



Gas Industry Standards Board

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TO: BPS Chairs (Tina Patton, Greg Lander, Mike Novak, Kim Van Pelt, Producer vacancy)
Posting for Interested Industry Participants

FROM: Rae McQuade, Executive Director

RE: Final Minutes for the Business Practices Subcommittee - July 17, 2001

DATE: July 26, 2001

**GAS INDUSTRY STANDARDS BOARD
BUSINESS PRACTICES SUBCOMMITTEE
Thursday, July 17, 2001 9:00 a.m. – 11:30a.m.
FINAL MEETING MINUTES**

1. Administrative

Ms. Van Pelt gave the anti-trust advice, chaired the meeting and took the meeting notes. Roll call was done and the agenda was adopted as posted.

2. BPS Issue provided by IR on May 15, 2001 re: Order 637 Transactional Reporting

Mr. Whatley read the definition of Contract Begin Date and Contract Begin Time from the transactional reporting data dictionary being developed by IR and stated that is important to point out that there is no mention of entitlement in the definitions. Mr. Whatley explained what he felt is the difference of effective date and time versus the flow of gas. Ms. Hess explained that not all pipeline contracts are effective for a calendar day. Some are effective for a gas day. She stated that they only have one time for the time that a contract is effective.

Ms. Calcagno stated that you can have uniform contract effective times with flow times that can be different and asked if there is a way to make a distinction between contract begin and end time and flow begin and end time.

Ms. Chezar asked why can't we accommodate times for releases for less than one day. Mr. Novak stated that we have to accommodate the electric generation load and that the time information would have to be mandatory.

Mr. Whatley stated that he felt that Mr. Novak is talking about entitlements of the contract and not about the data elements that are currently defined. Mr. Novak stated that he believes we first need to define the data that we want.

Ms. Chezar stated that these would be tariff services and not negotiated terms and conditions.

Mr. Novak stated that if someone is going to do a release it will be for the remainder of the day. Ms. Calcagno stated that that would not necessarily be true.

There was more discussion on the meaning of effective dates and times of the contracts versus entitlement rights dates and times and multiple windows of entitlement rights dates and times. Mr. Novak stated that he doesn't believe we need contract effective date and time and that entitlement date and time is what is needed.



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Ms. Hess stated that for the record they don't contract for less than one day. Ms. Calcagno stated that she believes we can make a distinction between when the contract is made and when the entitlement exists to flow gas.

Mr. Gwilliam stated that he is understanding that to answer the IR question we don't need contract begin and end time, but that we need entitlement dates and times and the remaining issue is the usage of the data.

Mr. Whatley proposed new definitions for Contract Begin Date, Contract Begin Time, Contract End Date, and Contract End Time.

Contract Begin Date - The date on which the Service Requester Contract becomes effective.

Contract Begin Time - The time at which the Service Requester Contract becomes effective on the Contract Begin Date.

Contract End Date - The last date on which the Service Requester Contract is effective, without regard to evergreen or rollover provision(s).

Contract End Time - The last time at which the Service Requester Contract is effective on the Contract End Date, without regard to evergreen or rollover provision(s).

Mr. Novak proposed four new data elements.

Contract Entitlement Begin Date – The date on which service can first be provided under the Service Requester Contract.

Contract Entitlement Begin Time – The time at which service can first be provided under the Service Requester Contract on the Contract Entitlement Begin Date.

Contract Entitlement End Date – The date on which service can last be provided under the Service Requester Contract, without regard to evergreen or rollover provision(s).

Contract Entitlement End Time – The time at which service can last be provided under the Service Requester Contract on the Contract Entitlement End Date, without regard to evergreen or rollover provision(s).

Mr. Novak proposed that contract begin and end dates and times be supplied and then only supply the contract entitlement begin and end dates and times if they are different than the contract ones. Mr. Bass requested that Contract Begin Time and Contract End Time be eliminated. Ms. Hess and Mr. Novak agreed with Mr. Bass. Mr. Novak suggested that the Contract Entitlement Begin Time and Contract Entitlement End Time be defaulted to the beginning and ending of the gas day. He also suggested multiple occurrences of contract entitlement begin time and end time be accommodated by IR and Technical. Mr. Whatley explained that accommodating multiple occurrences would be contrary to the definitions proposed for contract entitlement begin time and end time. Mr. Bass proposed modifying the proposed contract entitlement begin and end time definitions. Mr. Novak proposed some modified definitions for Contract Entitlement Begin Time and Contract Entitlement End Time. There was some question as to whether the contract entitlement begin and end times should include the concept of gas day. There was no agreement as to whether it should. This issue will be discussed further at the BPS conference call on 7/26/2001.



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Next meeting and agenda

Thursday, July 26, 2001, 9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.

1. **Administrative: Welcome, Antitrust Advice, Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda, Adoption of Draft Meeting Minutes for July 12, 2001**

 2. **BPS Issue provided by IR on May 15, 2001 re: Order 637 Transactional Reporting**
Are the Contract Begin Time and Contract End Time necessary for Transactional Reporting or are Contract Begin Date and Contract End Date sufficient to communicate the duration of the contract?

 3. **Review of the following Invoicing Round 3 Category of Business Practices Requests:**

R01014	Williams Gas Pipeline	discussion and possible vote
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 4. **Next Meeting and agenda**

 5. **Adjourn**
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- The meeting was adjourned at about 12:00noon.



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Meeting Attendees and Voting Record

Attendee	Organization		GISB Member?
		(nv) – not voting	
Pipelines			
Kim Van Pelt	CMS Panhandle Eastern		✓
Theresa Hess	Enron – Transwestern		✓
Tom Gwilliam	Iroquois Gas Transmission		✓
Dale Davis	Williams Gas Pipeline		✓
Mark Gracey	Tennessee Gas Pipeline		✓
Mike Stender	El Paso Natural Gas		✓
Charlie Bass	ANR		✓
Stan Thomas	NGPL		✓
Twyla Stroger**	Dominion		✓
Randy Young**	Gulf South Pipeline		✓
Jonathan Keeler	Great Lakes Gas Transm		✓
Bill Griffith**	Colorado Interstate Gas		✓
Maureen Riter	Colorado Interstate Gas		✓
Services			
Suzanne Calcagno	Enron North America		✓
Pete Whatley	Dynegy Marketing & Trade		✓
Gina McMahon**	BTU Watch		✓
Producers			
			✓
End Users			
LDCs			
Mike Novak	National Fuel Gas Distrib		✓
Dolores Chezar**	Keyspan		✓
Audrey Bragg**	Washington Gas		✓
Associations			
Mariam Arnaout**	American Gas Association		✓

Bold signifies a BPS Chair

** indicates participation via telephone