



GAS INDUSTRY STANDARDS BOARD
Executive Committee Meeting
June 11, 1998 -- 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
The M.G.M. Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada

FINAL MINUTES

I. Introductory Items

Mr. Bray welcomed the attendees and the Executive Committee (EC) members to Las Vegas and made introductory remarks. Mr. Holbrook reviewed the antitrust guidelines. Roll was called (21 members or alternates present) and members and alternates were welcomed to the committee meeting. The agenda was unanimously adopted with no changes and the revised draft minutes of May 20 were unanimously adopted with changes. For a full accounting of the discussion from today's meeting, the transcripts should be ordered from Jane Copeland of Ak/Ret Reporting.

II. Proposed Standards and Interpretations

Request No. R95003 was introduced by Mr. Buccigross and the recommendation to decline the request passed with 20 votes in favor and one abstention.

OBA Standard from the 1998 Annual Plan, introduced by Mr. Bucigross, was adopted unanimously with 21 votes, with the modification to capitalize the transportation service provider to Transportation Service Provider.

Request No. R96034 introduced by Mr. Lander. After discussion, the original recommendation to the standards was adopted with 19 votes in favor and two abstentions.

Request No. C97009 was introduced by Mr. Lander. While it was originally submitted as an interpretation, the Interpretation Subcommittee forwarded the request to the Business Practices Subcommittee as a request to modify standards. After discussion, the proposed standard modification was adopted unanimously with 21 votes in favor.

Request No. R96044 was introduced by Mr. Lander. The recommendation includes a new business practice, modifications to existing data sets, and the introduction of a new data set -- Confirmation Response Quick Response. Ms. Van Pelt requested that corrections be made to page 5 of the technical recommendation, "Error and Warning (Sub-Detail)" table. Validation code ECRQR520 was deleted and codes ECRQR521 through ECRQR525 renumbered to ECRQR520 to ECRQR524. A new validation code was added, ECRQR525 with the description "Missing Solicited/Unsolicited Indicator." After discussion, the recommendation with the corrections outlined above, passed unanimously with 21 votes in favor.

Request No. R96121A5 was introduced by Ms. Hess. The request addressed the clean up of the definition of the data element "adjustment type" and rename it to "accounting adjustment method". After discussion, the recommendation with no changes resulting from the discussion, passed unanimously with 21 votes in favor.

Request No. R96121A8 was introduced by Ms. Hess. The request addressed code value cleanups for the data element "currency". After discussion, the recommendation with no changes resulting from the discussion, passed unanimously with 21 votes in favor.

Request No. R96121A18 was introduced by Ms. Hess. The request addressed validation code value cleanups. Ms. Breeden noted that corrections should be made to delete additional error codes from the "Errors and Warnings (Sub-detail)" table, page 8 of the recommendation: ENMQR540, ENMQR541, ENMQR542, ENMQR549, and WNMQR512. After discussion it was determined to not delete WNMQR300 (page 6 of the recommendation) and amend the description to "Timestamp is outside of acceptable range for Timely Nominations", and the definition to "[No definition necessary]." A conforming change (on page 8 of the recommendation) was made to not delete WNMQR300. A motion was made to adopt the amended recommendation for request no. R96121A18. Corresponding request nos. R96121A19, R96121A20, R96121A21 were included in the motion to adopt with no changes resulting from the discussion for those requests. The motion passed unanimously with 21 votes in favor.

Request No. R96121A22 was introduced by Ms. Hess. The request addressed code value cleanups for the data element "notice type". The motion was made to adopt the recommendation with no changes and passed unanimously with 18 in favor.

Request No. R97111 was introduced by Mr. Lander. He requested that this item be removed from today's agenda and hold it for Executive Committee consideration when it is fully staffed. A procedural motion was made reflecting Mr. Lander's request and passed unanimously.

Request No. R97017 was introduced by Mr. Buccigross. It addresses the implementation of the Intraday Nominations standards. The motion was made to adopt the recommendation with no changes and passed unanimously with 19 in favor.

Request No. R97062 was introduced by Mr. Lander. The motion was made to close out the request as it is addressed in request No. R97017. The motion passed unanimously with 20 votes in favor.

