

# 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, December 3, 2003**  
**DATE: December 10, 2003**

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## 1. Administrative

Ms. Van Pelt opened the meeting and gave the anti-trust advice. Participants on the call introduced themselves. The agenda was modified to move the discussion of R03032 after the discussion and possible vote of R03021. The agenda was adopted as modified. The 11/06/2003 draft meeting minutes were adopted as posted. The 11/19/2003 draft meeting minutes were modified. It was decided that Ms. Burch would add additional wording for clarity purposes to the 11/19/2003 draft meeting minutes. These minutes will be adopted at the 12/16/2003 conference call.

## 2. Review of Business Practices Requests

**R03021 National Fuel Gas Distribution Discussion and possible vote**

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### Discussion:

This request was discussed at the 10/24/2003 and 11/06/2003 BPS meetings. Mr. Novak gave a brief review of the request before discussion. After some discussion as to how we should handle the requests that already reference central clock time and the ones that inadvertently leave the reference out, it was determined that we would create a new standard stating that all WGQ standards are central clock time unless otherwise specified and that we would leave the remaining standards as is. There was still discussion as to how to handle the issue of putting central clock time references into the tariff versions of the standards. There are also some pipelines who may want to convert the times to the pipeline time zone in the tariff version of the standards. Some pipelines have experienced disapproval from the FERC when they've tried to edit the standards for the purposes of their tariff. It was discussed that this is a FERC decision and that it was unclear as to what NAESB could do about this problem. It was suggested that possibly a request for clarification could be filed to accommodate the problem with tariff references with the FERC.

### Proposed Standard 0.3.z2

Unless otherwise specified, all times contained in NAESB Wholesale Gas Quadrant standards are Central Clock Time.

### Modified Proposed Standard 0.3.z2

Unless otherwise specified, all times contained in NAESB Wholesale Gas Quadrant standards are Central Clock Time (CCT).

### Motion:

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Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	1	1	0	0
Pipelines	7	2	0	0
Producers	0	0	0	0
Services	2	2	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Motion passes (see vote 1 on the attendee list)**

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## **R03032 National Fuel Gas Distribution**

**Discussion only**

### **Request:**

Request changes to existing data elements of NAESB WGQ Transactional Reporting – Firm Transportation Standard 5.4.21:

Revise *EBB Usage* element applicable to Rate Schedule from Senders Option (“SO”) to Conditional (“C”), and add the following *Condition* associated with the *EBB Usage* of Rate Schedule:

Mandatory when one of the following conditions is met:

Transportation Service Provider’s FERC tariff contains more than one firm transportation rate schedule.

### **Discussion:**

It appears that during the initial development of the transactional reporting data set requirements, we inadvertently did not accommodate the possibility that a transportation service provider would have more than one rate schedule that might have different rates. Mr. Novak stated that there could be several possibilities of why we require that Rate Schedule be mandatory in the data dictionary. Ms. McCain stated that the rationale at the time of initial development might have been because Rate Schedule was not one of the data elements included in the requirements of the FERC Order 637. However, it was determined that it would be a useful data element to have and was included in the data dictionary as sender’s option.

Mr. Novak stated that sender’s option is not working because there are cases where some TSPs are not including the rate schedule when they have more than one firm rate schedule. Conditional is usually conditioned on another data element, so a usage of Conditional won’t work.

After discussion, it was determined that Mr. Novak would modify the request to include the Rate Schedule data element for the Firm, Capacity Release, and Interruptible data sets and would post a work paper for the next meeting.

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## **R03026 SunGard Energy Systems**

**Discussion only**

This request was discussed at the 11/19/2003 BPS meeting. The request was briefly reviewed. Ms. Chen explained that there were several ways that overlapping quantities could be handled in the capacity release data sets. These are using the special terms and conditions, using code values for minimum information and sending more detail in the special terms and conditions, or creating a data element to cover most scenarios. It was also discussed that not standardizing this business practice was another option.

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Ms. Chen explained that not standardizing this business practice was not a good option for them because they wanted a data element so that the system will know how to process the overlapping nominations.

After some discussion, it was determined that we could possibly use a method similar to that used in the processing of pre-determined allocations (PDAs) as a base for determining how to process this information. Since the processing of PDAs allows for different types of information to be sent depending on the PDA sent, it might be a solution for trying to standardize the practice while still allowing a transportation service providers flexibility. This request will be discussed at the 12/16/2003 conference call.

### 3. Next Meeting(s) and Agenda

12/16/2003	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CT	Conference Call
R03026	SunGard Energy Systems	Discussion and possible vote
R03032	National Fuel Gas Distribution	Discussion and possible vote
R03027	SunGard Energy Systems	Discussion only
R03029	Northern Border Pipeline Company	Discussion only

### 4. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned.

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## Meeting Attendees and Voting Record

Attendee	Organization	12/03/03	Vote 1	NAESB WGQ Member?
<b>Pipelines:</b>				
<b>Kim Van Pelt</b>	<b>Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line</b>	√	√	√
Dale Davis	Williams Gas Pipeline	√	√	√
Christopher Burden	Williams Gas Pipeline	√(nv)	nv	√
Randy Young	Gulf South	√	√	√
Iris King	Dominion Transmission	√	Absent	√
Bill Griffith	Colorado Interstate Gas	√	√	√
Mike Schisler	NGPL	√	√	√
Marcy McCain	Texas Eastern Transmission	√(nv)	nv	√
Kathryn Burch	Texas Eastern Transmission	√	√	√
Janie Nielsen	Kern River Gas Transmission	√	√	√
<b>Services:</b>				
Leigh Spangler	Latitude Technologies	√	√	√
Jennifer Chen	SunGard Energy Systems	√	Abstain	√
Suzanne Calcagno	UBS Energy	√	√	√
<b>Producers:</b>				
<b>End Users:</b>				
Gary Hanners	Reliant Energy	√	√	√
Andy Dotterweich	Consumers Energy	√	Absent	√
<b>LDCs:</b>				
<b>Mike Novak</b>	<b>National Fuel Gas Distribution</b>	√	√	√
Pete Connor	NiSource	√	Absent	√
<b>Associations:</b>				
<b>NAESB Office</b>				

**Bold signifies a BPS Chair**

**nv – not voting**