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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:** Final Minutes from the Business Practices Subcommittee Meeting

**DATE:** February 21, 2000

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## GAS INDUSTRY STANDARDS BOARD

### GISB BUSINESS PRACTICES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Teleconference Call: February 3, 2000

#### FINAL MINUTES

#### **I. Administrative**

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

The agenda was modified to add a discussion of issues from Information Requirements for R98031/R98035B (CBE). It was added after agenda item 5.

The modified agenda was then adopted without objection.

The draft minutes of January 27, 2000 were modified in the meeting and were adopted as final without objection.

#### **II. Review of the following question from IR for discussion and possible vote:**

##### **R96007/R96008 - Issues from Information Requirements**

Mr. Keisler reviewed the work paper posted for the meeting (Issue Regarding R96007 and R96008 – Request for Information (new dataset)) from Information Requirements. Information Requirements (IR) asked BPS to consider three questions which were raised during discussion in IR? They are as follows:

- 1. The proposed standards (2.3.A under R96007 and 2.3.A under R96008) include a data set name. IR recommends the name of the new data set be revised to 'Request for Information'. The language of the revised standards would be as follows:**

##### **R96007:**

##### **2.3.A**

Transportation Service Providers (TSPs) which provide parties with the ability to:

- a) request statement(s) of allocation via electronic bulletin board or web page; and,
- b) view such requested statements of allocation via electronic bulletin board or web page; and,
- c) do not provide such parties with the ability to request a GISB Standard No. 2.4.3 Allocation Statement via at least a fax, phone, or e-mail;



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should support the ability of such party (or their agent) to request Allocation Statements via ~~Upload of a Request for Allocation Statement~~ Request for Information and to receive the Transportation Service Provider's response via a GISB Standard No. 2.4.3 document. Where the conditions in a) and b) above exist and the TSP does provide such parties with the ability to request a GISB Standard No. 2.4.3 Allocation Statement via at least a fax, phone, or e-mail, then the Transportation Service Provider is not required to support ~~the Upload of Request for Allocation Statement~~ Request for Information.

The period of time (how far back in time a request may specify) should be comparable as between the electronic request/view method and the upload request/receive response method, provided, however, the TSP would not be required to respond with information generated prior to its implementation of GISB Standard No. 2.4.3.

### **R96008:**

#### **2.3.A**

Transportation Service Providers (TSPs) which provide parties with the ability to:

- a) request imbalance information via electronic bulletin board or web page; and,
- b) view such requested imbalance information via electronic bulletin board or web page; and,
- c) do not provide such parties with the ability to request a GISB Standard No. 2.4.4 Imbalance Statement via at least a fax, phone, or e-mail;

should support the ability of such party (or their agent) to request Imbalance Statements via ~~Upload of a Request for Imbalance Statement~~ Request for Information and to receive the Transportation Service Provider's response via a GISB Standard No. 2.4.4 document. Where the conditions in a) and b) above exist and the TSP does provide such parties with the ability to request a GISB Standard No. 2.4.4 Imbalance Statement via at least a fax, phone, or e-mail, then the Transportation Service Provider is not required to support ~~the Upload of Request for Imbalance Statement~~ Request for Information.

The period of time (how far back in time a request may specify) should be comparable as between the electronic request/view method and the upload request/receive response method, provided, however, the TSP would not be required to respond with information generated prior to its implementation of GISB Standard No. 2.4.4.

2. **IR determined that a data set should be developed to respond to the Request for Information. However, a response data set was not specifically included in BPS' instructions to IR. IR asks for BPS' confirmation that a response data set is consistent with BPS' instructions. The new data set, called Response to Request for Information, is presented below.**



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## Response for Information

| Level  | Business Name<br>(Abbreviation)            | Definition  | EDI/<br>FF Usage | Condition   |
|--------|--|---|------------------|---|
| Detail | Data Availability Code<br>(Data Avail)     | A code indicating the availability of data for each type of data set requested.   | M                |   |
| Header | Data Process Date<br>(Proc Date)           | The date the response was processed.  | M                |   |
| Header | Data Process Time<br>(Proc Time)           | The time the response was processed.  | M                |   |
| Detail | Data Sets Requested<br>(DS Req)            | A code identifying the types of requested data sets.  | M                |   |
| Header | Request ID<br>(Req ID)                     | A unique identifier determined by the Requester, which is used to delineate this request from any others sent by the Requester. | C                | Mandatory when provided in Request for Information. |
| Header | Requester Company Code<br>*<br>(Req Co)    | The requesting company.   | M                |   |
| Header | Transportation Service Provider *<br>(TSP) | Identifies the party providing the requested service.   | M                |   |