Request No. R97064A was introduced by Ms. Van Pelt. The request addressed Year 2000 compliance modifications for the transportation/sales invoice and service requester level charge allowance invoice. The reference to GISB Standard No. 3.4.7 on page 1 of the recommendation should be GISB Standard No. 3.4.4. The motion was made to adopt the recommendation with the change noted and passed unanimously with 21 in favor.

Request No. R97068 was introduced by Mr. Lander. The motion was made to adopt the recommendation to decline the request as it is no longer needed. The motion passed unanimously with 21 votes in favor.

Request No. R98016 was introduced by Ms. Breeden. The request addressed modifications to the X12 implementation guide for the measurement information statement. The motion was made to adopt the recommendation with no changes. The motion passed unanimously with 21 votes in favor.

For interpretations, Request No. C98002 was introduced by Mr. Lander. The request addressed clarification for the "AE" code in GISB Standard No. 1.4.2. The motion was made to adopt the interpretation and passed unanimously with 21 votes in favor.

Request No. C98003 was introduced by Mr. Lander. The request addressed clarification for the use of "beginning transaction date" and "ending transaction date" as specified in GISB Standard No. 3.4.1. As a result of the discussion and how it corresponds to nominations and capacity release transactions, there was disagreement on what was intended by the interpretation. The procedural motion was made to transfer the interpretation back to the Interpretations Subcommittee for further consideration, which passed unanimously.

Request No. C98004 was introduced by Mr. Lander. The request addressed clarification for existing GISB Standard Nos. 7.3.16 and 7.3.18 as the underlying GISB Standard No. 1.3.20 has been modified. The motion was made to adopt the interpretation which amends GISB Standard Nos. 7.3.16 and 7.3.18 with no changes and passed unanimously with 21 votes in favor.

Request No. C98007 was introduced by Mr. Lander. The request addressed modification of existing GISB Standard No. 7.3.4 as the underlying GISB Standard No. 1.3.3 has been modified. The motion was made to adopt the interpretation which amends GISB Standard No. 7.3.4 with no changes resulting from the discussion and passed unanimously with 21 votes in favor.

[A break was taken for lunch at 12:10 p.m. with a return to the meeting a 1:00 p.m.]

Request No. C98005 was introduced by Mr Lander. The interpretation addresses what "previously scheduled quantity" is used when the "lesser of rule" should be employed when there is no communications. Considerable discussion ensued. Enron submitted comments on this recommendation, which were reviewed. Both Enron and Transco put forth alternative interpretations. A procedural motion was made and seconded to send the interpretation request and recommendation back to the Interpretations Subcommittee to consider the interpretation in light of the Enron's and Transco's alternative interpretations. The motion was modified to send the request to the Business Practices Subcommittee instead of the Interpretations Subcommittee. After discussion the motion was withdrawn for the Executive Committee to address the issue today. The motion was made and seconded to adopt the interpretation as written. The motion failed because it lacked two positive votes from the services segment VERIFY and the LDC segment. The motion was made and seconded to forward the request and materials from this meeting to the Interpretations Subcommittee. Discussion ensued on the effectiveness of sending the request back to the Interpretations Subcommittee.

[The meeting went into a 15 minute recess while the Interpretations Subcommittee met to discuss the issue].

The previous motion was withdrawn. The Interpretations Subcommittee presented the following replacement language for Request No. C98005:

For the purpose of GISB Standard Nos. 1.3.22i and 1.3.22ii, the "previously scheduled quantity" means the quantity resulting from the most recently concluded scheduling process. This determination with respect to previously scheduled quantity" does not have an effect upon the nomination process nor GISB Standard No. 1.3.13, which states in relevant part, "Intraday nominations do not roll over (i.e. intraday nominations span one day only)." This reliance upon the results of the most recently concluded scheduling process is applicable only when there is no communication between Confirming Parties.

