

# 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:** June 29, 2000

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**GAS INDUSTRY STANDARDS BOARD**  
**GISB BUSINESS PRACTICES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Teleconference Call: June 29, 2000, 2:30 – 4:30 pm**  
**FINAL MINUTES**

**1. Administrative**

Mr. Lander gave the anti-trust advice. The Agenda was adopted as modified, and the adoption of Draft Minutes from June 22, 2000 was put off until the next meeting.

**2. Response from EDD on BPS issue (see work paper posted below the table):**

Text of EDD Response Work paper inserted here.

**ISSUE FROM BPS:**

At their April 6, 2000 meeting, BPS requested information from EDD. Below is the motion adopted by BPS:

**MOTION:** BPS requests that EDD inform BPS as to how the Shipper Imbalance Statement and the datasets under development in EDD, having to do with Imbalance Netting and Trading, will enable users of the respective data sets to tie together information with respect to the zone where the imbalance is reported in the respective documents.

**RESPONSE FROM EDD:**

EDD discussed this item at their June 6 – 7 meeting and crafted the following response to BPS:

**MOTION:** The Imbalance Subcommittee voted to remove the Zone Identifier from the Imbalance Netting / Trading datasets at their May 19, 1999 meeting. The EDD work does not include the Zone Identifier data element. With respect to zone, there is no explicit linkage between the Shipper Imbalance dataset and Imbalance Netting / Trading datasets.

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If an association needs to exist, this is a business practice issue and is not appropriate for resolution by EDD.

**Discussion:** There was discussion as to the reason given by EDD for not supporting it at this point. There was no requirement that they do so.

**Motion:** There should be the Zone Identifier data element within the appropriate Imbalance Trading datasets where a Transportation Service Provider employs the Zone Identifier data element within their implementation of the Shipper Imbalance dataset in order to enable the linkage between the Imbalance Trading datasets and the Shipper Imbalance dataset.

Moved by Greg Lander, seconded by Mark Gracey.  
Motion Withdrawn.

**New Motion:** BPS should send its question and EDD's Response to the Imbalance Netting and Trading Task Force to be added to its agenda for when they see fit.

Moved by Greg Lander and seconded by Theresa Hess.

The motion passed unanimously.

### 3. **Review of the following Nominations Round 2 Category of Business Practices Requests:**

Category 3, Capacity Priority for Scheduling:

R00006	Southern Natural	for discussion only
R00003	Great Lakes	for discussion only

There was extensive discussion. One of the issues raised was that the requested values were really more of a "service Type" than a Transaction Type. It was mentioned that many of them could actually be used in conjunction with the existing Transaction Types and that there may well be a need to concatenate several of the existing transaction types together with the proposed ones in order for service requesters to communicate their intentions to the TSP. An example was over-run and firm storage. In this light it was proposed by Greg Lander that maybe the best implementation of the Master agreement business practice would be to add a "Service Type" data element to the nomination data set rather than shoe-horning a whole group of new service related codes into the transaction type data element. Mr. Lander also stated that he felt that if this data element were to be added that it would make the most sense to add it as

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a BC data element in the nominations and then conditional thereafter (Quick Responses, Scheduled Quantity the flowing gas data sets and so forth.)

One series of topics that was mentioned by Theresa Hess was that BPS should consider the implications to implementing the Service Type throughout the datasets. She also asked that BPS consider the question, "What are we buying with this change and do the benefits of rippling this new data element through the business process – presumably all the way through to Invoicing - outweigh the effort to integrate this?"

A review of the existing list of Transaction Types left most people with the impression that they were all indeed transaction types and not service types. Southern asked that they be allowed to take the "Service Type" concept back through their organization and return at the next meeting with a fully formed opinion. Others concurred.