\* Indicates Common Code

3. It should be clarified that the response times specified in 2.3.B under R96007 and 2.3.B under R96008 pertain to the information that was requested and not to the new Response to Request for Information data set. IR suggests the following revision to the proposed standard language:

**R96007:**

**2.3.B**

Transportation Service Providers which support the ability of a party (or its agent) to:

- a) request GISB Standard No. 2.4.3 document(s) pursuant to GISB Standard No. [number assigned for proposed standard no. 2.3.A] and
- b) receive the GISB Standard No. 2.4.3 document in response to such request;

should provide the ~~response~~ documents requested at the party's designated site by 9:00 a.m. CCT on a



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business day when the request is received prior to 3:00 p.m. CCT on the prior business day.

### **R96008:**

#### **2.3.B**

Transportation Service Providers which support the ability of a party (or its agent) to:

- a) request GISB Standard No. 2.4.4 document(s) pursuant to GISB Standard No. [number assigned for proposed standard no. 2.3.A] and
- b) receive the GISB Standard No. 2.4.4 document in response to such request;

should provide the ~~response~~ documents requested at the party's designated site by 9:00 a.m. CCT on a business day when the request is received prior to 3:00 p.m. CCT on the prior business day.

### **Discussion:**

Mr. Young asked why it was necessary to genericize the name to Request for Information since the information in the request itself specifies what is needed and the appropriate statement (Allocation or Shipper Imbalance) goes back to the requester. Mr. Keisler responded that it is the intent to support the superset of what would be requested. Mr. Lander asked if it this encompassed the capacity release Upload of Request for Posted Data Sets or just allocations and imbalances. Ms. Hess answered that Information Requirements is genericizing the Request for Information only so that we don't have to create two separate data sets (one to request allocation information and one to request shipper imbalance information) and that IR's proposal does not encompass capacity release.

Mr. Lander stated that it looked to him that IR was asking BPS to approve genericizing the request to a Request for Information and the creation of a response document to the Request for Information.

### **Motion:**

Mr. Lander made the motion to adopt IR's recommendations on the posted work paper to include the language changes specified in questions 1 and 3 and the creation of a response document specified in question 2. Ms. Hess seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

At this point, Ms. Van Pelt took over chairing of the meeting.

#### **R96018 - TransCapacity.**

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

Mr. Lander made the following motion (from 1/27/00 meeting minutes) and Mr. Young seconded.



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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).

### **Discussion:**

Ms. Barnum stated that she was confused by the motion and if the motion as trying to take care of both issues discussed in the minutes of January 20, 2000. Mr. Lander stated that the motion takes care of point #2 and that point #1 would be a separate motion later.

Mr. Aschbrenner stated that the last phrase of the motion "for any particular gas transaction point(s)" was confusing to him. Mr. Keisler proposed to delete all wording in the motion after "quantity information" because the rest is surplusage. Mr. Lander stated that the motion was designed to make it clear that only the most current information would be provided regardless of how far back the Data Begin Date/Time was. Mr. Young stated that he believed the most current value is clear.

Ms. Davis asked why there was even a data begin date and time in the standard if what Mr. Lander really wanted was the most recent information. Mr. Lander stated that he included it because the information was already in the data set. Mr. Gracey stated that we should determine the business practices and leave data issues, such as including data begin date and time, for Information Requirements to determine. Mr. Young proposed to remove the references to data begin date and go with the most current information as of the response. The motion was modified accordingly.

During further discussion, Ms. Davis asked why there was a need to reference gas transaction point(s). Mr. Lander stated that it was because that is what the information is for. Mr. Scheel asked if the data set is referring to gas transaction point, segment, or zone and if we could change the wording to be consistent with Dynegey's R99033. Mr. Gracey suggested to delete the words totally. Mr. Lander stated that he wanted a standard to support the already existing dataset.

Ms. Barnum stated that she was already giving the most recent information and wanted to know why there needed to be a standard to do something that was common sense. Mr. Lander stated that not everybody is doing it that way and that he didn't always get the most current information. Mr. Lander said that he did not want duplicative information, just changes.

There were further modifications to the motion:

### **Modified 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 for the Gas Transaction Point Code(s) as of the date and time the response was processed.

The motion passed with balanced voting.



