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

**FROM:** Rae McQuade, Executive Director

**RE:** Draft Minutes from the Business Practices Subcommittee Meeting

**DATE:** February 24, 2000

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### GAS INDUSTRY STANDARDS BOARD

#### GISB BUSINESS PRACTICES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Teleconference Call: February 17, 2000

#### FINAL 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 approval of the draft minutes of February 3, 2000, as the minutes were not available. The modified agenda was then adopted 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.

Mr. Lander withdrew the sole remaining item remaining in BPS on this request, which was moving the posting date and posting time (or a comparable data element) from the header to the line item level in the Operationally Available and Unsubscribed Capacity dataset.

He noted that he now considers the BPS review of R96018 complete.

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

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

This agenda item was deferred to the next meeting as the requester was not on the call.

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



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### **R98031, R98035B** Issues from Information Requirements Subcommittee (memo dated 02/01/2000)

Mr. Keisler presented the work paper from Information Requirements Subcommittee (IR) regarding request nos. R98031 and R98035B. The work paper reads as follows:

At its meeting on January 10 – 12, 2000, the Information Requirements (IR) subcommittee discussed requests R98031 and R98035B. Could you please consider the following questions which were raised during that discussion and respond at your earliest convenience?

#### **1. Question to Business Practices Subcommittee regarding R98031:**

**Standard # 105** states: “The data elements should accommodate confirmation by exception. If a Transportation Service Provider chooses to support confirmation by exception, the GISB standard data sets should accommodate it.”

In regards to **Standard #105**, an analysis by Information Requirements of the current Confirmation transaction sets indicates that those transaction sets do accommodate the business practice of confirmation by exception.

However, IR has the following question: Is the business practice of sending the election to initiate or terminate confirmation by exception suitable for EDI?

#### **2. Questions to Business Practices Subcommittee regarding R98035B:**

The Business Practices Subcommittee (BPS) at their November 18, 1999 meeting declined **R98035A**. BPS decided that the business practice of sending pre-limit quantities should not be standardized. IR noted in its November 2, 1999 memo that pre-limit quantities are sent infrequently. EII, however, indicated that a pre-limit quantity should be accommodated in the to be developed Confirmation by Exception Election data set.

Since BPS indicated in its response to **R98035A** that pre-limit quantities should not be standardized, should IR address pre-limit quantities pursuant to **R98035B**?

Mr. Keisler further explained the issues and responded to questions from the group.

Mr. Lander asked if anyone remembered the discussion and/or additional details regarding the discussion of this request at the EBB Internet Implementation Task Force (EIITF). Mr. Keisler noted that he did not remember any detailed discussion, that it was passed to IR with little discussion. Others who had attended the EIITF meetings agreed with this assessment.

Mr. Griffith noted that he did not believe that this practice required a dataset, and that it was both infrequent and could be handled between the parties in the trading partner agreement.

Mr. Lander voiced his agreement for this approach and while this item was only up for discussion (and not vote), noted that he would propose that BPS decline the request. This would therefore not require development of a standardized EDI dataset. He noted there seemed to be no need to standardize the



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process of election of confirmation by exception (CBE), therefore there was no need for a standardized dataset. No one on the phone cried out for the need for such a dataset and had no stated objection to the proposals.

Mr. Aschbrenner noted that in EIITF many pipelines submitted requests since they were currently providing services on their EBBs, thus they wanted to make sure they submitted requests for datasets, whether they really believed there was a compelling need for the datasets or not.

Ms. LeCureaux, representing one of the requesters, had no objection to the proposed declining of this request.

Mr. Lander noted that no one objected to the declination of the request but noted that it should not be dispositive of a similar request in the future.

Mr. Keisler asked whether the proposed disposition would also apply to IR's second question, that is, would it also decline R98035B?

Mr. Lander noted that it was his assumption that both would be declined and whatever language adopted by the BPS should be precise in accomplishing this. There was no disagreement voiced.

It will be put on the next agenda for discussion and possible vote.

### **V. Next meeting and agenda:**

For discussion and possible vote,

R98031, R98035B Issues from Information Requirements Subcommittee (memo dated 02/01/2000)

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

Mr. Lander asked that we note that the GISB office should contact the requester on request No. R98085 and let them know that it will be discussed and possibly voted on at the next BPS meeting. Hopefully they can have a representative participate on the call.

The BPS chairs will convene off-line and come up with the list of remaining requests assigned to BPS. These will then be categorized if possible on the next BPS call.

### **VI. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 3:15 p.m. central.



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### VI. Meeting Attendees & Voting Record

Name	Company	GISB Member	Vote
<b>Pipelines:</b>			
Jim Keisler	Williams Gas Pipeline	Yes	Yes
Clancy Aschbrenner	CIG	Yes	Yes
Bill Griffith	CIG	Yes	No
Stephanie LeCureaux	ANR	Yes	Yes
Twyla Stroegen	CNG	Yes	Yes
Tom Gwilliam	Iroquois	Yes	Yes
Fred Cumming	Texas Eastern	Yes	Yes
Tammy Hopkins	FGT	Yes	Yes
Theresa Hess	Enron – Transwestern	Yes	Yes
<b>Services:</b>			
Jim Buccigross	National Registry	Yes	Yes
Greg Lander	Skipping Stone	Yes	Yes
Cynthia Corcoran	Cynthia Corcoran Attorney At Law	Yes	Yes
Randy Young	Koch Midstream	Yes	Yes
<b>End Users</b>			
Diane McVicker	Salt River Project	Yes	Yes