#### 4. **Question from Technical Subcommittee re: R98013 (work paper copied below)**

During the processing of request R98013, the Technical Subcommittee raised the following questions/issues:

1. The data element "Unit of Measure" was added as a Mandatory data element to the Measured Volume Audit Statement (2.4.6) at the December 16, 1999 BPS meeting. This data element is only used to qualify measurement information such as Static Pressure and Minimum Static Pressure Range. However, the data elements that need to be qualified are not all Mandatory. Therefore, the Technical Subcommittee believes that the usage on the Unit of Measure data element should be conditional, based on whether the other data elements are present. Please confirm Technical's approach in this matter.
2. The original request only addressed the data elements Minimum Static Pressure Range, Maximum Static Pressure Range, Static Pressure, Maximum Differential Pressure, and Differential Pressure. However, the code values currently being used in the X12 mapping where the Unit of Measure data element is being added are also in use for the following data elements: Reporting Pressure Base, Temperature Range Minimum, Temperature Range Maximum, Atmospheric Pressure, Tube Inside Diameter, Orifice Diameter, Chart Revolution Time, Component Percentage, Heating Factor, Specific Gravity, Temperature, Flow Period, Volume, and Reporting Temperature. The Technical Subcommittee believes the Unit of Measure data element should be added for all the data elements that need a qualifier for the measurement units, not only those mentioned in the request. The X12 syntactical rules require that the unit

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of measure be specified when sending a measurement value. Please confirm Technical's approach in this matter.

**Motion:** The BPS instructs IR and Technical to review the implications of adding the Unit of Measure data element to be sent in conjunction with the below listed data elements when they are sent within the Measured Volume Audit Statement. If there are no negative implications to adding the data element with the “in conjunction conditionality”, then IR and Technical are instructed add them. If there are, IR and Technical are requested to re-question BPS.

The list of data elements within the Measured Volume Audit Statement is as follows:  
Minimum Static Pressure Range, Maximum Static Pressure Range, Static Pressure, Maximum Differential Pressure, Differential Pressure, Reporting Pressure Base, Temperature Range Minimum, Temperature Range Maximum, Atmospheric Pressure, Tube Inside Diameter, Orifice Diameter, Chart Revolution Time, Component Percentage, Heating Factor, Specific Gravity, Temperature, Flow Period, Volume, and Reporting Temperature.

Moved by Greg Lander and seconded by Jim Keisler.

Motion passed unanimously.

## 5. Next meeting and agenda

1. Administrative:
2. Category 3 - Capacity Priority for Scheduling - for discussion and possible vote

R00006	Southern Natural	for discussion and possible vote
R00003	Great Lakes	for discussion and possible vote
R97082	Florida Gas	for discussion only
3. Capacity Priority for Scheduling - for possible discussion
  - R97082 – Florida Gas
  - R00006 – Southern Natural
  - R00003 – Great Lakes
4. Next meeting and agenda
5. Adjourn

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The meeting Adjourned at 4:27 Central Time

Next meeting for these topics is July 20, 2000

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## Meeting Attendees and Voting Record

<u>Segment</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Voting</u>	<u>GISB</u> Member
<b>Pipelines:</b>			
Dale Davis	Williams Gas Pipeline	X	X
Theresa Hess	Enron – Transwestern	X	X
Bill Griffith	CIG	X	X
<b>Kim Van Pelt</b>	<b>CMS-Panhandle</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Mark Gracey	Tennessee Gas	X	X
Karen Gossett	Koch Gateway	X	X
Tammy Hopkins	Enron – FGT	X	X
Prince McDougal	El Paso – Southern Natural	X	X
Mary Sue McNeil	El Paso	X	X
Iris King	Dominion Transmission	X	X
Jim Keisler	Williams Gas Pipeline		X
Stephanie LeCureaux	ANR	X	X
Fred Cumminger	Texas Eastern	X	X
<b>Services:</b>			
Debra Stubblefield	Corocoran Law Office	X	X
<b>Greg Lander</b>	<b>CapacityCenter.com</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Sylvia Munson	Altra	X	X
Randy Young	Koch Midstream	X	X
<b>Producers:</b>			
<b>Joyce Phillips</b>	<b>PanCanadian</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>End Users:</b>			
<b>Bill Hebenstreit</b>	<b>El Paso Merchant Energy</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Cary Metz	MCV	X	X
<b>LDC's:</b>			

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