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|           | For | Against | Balanced For | Balanced Against |
|-----------|-----|---------|--------------|------------------|
| Pipelines | 3   | 8       | .55          | 1.45             |
| Services  | 4   | 0       | 2            | 0                |
| Producers | 1   | 0       | 1            | 0                |
| LDCs      | 0   | 0       | 0            | 0                |
| End Users | 0   | 0       | 0            | 0                |
|           | 8   | 8       | 3.55         | 1.45             |

Mr. Lander stated that he would come back to the second motion at the next meeting on February 17, 2000.

#### IV. Review of the following question from IR for discussion and possible vote:

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

Mr. Lander reviewed the work paper posted.

Mr. Lander made the motion to delete Adjustment Value from the Shipper Imbalance dataset and Mr. Keisler seconded.

#### Motion:

The Adjustment Value data element should be eliminated from the Shipper Imbalance dataset.

#### Discussion:

There was discussion at the previous meeting that El Paso was the company using this data element. Mr. Gracey stated that none of the El Paso companies are currently using it.

Ms. Hess asked if it had been determined how to reflect adjustments on the Shipper Imbalance. Mr. Keisler said that during the January 13, 2000 BPS call, the Adjustment Quantity and Adjustment Type were moved to the same level as the contract. Ms. Hess stated that they were not moved, but she reiterated the agreement that they did not belong at the level they currently exist. Ms. Hess stated that Enron's business practice is to send the Shipper Imbalance and reflect changes as prior period adjustments.

The motion was voted and passed unanimously.

#### IV. Next Meeting and Agenda

The next conference call is scheduled for February 17, 2000. The agenda will be as follows:

For discussion and possible vote:

R96018 - TransCapacity

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

For discussion only:

R98031/R98035B – Issues from Information Requirements, IR memo



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

### **VI. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned without objection .



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## VI. Meeting Attendees & Voting Record

| Name                | Company                             | GISB Member | Vote | R96007/<br>R96008 | R96018  | Shipper Imbalance |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|------|-------------------|---------|-------------------|
| <b>Pipelines:</b>   |                                     |             |      |                   |         |                   |
| Betty Barnum        | CMS Panhandle Eastern               | Yes         | Yes  | Yes               | No      | Absent            |
| Jim Keisler         | Williams Gas Pipeline               | Yes         | No   | --                | --      | --                |
| Clancy Aschbrenner  | CIG                                 | Yes         | Yes  | Yes               | No      | Yes               |
| Kim Van Pelt        | CMS Trunkline Gas Co.               | Yes         | Yes  | Yes               | No      | Yes               |
| Dale Davis          | Williams Gas Pipeline               | Yes         | Yes  | Yes               | No      | Yes               |
| Fred Cumming        | Texas Eastern                       | Yes         | Yes  | Yes               | No      | Yes               |
| Tammy Hopkins       | FGT                                 | Yes         | Yes  | Yes               | Yes     | Yes               |
| Theresa Hess        | Enron – Transwestern                | Yes         | Yes  | Yes               | Yes     | Yes               |
| Mark Gracey         | Tennessee Gas Pipeline              | Yes         | Yes  | Yes               | Yes     | Yes               |
| Twyla Strogon       | CNGT                                | Yes         | Yes  | Yes               | No      | Yes               |
| Marcy McCain        | Algonquin Gas Transmission          | Yes         | Yes  | Absent            | Absent  | Absent            |
| Stephanie LeCureaux | ANR                                 | Yes         | Yes  | Yes               | No      | Yes               |
| Kelly Adolph        | Williston Basis                     | Yes         | Yes  | Yes               | No      | Yes               |
| <b>Services:</b>    |                                     |             |      |                   |         |                   |
| Greg Lander         | Skipping<br>Stone/TransCapacity     | Yes         | Yes  | Yes               | Yes     | Yes               |
| Saraliz Patterson   | Cynthia Corcoran Attorney<br>At Law | Yes         | Yes  | Abstain           | Abstain | Abstain           |
| Randy Young         | Koch Midstream                      | Yes         | Yes  | Yes               | Yes     | Yes               |
| Mark Scheel         | Dynegy                              | Yes         | Yes  | Yes               | Yes     | Yes               |
| Gary Payne          | Enron Administrative                | Yes         | Yes  | Yes               | Yes     | Yes               |
| <b>Producers:</b>   |                                     |             |      |                   |         |                   |
| Joyce Phillips      | PanCanadian                         | Yes         | Yes  | Yes               | Yes     | Absent            |