The motion was made to adopt the above language for recommendation on Request No. C98005. The motion failed because it lacked two positive vote from the producer segment. The motion was made to send the request to the Business Practices Subcommittee to review the "lesser of" rule for intraday nominations, which was seconded. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn. A motion was made to adopt the original interpretation recommendation. After discussion the motion was modified to replace part 1 of the recommended interpretation text with the following language:

For the purpose of GISB Standard No. 1.3.22i the reference to "previously scheduled quantity" is intended to be the scheduled quantity previously scheduled for the prior gas day during that gas Day's timely nomination period.

Part 2 of the recommended interpretation text remained the same. The motion passed with 19 affirmative votes, one vote in abstention and one vote in opposition.

Request No. C98006 was presented by Mr. Lander. After discussion the interpretation was adopted unanimously with 21 affirmative votes with no changes resulting from the discussion.

III. Scope Determination and Triage Actions on New Requests

Mr. Lander presented Request No. R98021, "Modify the CTT segment within the Shipper Imbalance and the Transportation/Sales Invoice. In these transactions, the CTT should be the accumulation of the number of IT1 segments.", submitted by Columbia Gas Transmission. A procedural motion was made to find the request within scope which passed unanimously. After discussion, the motion was made to adopt the triage recommendation to send the request to the Technical Subcommittee to be placed on an agenda as work permits. The procedural motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lander presented Request No. R98022, "Develop standards for interactive web sites.", submitted by Providence Energy . A procedural motion was made to find the request within scope which passed with two abstentions. After discussion on the request, the motion was made to delay further Executive Committee action until the July Executive Committee meeting, which passed unanimously.

IV. Process Subcommittee Activities

Mr. Bray asked the committee to review the options discussed by the Process Subcommittee and provided after the Process Subcommittee meeting regarding normalized voting at Executive Committee

subcommittees and task forces that do not have named members, a reformation of the Business Practices Subcommittee and a reconsideration of the process for triage activities. Discussion began on the options for normalized voting. Several options were considered. Some subcommittees and task forces such as the Information Requirements Subcommittee, Technical Subcommittee, the ANSI Subcommittee, the Future Technology Task Force should be exempt from having named members or normalized voting. While notational votes were discussed, it was determined by most participants that notational voting may delay decisions typically made during the meeting.

Mr. Novak made the following motion, which was amended after discussion:

We as an Executive Committee adopt a principle of balanced voting in Executive Committee Subcommittees or Task Forces with the number of votes per segment to be determined by the Executive Committee for both current subcommittees and task forces and newly created subcommittees and task forces from one vote per segment to unlimited votes per segment. The votes, or fractions of votes would be totaled across segments to determine the outcome of the motion under consideration. No notational or proxy votes would be permitted except for subcommittees or task forces with named members. Without Executive Committee action, newly formed subcommittees and task forces would have unlimited votes per segment. No member of a subcommittee or task force in attendance would have more than one vote. The Executive Committee through a simple majority vote would have the discretion to modify the voting procedures for its subcommittees and task forces.

The motion passed with sixteen in favor, three opposed and one abstaining. After considering some of the existing subcommittees and task forces for modification of voting rules for balanced voting, it was determined that Executive Committee members should review the existing GISB Executive Committee structure and be prepared in the July Executive Committee meeting to consider those that should have voting rules modified.

V. Board Meeting Activities -- June 18, 1998

Mr. Bray reviewed the EBB-Internet Transition Team recommendations and the expectations from the Board of Directors on July 18. Several concerns were raised, and the relevant portions of the transcripts, or summaries of the text will be forwarded to the Board. For the sunset vote, alternatives such as extending the date will be considered.

VI. Minor Corrections and Clarifications

[this topic was addressed out of order, before the Process Subcommittee topic]

The three sets of minor corrections and clarifications were presented to the Executive Committee. The motion was made to adopt them which carried unanimously with 21 votes in favor. They will be posted for two weeks and noticed in the Standards Action Bulletin, after which the corrections and clarifications will be implemented in the appropriate standards manuals.

VII. Annual Plan

Due to time restrictions, this item was not discussed due to the time limits .

VIII. Other Business Items

No other business was discussed.

IX. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m., June 11, 1998.

Attachments: 1. Attendance
2. Voting Record