



## Gas Industry Standards Board

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**TO:** Executive Committee (EC) Members  
Posting for Interested Industry Participants

**FROM:** Rae McQuade, Executive Director

**RE:** Final Minutes from the Executive Committee Meeting – September 27, 2000

**DATE:** September 27, 2000

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**GAS INDUSTRY STANDARDS BOARD**  
**GISB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**The Menger Hotel, San Antonio, Texas**

**September 27, 2000**

**FINAL MINUTES**

### **1. Administrative**

Mr. Buccigross opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees. Mr. Costan read the antitrust charge. Ms McQuade read the roll call. The agenda was adopted unanimously. For a full accounting of the discussion from today's meeting, the transcripts should be ordered from Ms. Jane Copeland of Ak/Ret Reporting, ((361-882-9037)).

### **2. Imbalance Netting and Trading**

Mr. Buccigross asked Mr. Novak to chair the meeting, after which he reviewed the imbalance netting and trading standards. He thanked Mr. LaTour for his efforts in chairing and preparing the information. Ms. Hess reviewed her changes to the recommendation for GISB Standard Nos. 2.3.32 and to 4.3.54. For GISB Standard No. 2.3.32, she recommended that the standards language be:

2.3.32 On the Flowing Gas Web pages, data should be organized in logical groupings, where specified in the related data dictionaries.

Note: GISB Standard No. 2.4.6, 'Measured Volume Audit Statement', is very data intensive and lends itself well to EDI. It may be too intensive for a visual display and is not required to be supported on Customer Activities Web sites.

There was general agreement to these changes.

Ms. Hess then described her suggested changes to GISB Standard No. 4.3.54, to not add the Posted Imbalances Download to GISB Standard No. 4.3.54. Instead, she recommended that GISB Standard No. 4.3.23 be revised to add the category 'Posted Imbalances' immediately after the existing 'Tariff' category. No subcategories are necessary. Also, she recommended adding a new standard 2.3.X to address logical groupings for the Posted Imbalances Download: "For the Posted Imbalances Download, data should be organized in logical groupings. The logical groupings of data are specified in the related data dictionary."

After her explanation, Ms. Van Pelt made the motion to adopt the imbalance recommendations proposed by the subcommittee with the changes described by Ms. Hess for GISB Standard No. 2.3.32. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gracey. The motion passed (motion 1).



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Mr. Scheel then made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Chezar to:

Modify GISB Standard No. 4.3.23 to add the category 'Posted Imbalances' immediately after the existing 'Tariff' category. The motion passed (motion 2).

The motion was made by Ms. Munson and seconded by Mr. Scheel to adopt the data sets as present in the recommendation. In discussion, Ms. Van Pelt asked that the EDI/Flat file columns be removed from the data sets. The motion makers supported the changes provided by Ms. Van Pelt.

In discussion, Mr. Lander noted that it was his understanding that the original intent was that while GISB considers these standards without EDI specifications set, there should be not be a delay in preparing the EDI specifications. He suggested that the column could remain but a note be added such as TBD (to be determined or to be specified). The usages would be blank.

It was noted that two of the data sets were determined to not be applicable for EDI or flat file usage specifications. Mr. Novak suggested that a designation be added where the EDI column would appear. Ms. Munson agreed and offered the language that a footnote would be added where the EDI column would normally appear with the corresponding note that "the usages would be provided at time of publication of EDI/FF implementation instructions." Mr. Scheel agreed with the changes to the motion. As part of adoption of the recommendation, the data dictionaries will be sent to the Technical Subcommittee for technical mapping to be handled in the normal course of business. The motion passed (motion 3).

### **3. Order 637**

Ms. Van Pelt gave the summary that she prepared for the Board this morning. She then summarized each of the meetings: agenda, results and attendance by segment and chairs. She also discussed each of items and their status. Mr. Novak then read a statement made by Mr. DeForest at the Board meeting earlier today. He acknowledged that the LDCs should have been in attendance. He observed that it was clear to his segment from the Enron Transportation Services comments dated September 25, that there are policy differences which preclude the option to go forward in discussions, and that the entire set of Order 637 recommendations should be sent to the FERC with the explanation that GISB was unable to come to a consensus. GISB should ask the FERC for further direction, specifically on partial day recall, which the LDCs view as a reliability issue.

In response to questions on why the recommendations cannot be viewed separately, rather than as a part of a package, Mr. Novak asserted that the Order No. 637 items should be seen as a whole - much as title transfer tracking and cross contract ranking were considered as a package. He again cited policy differences outlined in the Enron comments, which led the LDCs to the conclusion that the issues should not be debated at GISB, but forwarded to the FERC.

