that there is no conflict with the modifications suggested with 5.3.31. Ms. Lewis stated that her real problem with 5.3.31 is that it contains language that is redundant of language in 5.3.33. Ms. Hess stated that some of the language in 5.3.31 is included in 5.3.33 and that there is some redundancy but no conflict. Ms. Lewis stated that you cannot read 5.3.31 by itself without considering 5.3.33 and that is a problem. After quite a bit of discussion, it was determined that we are here to make modifications to the times, where needed, and how they inter-relate with GISB Standard No. 5.3.2. Ms. Lewis stated that they may conduct a further review of the relationship between 5.3.31, 5.3.32, 5.3.33 and file a new request.

### **Motion passes with no opposition (vote 1 on the attendee list)**

#### **Motion:**

Mr. Aschbrenner made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Love:

Modify 5.3.32 as follows:

Transportation Service Providers which support capacity release should accept and process uploads of capacity release bids from potential acquiring shipper(s) (or its authorized third party service provider), provided the bid is time-stamped as leaving control of the bidder no later than the respective deadline as specified in GISB Standard No. 5.3.2 1:00 P.M. of the applicable deadline day and is received by the Transportation Service Provider at their designated site no later than fifteen minutes after such deadline. by 1:15 P.M. Such timely bid, if determined to be valid, should be evaluated by the Transportation Service Provider for the purpose of identifying the winning bidder associated with the Offer upon which the bid was made.

#### **Discussion:**

There was no discussion.

### **Motion passes with no opposition (vote 2 on the attendee list)**

The discussion then turned to the inter-relation between GISB Standard Nos. 5.3.35, 5.3.36, and 5.3.xx

#### **Discussion:**

Ms. Arnaout referred meeting attendees to Mr. Novak's posted workpaper. She stated that the LDCs don't have the ability to notify the replacement shipper because they do not have the information and that the Transportation Service Provider should do this because they have the notification contact information. See also the posted workpaper (titled *1/31/2001 Comments of National Fuel Gas Distribution*).

Mr. Love felt like we should not try to address part of the standards dealing with recalls until we address all of the standards relating to recalls. Proposed standards relating to recall were not passed and will be sent to the FERC. Mr. Love stated that we shouldn't make any of these changes at this time. Mr. Love stated that releasing is not like Title Transfer Tracking in that Informational Postings requires to whom capacity was released and from whom. Ms. Hess stated that the awards are posted as well. Mr. Aschbrenner agreed and felt that we should not address the notices standards with regard to recalls out of sequence.



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### **Motion:**

Mr. Love made the following motion, seconded by Clancy Aschbrenner:

Table the discussion relating to recall notification pending a response from FERC regarding recalls, pursuant to the GISB status report as provided for during the 12/14/2000 Executive Committee meeting.

**Procedural motion passes with no opposition (see vote 3 on attendee list)**

### **3. Review of the following request returned from the Executive Committee: (see posted recommendation form, 2/10/2000 EC Meeting Minutes, 1/11/2001 BPS Meeting Minutes)**

**R98044                  Duke Energy                  discussion and possible vote**

#### **Discussion from the 1/11/2001 BPS Meeting:**

*The data element Estimated Heating Factor was added to the Scheduled Quantity for Operator in order to provide the operator of an estimate of what is anticipated that the heating factor will be at the location. The definition that was developed was a mirror of the Heating Factor data element that currently exists in the Measured Volume Audit Statement. Questions were raised during the EC meeting about the definition of both data elements.*

*Some proposed definitions are:*

*For the Scheduled Quantity for Operator, Estimated Heating Factor is defined as an estimated number with a decimal which, when multiplied by an MCF volume, yields an estimated dekatherm quantity or an amount by which dekatherm(s) can be divided to yield an estimated MCF volume.*

*For the Measured Volume Audit Statement, Heating Factor is defined as a number with a decimal which, when multiplied by an MCF volume, yields a dekatherm quantity or an amount by which dekatherm(s) can be divided to yield an MCF volume.*

*After some discussion, it was determined that there may be differences of use of the two data elements in the Scheduled Quantity for Operator and the Measured Volume Audit Statement, It was proposed that we ask users of the Measured Volume Audit Statement to identify the method of implemented Heating Factor in that document before BPS proposed name and/or definition modifications for one or both data elements.*

#### **Discussion:**

Ms. Hess stated that as one of the only users of the Measured Volume Audit Statement, they are putting the BTU in the Heating Factor field. As the original requester CMS Panhandle Eastern reports this information as a BTU and not as a heating factor and is not interested in modifying the current use of Heating Factor in the Measured Volume Audit Statement.

