

# Gas Industry Standards Board

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**TO:** Business Practices Subcommittee Chairs, Interested Industry Participants  
**FROM:** Rae McQuade, Executive Director  
**RE:** Final Minutes from the Business Practices Subcommittee Meeting  
**DATE:** April 20, 2000

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## I. Administrative

Mr. Lander Chaired the meeting, welcomed the participants and gave the anti-trust advice  
The agenda was adopted as written.

The Draft Minutes of 3/30/00 and 4/6/00 were both modified and adopted as final

2. Review of the following for discussion and vote:  
**R98018 - El Paso Natural Gas and SoCal Gas**

**Discussion:** The result from the last BPS meeting was a general sentiment to decline this request as the ability to send multiple reduction reasons in a scheduled quantity document was addressed in R99041. The essence of R98018 is to be able to send a quantity with each reduction reason. The implementation of R98041 does not support that practice. Neither does R99041 support sending multiple reduction reasons in the Scheduled Quantity for Operators.

**Motion:** BPS instructs IR to accommodate the mutually agreeable business practice of sending a reduction quantity along with each reduction reason and to do so in both the Scheduled Quantity and Scheduled Quantity for Operators documents. IR should also support the mutually agreed business practice of sending multiple reduction reasons in the Scheduled Quantity for Operators document. The implementations should support the sending of as many as 10 iterations of reduction reasons and quantities.

**Moved by:** Joyce Phillips, seconded by Todd Hudson

**Vote:** This vote passed unanimously as Vote 1 on the attendance log.

**Next Item:** **R96022B TransCapacity**

The intention of the request was to change the wording of the principle 3.1.2 to read "Elements should stay consistent from nominations through invoicing" and for it to remain as a principle.

**Motion:** Change the wording of the principle 3.1.2 to read "Elements should stay consistent from nominations through invoicing."

**Moved by:** Greg Lander, and seconded by Diane McVicker

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**Discussion:** There was no voiced opposition to the wording change for this principle.

**Vote:** The motion passed unanimously with the vote recorded as Vote 2 on the attendance log.

**Next Item:** R98029 – Skipping Stone

## **Description of Request Follows (copied from Request Form):**

### **3. Description of Proposed Standard or Enhancement:**

Change the usage and definition of the Transaction Status Code “AE” in the 855 Quick Response transaction set. Currently, the status code “AE” acknowledges the entire transaction set and provides for detail and/or sub detail errors/warnings to be communicated. The status code “AE” also infers that the absence of a line item response equates to an accepted response. The definition of “AE” should change from “Acknowledge – With Exception Detail Only: Error(s) or warning(s) occurred in the transaction. Transaction has been acknowledged. Error(s) and warning(s) follow.” to “Acknowledge: Transaction has been acknowledged. All processed line items, i.e. sub-detail, to follow.”

### **4. Use of the Proposed Standard or Enhancement:**

The usage of the Transaction Status Code “AE” in the 855 Quick Response transaction set would be utilized to identify the status of the line item nomination rather than the entire transaction set. When the status code “AE” is utilized in the 855 Quick Response transaction set, it will refer to only the data that is present in the transaction set. The inference that an absence of data equates to accepted data will be removed. The “AE” status code will cover responses to line item nominations that are accepted, as well as, those that have errors and/or warnings. Accepted nominations will be identified via the absence of the “PID” line. The “AE” status code will acknowledge the receipt of the transaction but will only correspond to processed nomination data.

### **5. Description of Any Tangible or Intangible Benefits to the Use of the Proposed Standard or Enhancement:**

Will eliminate ambiguities that are present when the “AE” status code is used. Will eliminate ambiguities present when determining whether or not to infer that a nomination line item has been processed and is accepted when there is no mention of the nomination line item in the 855 Quick Response transaction set. Will eliminate ambiguities inherent in parties’ differing implementations of what constitutes a transaction, i.e. a line item versus a transmittal of multiple line items.

### **6. Estimate of Incremental Specific Costs to Implement Proposed Standard or Enhancement:**

Any costs associated with this proposed enhancement are extremely small and represent a "one-time" addition of a code value description. The request does not

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propose to increase the volume of data sent or require any significant additional processing. It involves only the addition of a code value to an existing data element.

## 7. Description of Any Specific Legal or Other Considerations:

None.

**Motion:** BPS instructs IR to support the business practice of a TSP sending a Nomination Quick Response Transaction Status Code with the following definition:

“Acknowledge: Transaction has been acknowledged. All received line items and applicable validation codes, i.e. sub-detail, to follow in this or subsequent nomination quick response transmittal(s).”

As a further instruction, the implementation of this code value would not extend the deadline for processing nomination quick response(s).

**Moved by:** Greg Lander, seconded by Diane McVicker

**Discussion:** The discussion centered on whether there was a compelling reason to provide for a 100% response to all transactions and the fact that adding a new Transaction Status Code would result in two ways to implement the nomination quick response. The participants felt that a week of contemplation was in order.

## 3. Category 2, Title Transfer Tracking – for discussion only:

R96025

R97019

Neither item was discussed on this call.

## 4. Next meeting and agenda

1. Administrative:
2. R98029 – for discussion and possible vote
3. Category 2, Title Transfer Tracking – for discussion only
  - R96025
  - R97019
4. Category 3 - Capacity Priority for Scheduling - for possible discussion only
  - R97070
  - R97082
  - R00006
  - R00003
5. Next meeting and agenda
6. Adjourn

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The meeting Adjourned at 5:28 PM ET

Next meeting is April 27, 2000

## Meeting Attendees and Voting Record

<u>Segment</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Voting</u>	<u>GISB</u>	<u>Vote 1</u>	<u>Vote 2</u>	<u>Vote 3</u>
		<u>Member</u>				
<b>Pipelines:</b>						
Mark Gracey	Tennessee Gas Pipeline	X	X	X	X	
Betty Barnum	CMS Panhandle Eastern	X	X	NV	NV	
Dale Davis	Williams Gas Pipeline	X	X	X	X	
Clancy Aschbrenner	CIG	X	X	X	X	
Stephanie LeCureaux	ANR Pipeline	X	X	X	X	
Mike Stender	El Paso Natural Gas		X			
Todd Hudson	El Paso Natural Gas	X	X	X	X	
Mike Schisler	Natural Gas Pipeline	X	X	X	X	
Theresa Hess	Transwestern	X	X	X	NV	
Jim Keisler	Williams Gas Pipeline		X			
<b>Services:</b>						
<b>Greg Lander</b>	Skipping Stone	X	X	X	X	
Cynthia Corcoran	Corcoran Law Offices	X	X	NV	NV	
<b>Producers:</b>						
<b>Joyce Phillips</b>	PanCanadian	X	X	X	X	
<b>End Users:</b>						
<b>Diane McVicker</b>	Salt River Project	X	X	X	X	
<b>LDC's:</b>						

**Bold signifies a BPS Chair**