Mr. Lander was recognized by the chair and reiterated the comments he made at the Board meeting - that he was unaware of the concerns cited by the LDCs. He noted his preference that the non-related recommended Order 637 standards (those not related to partial day recall and releases, and capacity timelines) should be separated out and considered, rather than included as part of an overall package.

Mr. Buccigross noted that we can either vote as a package or vote each recommendation separately. Ms. Chezar noted that the Enron proposal made it clear that there is a difference of policy opinion. Ms. Chezar made a motion that we forward the package to the FERC, because if it is voted on today, it will fail. Mr. Novak supported Ms. Chezar's direction, and again noted that the Enron comments clearly point to policy differences, unlikely to be resolved through the



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GISB process.

Mr. Sappenfield observed that if a third party raised concerns similar to those raised by the LDC segment, the Executive Committee would consider them prior to voting. He suggested that the EC follow a similar route with the LDC concerns. Mr. Brown added that the written comments may not be the most reliable source from which to base a decision on policy differences, as some emotions may have affected the writing. Ms. Chezar related pipeline filings and policy differences that need to go forward to the FERC for policy decisions.

After a break, Ms. Chezar withdrew her motion. After discussion, Mr. Novak made the following motion, which was seconded by Mr. Sullivan:

"The Enron comments and the AGA comments were withdrawn without prejudice and may be resubmitted at a later date. The LDC comments were also withdrawn, and will be provided to the BPS as a work paper. The BPS will hold a meeting and prepare a recommendation prior to the next EC meeting. At the next EC meeting, the EC will undertake to address this issue."

The motion passed (motion 4).

#### **4. Other Business**

There was no additional business discussed.

#### **5. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.



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## 6. Executive Committee Attendance

Segment	Present	Voting Record: Motions <sup>1</sup>				Member
		1	2	3	4	
End Users	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Bill Hebenstreit (phone)
	✗					Kelly Daly
	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Dona Gussow (phone)
	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Diane McVicker
	✗					Tina Patton
LDCs	✓	✗	✓	✓	<b>A</b>	Dolores Chezar
	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Chris Maturo
	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Mike Novak
	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Bob Betonte
	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Steve Sullivan
Pipelines	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Bill Griffith (phone)
	✓	<b>A</b>	✗	✓	✓	Theresa Hess for Dale Davis
	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Paul Love (phone)
	✓	✓	<b>A</b>	✓	✓	Kim Van Pelt
	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Mark Gracey
Producers	✗					Paul Keeler
	✗					VACANCY
	✗					Mike Johnson
	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Richard Smith (phone)
	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Scott Brown
Services	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Jim Buccigross
	✓	✓	✓	✓		Carl Caldwell
	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Keith Sappenfield
	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Mark Scheel
	✓	✓	✓	✓		Sylvia Munson (phone)
		18	18	20	17	Votes In Favor
		1	1	0	0	Votes Opposed
		S	S	S	P	Type of Vote (P)rocedural, (S)uper-majority ("17/2")
		P	P	P	P	Pass (P) / Fail (F)

**Administrative:** Rae McQuade - Executive Director  
 JoAnn Garcia - GISB Staff  
 Veronica Thomason - GISB Staff  
 Jay Costan - GISB General Counsel (by phone)  
 Laurie Paulson - Hoffman-Paulson Associates

<sup>1</sup> The motions are noted parenthetically in the text of the minutes.



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Jane Copeland - Ak/Ret Reporting Service

### 7. Observers to the Meeting - September 27, 2000:

Name	Company	GISB Member
<b>PIPELINES:</b>		
Grygar, Bill	CMS - Panhandle Eastern	✓
King, Iris	Dominion Transmission	✓
Burch, Kathryn	Duke Energy - Texas Eastern	✓
Fava, Gene	Great Lakes Gas Transmission	✓
Gossett, Karen	Koch Gateway	✓
Bass, Charlie	Tennessee Gas Pipeline	✓
Keisler, Jim	Williams Gas Pipeline	✓
Link, Kurt	Williston Basin	✓
<b>END USERS:</b>		
Jones, Veronica	Defense Energy Support Center	✓
Williams, Shyletha	Defense Energy Support Center	✓
<b>LDCs:</b>		
Adusei-Poku, Marilyn S.	Columbia Gas of Ohio	✓
Ishikawa, Rick	So Cal Gas	✓
<b>SERVICES:</b>		
Corcoran, Cynthia	BTUWatch.com	✓
Lander, Greg	CapacityCenter.com	✓
Payne, Gary	Enron North America	✓
Young, Randy	Koch Midstream	✓
Spangler, Leigh	Latitude Technologies	✓
<b>ASSOCIATIONS:</b>		
Arnaout, Mariam	AGA	
Lewis, Jane	AGA	
Brown, Laurence W.	EEl	