

TO: Business Process Subcommittee
FROM: Jim Keisler, Information Requirements Subcommittee Co-Chair
SUBJECT: Question Regarding Request R97094
DATE: November 9, 2000

The Information Requirements Subcommittee addressed request R97094 at a recent meeting. That request reads as follows:

Transco proposes that two (2) data elements be added to the Payment Remittance (Standard 3.4.2) dataset to provide a means of communicating the ABA Number (bank identification code) and the bank account number to which payment was made. These fields should carry a Usage Code of Conditional [C] and be required when the Payment Method Code (new data element, see previous Transco request) indicates that the payment is being made by means of the Automated Clearing House or as a Wire Transfer.

During the IR discussion of this request, certain issues were raised, and IR determined the need to send the following questions to BPS. Could you please respond to us at your earliest convenience?

- If the ABA Number and Bank Account Number are to be returned to the payee in the Remittance, they should be first communicated to the payer in the Invoice. IR suggests adding the ABA Number and the Bank Account Number to the Transportation/Sales Invoice as well as the Service Requester Level Charge/Allowance Invoice because there are no directly corresponding data elements in those data sets.
- How does Electronic Funds Transfer Address play into this issue?
- If we add a "Payee's Bank Account Number" to the Remittance, then the existing "Account Number" in the Transportation/Sales Invoice, the Service Requester Level Charge/Allowance Invoice, and the Payment Remittance may need clarification.