

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 9, 2002
DATE: October 21, 2002

1. Administrative

Ms. Van Pelt opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. CCT and gave the anti-trust advice. Participants on the call introduced themselves. The agenda was adopted as modified to postpone the adoption of the 8/19/2002 Order 587 BPS meeting minutes. It was also modified to add an agenda item between numbers 3 and 4 for Review of Requests for Possible Business Issues. Request R02009 was moved under this agenda item.

2. Review of the following Information Requirements Subcommittee Questions for Discussion and Possible Vote (see memos posted on bottom of BPS web page)

Regarding R98081/R98082 Measurement Events/Alarms memo, dated 9/05/2002

Question #1:

As a result of processing request R98081 and R98082, Information Requirements (IR) is developing the Measurement Events/Alarms dataset. As a part of this, IR is developing EDI/FF and EBB usages. Should there be data groupings and/or data element ordering for this new mutually agreeable dataset?

BPS Response:

It was discussed that mutually agreeable data sets do not need data groupings and shouldn't have data groupings.

Motion (motioned by Mr. Young, seconded by Ms. Davis):

In response to IR's question number 1 regarding R98081 and R98082, BPS has determined that it is not necessary to develop data groupings or data ordering for the proposed Measurement Events/Alarms dataset.

Motion passes unanimously on a balanced vote (see vote 1 on attendee list)

Question #2:

In the processing of R98081 and R98082, Information Requirements (IR) is developing a mutually agreed upon dataset, Measurement Events/Alarms IR has determined that the best implementation for requesting this dataset would be to utilize the Request for Information – NAESB WGQ Standard 2.47.

In R96009, BPS has proposed to delete NAESB WGQ Standards 2.3.36 through 2.3.39 and replace them with proposed NAESB WGQ Standards 2.3.z1, 2.3.z2, and 2.3.z3. These proposed standards set forth guidelines for the support of the Request for Information and timeframes for replying to such requests.

Should there be similar guidelines for Measurement Events/Alarm information?

For reference, 2.3.z1, 2.3.z2, and 2.3.z3 are listed below:

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Proposed Standard

- 2.3.z1** NAESB WGQ Standards [2.3.z2] and [2.3.z3] apply to the following Statements:
NAESB WGQ Standard No. 1.4.5 Scheduled Quantity
NAESB WGQ Standard No. 2.4.3 Allocation
NAESB WGQ Standard No. 2.4.4 Shipper Imbalance

Proposed Standard

- 2.3.z2** For the Statements listed in NAESB WGQ Standard [2.3.z1], Transportation Service Providers (TSPs) which:
- a) provide parties with the ability to request Statement(s) via electronic bulletin board or web page; and,
 - b) provide parties with the ability to view such requested Statement(s) via electronic bulletin board or web page; and,
 - c) do not provide such parties with the ability to request a Statement via at least a fax, phone, or e-mail;

should support the ability of such party (or their agent) to request a Statement via the Request for Information and to receive the TSP's response via the appropriate Statement. Where the conditions in a) and b) above exist and the TSP does provide such parties with the ability to request a Statement via at least a fax, phone, or e-mail, then the TSP is not required to support the Request for Information.

The period of time (how far back in time a request may specify) should be comparable as between the electronic request/view method and the upload request/receive response method, provided, however, the TSP would not be required to respond with information generated prior to its implementation of the Statement.

Proposed Standard

- 2.3.z3** Transportation Service Providers which support the ability of a party (or its agent) to:
- a) request Statement(s) reflected in NAESB WGQ Standard [2.3.z1] pursuant to GISB Standard No. [2.3.z2] and
 - b) receive the Statement(s) in response to such request;
- should provide the documents requested at the party's designated site by 9:00 a.m. CCT on a business day when the request is received prior to 3:00 p.m. CCT on the prior business day.

BPS Response:

It was asked what the need of the requester. The requester (Williams) stated that they have no need for standardization of a way to request the Measurement Events/Alarms document. They stated that parties can mutually agree on how and when to exchange this dataset. Therefore, guidelines for the Measurement Events/Alarms dataset that are similar to the 2.3.z1, 2.3.z2, and 2.3.z3 standards from R96009 are not required to be supported.

Motion (motioned by Mr. Young, seconded by Ms. Davis):

In response to IR's question number 2 regarding R98081 and R98082, BPS has determined that it is not necessary to develop guidelines for the proposed Measurement Events/Alarms dataset similar to those

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proposed in NAESB WGQ Standards [2.3.z1], [2.3.z2], and [2.3.z3] as reflected in the recommendation for R96009.

Motion passes unanimously on a balanced vote (see vote 2 on attendee list)

3. Review of the following Business Practices Requests:

R02007 Tennessee Gas Pipeline Discussion only

Mr. Bass briefly explained the request and stated that they would like to receive as much information as possible to eliminate accounts receivable questions. This proposed data element is currently being used at a line item level in the Transportation Invoice and is, therefore, not needed in the Service Requester Level Charge/Allowance Invoice.

It was recommended that the name of the proposed data element be modified to Notes Code and that the definition be modified to "Provides additional information about an invoice line item."

This request will be placed on the next agenda for discussion and possible vote.

4. Review of Requests for Possible Business Issue

R02009 Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line

Ms. Barnum discussed that these reduction reason codes were being requested because PEPL's analysts stay on top of whether the operator is performing the way he confirmed. After a brief discussion and a few questions, it was determined that there were no business issues related to the addition of these new reduction codes and that they should be sent to IR.

Motion (motioned by Ms. Barnum, seconded by Mr. Hebenstreit):

Transfer R02009 to the Information Requirements Subcommittee as recommended by the Triage Subcommittee.

Motion passed unanimously (see vote 3 on the attendee list)

5. Next Meeting(s) and Agenda

Thursday, October 24, 2002

R02007 Tennessee Gas Pipeline Discussion and Possible Vote

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned.

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Meeting Attendees and Voting Record

Attendee	Organization	Vote 1	Vote 2	Vote 3	NAESB Member?
Pipelines:					
Kim Van Pelt	CMS-Panhandle Eastern	Y	Y	Y	√
Dale Davis	Williams Gas Pipeline	Y	Y	Y	√
Randy Young	Gulf South Pipeline LP	Y	Y	Y	√
Kathryn Burch	Texas Eastern	Y	Y	Y	√
Charlie Bass	ANR Pipeline	n/a	Y	Y	√
Betty Barnum	Trunkline Gas Company	Y	Y	Y	X
Paul Love	NGPL	Y	Y	Y	√
Services:					
Tammy Lee Jacquet	Duke Energy Mktg & Trading	Y	Y	Y	√
Gary Hinners	Reliant Energy Services	Y	Y	Y	√
Producers:					
End Users:					
Bill Hebenstreit	El Paso Merchant Energy	Y	Y	Y	√
LDCs:					
Associations:					
GISB Office:					

Bold signifies a BPS Chair

nv – not voting