

North American Energy 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, October 2, 2003
DATE: October 2, 2003

1. Administrative

Ms. Van Pelt opened the meeting and gave the anti-trust advice. Participants on the call introduced themselves. The agenda was adopted as posted. The 8/28/2003 draft minutes were amended and adopted as final.

2. Review of Business Practices Requests

R03015 Transcanada Discussion only

Discussion:

Mr. Schubert reviewed the request. He explained that depending on the practices of the TSP, there are instances when using the Pathed Non-Threaded nomination model that the receipt or delivery rank does not work well for capacity allocation reductions. The use of the upstream and downstream ranks was also discussed. There were parties that felt these wouldn't work either. It was suggested that Mr. Schubert prepare a diagram for our next discussion (11/19/2003 face-to-face meeting in Houston) so that everyone would have a visual to help understand the problems. This item will be discussed further at the 11/19/2003 meeting.

3. Review of the following Information Requirement's Subcommittee Questions for Discussion and Possible Vote (see memos posted on bottom of BPS web page):

IR Memo Regarding Upstream and Downstream Rank, memo May 23, 2003

At its meeting on January 14-15, 2003, the Information Requirements (IR) subcommittee discussed an issue related to the 1999 Annual Plan – Cross Contract Ranking. The issue in question was transferred to IR by the EC at its meeting of November 11, 1999. The instruction to IR from the Cross Contract Ranking Subcommittee was to change the condition of upstream rank and downstream rank in the Data Element Cross Reference Table to "nu" for the pathed and non-path models. In December 2002, IR completed its work, but it was reviewed again during its January 2003 meeting. At that time, it was determined to send the following question to BPS and the following motion was made:

IR MOTION: Send the following question to BPS:

At the March 23, 1999 meeting of the Cross Contract Ranking Subcommittee, it was determined that the usage of upstream rank and downstream rank in the Nominations data set should be changed from "MA" to "nu" and in the minutes of that meeting it stated that an instruction would be sent to IR to make this change.

At the EC meeting of November 11, 1999, the EC confirmed that this issue should be transferred to IR. Although IR changed the usages as instructed at its meeting of December 10, 2002, it has come to IR's attention that TransCanada plans to file a related request involving the same data elements for the pathed non-threaded threaded segment in the near future. Based on this discussion, IR is now concerned that

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others may already be using the existing pathed and non-pathed data elements as "MA". IR believes these comments should be considered as a part of the processing of the issue currently in IR along with the forthcoming TransCanada request. Therefore, before IR transfers its work from the December meeting to the Technical Subcommittee, IR requests that BPS review these related issues and provide direction to IR as to how to proceed.

Discussion:

There was discussion as to why we would want to leave these data elements as mutually agreed instead of marking them as not used ('nu') as directed by the Executive Committee. It was acknowledged that IR did, in fact, mark them as not used, but that it was discussed during the IR meetings that some parties may use the data elements. The question was raised as to what harm would it be to leave these data elements as mutually agreed. The data elements won't be used unless agreed to by both parties. Ms. Scott offered that she would do some research before the next meeting to determine why the Cross Contract Ranking Subcommittee suggested that these data elements be marked as not used in the first place.

4. Next Meeting(s) and Agenda

11/19/2003 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. CT
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Other meetings will be scheduled once the Executive Committee approves the Triage recommendation for several new requests.

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned.

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Meeting Attendees and Voting Record

Attendee	Organization	10/02/03	NAESB WGQ Member?
Pipelines:			
Kim Van Pelt	Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line	√	√
Donna Scott	Transwestern	√	√
Dale Davis	Williams Gas Pipeline	√	√
Christopher Burden	Williams Gas Pipeline	√	√
Gene Fava	Great Lakes Gas Transmission	√	√
Bill Griffith	Colorado Interstate Gas	√	√
Ken Schubert	Transcanada Pipeline	√	√
Kathryn Burch	Texas Eastern Gas Transmission	√	√
Services:			
Keith Sappenfield	Encana Corporaton	√	√
Leigh Spangler	Latitude Technologies	√	√
Producers:			
Sheri Heslington	Dominion Exploration	√	
End Users:			
Gary Hinners	Reliant Energy	√	√
LDCs:			
Craig Colombo	Dominion Resources	√	√
Dolores Chezar	KeySpan Energy	√	√
Associations:			
NAESB Office			

Bold signifies a BPS Chair

nv – not voting