#### **Motion:**



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Ms. Hess made the following motion, seconded by Jim Keisler:

Upon further consideration, it was determined that Heating Factor and BTU are two different data elements. Therefore, the BPS instructs the Information Requirements Subcommittee to accommodate the senders option business practice of sending an estimated BTU in the Scheduled Quantity for Operator (1.4.6), with a suggested name and definition of: Estimated BTU / The estimated BTU for the location.

**Motion passes with no opposition (see vote 4 on attendee list)**

**4. Review of the following Flowing Gas Round 2 Category of Business Practices Requests:**

**R00004                      Tennessee Gas Pipeline                      discussion and possible vote**

**Discussion:**

See discussion from the 1/18/2001 BPS meeting for detailed discussion. During this meeting, crafting of the motion was the only discussion.

**Motion:**

Ms. Copeland made the following motion, seconded by Ms. Davis:

BPS instructs the Information Requirements Subcommittee to accommodate the business conditional business practice of allowing the PDA submitter to specify a Limit Type in the Pre-determined Allocation (2.4.1).

**Motion passes with no opposition (see vote 5 on the attendee list)**

**5. Review of the following Flowing Gas Round 2 Category of Business Practices Requests:**

**R00005                      Tennessee Gas Pipeline                      discussion and possible vote**

**Discussion:**

Ms. Copeland explained that the swing fuel option indicates which contract is going to take the allocated transportation fuel for volumes that are swung to or from storage. If the indicator is yes, then it specifies that the fuel should be allocated to this contract. If the indicator is no, then that specific contract will not be allocated the fuel for the transportation fuel.

**Motion:**

Ms. Copeland made the following motion, seconded by Ms. Hess:

BPS instructs the Information Requirements Subcommittee to accommodate the business conditional business practice of allowing the PDA submitter to specify a swing fuel option for a service requester contract in the Pre-determined Allocation (2.4.1).

**Motion withdrawn**



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The previous motion will be discussed further at the next BPS meeting which will on February 15, 2001.

### 6. Next meeting and agenda

Thursday, February 15, 2001 9:00am-1:00pm

1. Flowing Gas Round 2 Category of Business Practices Requests
  - R00005 Tennessee Gas Pipeline discussion and possible vote
  - R00008 CapacityCenter.com discussion only
2. Invoicing Round 2 Category of Business Practices Requests
  - R00007 Enron Gas Pipe Line Group discussion only
3. Prioritization of Capacity Release Round 2 Category of Business Practices Request

The meeting Adjourned at 1:25 Central Time



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## Meeting Attendees and Voting Record

Attendee	Organization	Vote 1	Vote 2	Vote 3 <sup>1</sup>	Vote 4	Vote 5	GISB Member?
		(nv) – not voting					
<b>Pipelines:</b>							
<b>Kim Van Pelt</b>	<b>CMS – Panhandle Eastern</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Theresa Hess	Enron – Transwestern	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Clancy Aschbrenner	Colorado Interstate Gas	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dale Davis	Williams Gas Pipeline	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dena Copeland	Tennessee Gas Pipeline	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	✓	✓
Katherine Burch	Texas Eastern	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	✓
Jon Keeler	Great Lakes	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	✓
Joe Bianchi	ANR Pipeline	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	✓
Paul Love	NGPL	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kelly Brooks	Williston Basin	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	✓
Jim Keisler	Williams Gas Pipeline	(nv)	(nv)	(nv)	(nv)	(nv)	✓ (nv)
Prince McDougal	Southern Natural Gas	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Norma Boddy	El Paso Natural Gas	✓	✓	✓	Absent	Absent	✓
Mary Sue McNeal	El Paso Natural Gas	(nv)	(nv)	(nv)	Absent	Absent	✓
Iris King	Dominion	✓	✓	Abstain	Absent	Absent	✓
Tammy Hopkins	Enron – Northern Natural	✓	✓	Absent	Absent	Absent	✓
Randy Young	Gulf South Pipeline	Absent	Absent	✓	Absent	Absent	✓
<b>Services</b>							
Gina McMahon	BTU Watch	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	✓
<b>Producers</b>							
<b>End Users</b>							
Joel Greene	Arizona Public Service	✓	✓	✓	Absent	Absent	✓
<b>LDCs</b>							
Audrey Bragg	Washington Gas	Abstain	Abstain	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mariam Arnaout	AGA	(nv)	(nv)	Abstain	Absent	Absent	✓
Jane Lewis	AGA	Abstain	Abstain	Absent	Absent	Absent	✓

**Bold signifies a BPS Chair**

<sup>1</sup>Procedural Motion