

To: Business Practices Subcommittee Chairs

From: Jim Keisler, Co-Chair—Information Requirements Subcommittee

Subject: Issue Regarding R96007 and R96008--Request for Information (new dataset)

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At its meeting on November 9 – 10, 1999, the Information Requirements (IR) subcommittee discussed requests R96007 and R96008. Could you please consider the following three (3) questions which were raised during that discussion and respond at your earliest convenience?

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;

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.

Level	Business Name (Abbreviation)	Definition	EDI/FF Usage	Condition
Detail	Data Availability Code (Data Avail)	A code indicating the availability of data for each type of data set requested.	M	
Header	Data Process Date (Proc Date)	The date the response was processed.	M	
Header	Data Process Time (Proc Time)	The time the response was processed.	M	
Detail	Data Sets Requested (DS Req)	A code identifying the types of requested data sets.	M	
Header	Request ID (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 * (Req Co)	The requesting company.	M	
Header	Transportation Service Provider * (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 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.