

Current Parked Issues as of February 24, 1999
Common Codes Subcommittee

- 1) Education
 - What can we do when a company will not support the Dun & Bradstreet set-up after we have identified that company as one that needs a D-U-N-S® number in order to be GISB compliant?
 - Appalachian producers are asking Dun & Bradstreet for set-up so they will have a D-U-N-S® number, but are being told by Dun & Bradstreet that they do not need one.
 - Nominations are being rejected at the Nomination Quick Response stage because the entity Common Code is not in the database used to validate the nomination.

- 2) Not everyone has D-U-N-S® numbers.
 - Should parties use proprietary numbers when D-U-N-S® numbers are not available?
 - Resolve R97058B
 - How long should the use of proprietary numbers be allowed? (New issue)
 - If D-U-N-S® Numbers are not available for parties to a deal that is to be executed immediately, what numbers are the parties supposed to use? (New issue)

- 3) Central Repository
 - Should GISB own or control the entity Common Codes which are used to coordinate gas industry transactions?
 - Do we need a central repository or is the FERC's directive enough for pipelines to post them?

Principles and Standards Approved as of February 24, 1999
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Principles:

P1

An entity is a person or organization with sufficient legal standing to enter into a contract or arrangement with another such person or organization (as such legal standing may be determined by those parties) for the purpose of conducting and/or coordinating natural gas transactions.

Standards:

S1

The entity common code should not be limited, in Dun & Bradstreet Corporation terms, to the Headquarters Location and/or Single Location levels.

S2

Entity common codes should be legal entities, that is, Ultimate Location, Headquarters Location, and/or Single Location (in Dun & Bradstreet Corporation ("D&B") terms). However, in the following situations, a Branch Location (in D&B terms) can also be an entity common code:

1. when the contracting party provides a D-U-N-S® Number at the Branch Location level; or
2. to accommodate accounting for an entity that is identified at the Branch Location level.

S3

For GISB purposes, there should be a unique entity common code for each entity name and there should be a unique entity name for each entity common code.