

**GISB Expedited Data Development Subcommittee Meeting
June 6 - 7, 2000
Williams Gas Pipeline; Houston, Texas
FINAL MINUTES**

1. Theresa Hess opened the meeting and welcomed the participants to the meeting. Attendees introduced themselves.
2. Dale Davis provided housekeeping information.
3. The anti-trust guidelines were given by Theresa.
4. The agenda was adopted with modifications.
5. The approval of the May 9 – 10, 2000 meeting minutes was postponed until tomorrow morning. The red-lined draft data dictionaries were approved.
6. R97117 / R97118

◆ **Review of Code Values for Authorization Indicator in the Authorization to Post Imbalances**

The group discussed whether the 'No' code value description is only sent subsequent to a prior authorization being given. Or, whether there is an implied default that imbalances are authorized to be posted until a TSP receives a 'No'. After a review of proposed standard S4, it was determined that the default for the TSP would be to not post imbalances. The word 'prior' was included in the definition for the code value 'No' to clarify that a prior authorization is being rescinded.

MOTION:

Adopt the revisions to the Authorization to Post Imbalances working data dictionary, as per the attached.

Sense of the Room: 9 In Favor, 0 Opposed

◆ **Additional Imbalance Types**

Four code values were added for the Imbalance Type data element. Subsequently, Dynegy suggested that the code values for the Imbalance Type data element be TSP-assigned instead of a GISB standard list of code values. Instead of GISB keeping track of a list of codes, each TSP would keep their own list of codes.

MOTION:

- Revise the definition of the Imbalance Type data element to the following: 'A transportation service provider defined abbreviation for the type of imbalance.'
- Delete all proposed code values. The data element will have no code values.

Sense of the Room: 10 In Favor, 0 Opposed

Corresponding revisions were made to the Request for Imbalance Trade.

MOTION:

Adopt the revisions to the Request for Imbalance Trade working data dictionary, as per the attached.

Sense of the Room: 10 In Favor, 0 Opposed

Revisions were made to the Imbalance Trade Quick Response.

MOTION:

Adopt the revisions to the Request for Imbalance Trade Quick Response working data dictionary, as per the attached.

Sense of the Room: 11 In Favor, 0 Opposed

◆ **Continuation of Issues/Questions on Current Draft Data Dictionaries**

Parties were asked to present their issues and suggested revisions to the current draft data dictionaries. See the draft data dictionaries (attachments to these minutes) for modifications that were made during this meeting.

Request for Confirmation of Imbalance Trade

The data set was discussed and revisions were made.

MOTION:

Adopt the revisions to the Request for Confirmation of Imbalance Trade working data dictionary, as per the attached.

Sense of the Room: 11 In Favor, 0 Opposed

Imbalance Trade Confirmation

The data set was discussed and revisions were made.

MOTION:

Adopt the revisions to the Imbalance Trade Confirmation working data dictionary, as per the attached.

Sense of the Room: 9 In Favor, 0 Opposed

◆ Trade Reduction Reason

Imbalance Trade Notification

The data set was discussed and revisions were made. Per instructions from the Imbalance Subcommittee, code values were added for the Trade Reduction Reason Code data element in order to accommodate the notification to the Confirming Trader of errors in the Imbalance Trade Confirmation.

MOTION:

Adopt the revisions to the Imbalance Trade Notification working data dictionary, as per the attached.

Sense of the Room: 12 In Favor, 0 Opposed

◆ Issue from BPS Subcommittee

The Business Practices Subcommittee sent the following issue to EDD:

'BPS requests that EDD inform BPS as to how the Shipper Imbalance Statement and the datasets under development in EDD, having to do with Imbalance Netting and Trading, will enable users of the respective data sets to tie together information with respect to the zone where the imbalance is reported in the respective documents.'

EDD crafted the following response to BPS:

MOTION:

The Imbalance Subcommittee voted to remove the Zone Identifier from the Imbalance Netting / Trading datasets at their May 19, 1999 meeting. The EDD work does not include the Zone Identifier data element. With respect to zone, there is no explicit linkage between the Shipper Imbalance dataset and Imbalance Netting / Trading datasets. If an association needs to exist, this is a business practice issue and is not appropriate for resolution by EDD.

Sense of the Room: 12 In Favor, 0 Opposed

◆ **EDD Issue Regarding Negative Numbers in EDI Data Sets**

During the March 13, 2000 EDD meeting, an issue arose as to how an imbalance quantity is reflected in the datasets. Are negative numbers sent in the datasets or does there need to be a qualifier identifying whether the imbalance is due to or from the TSP?

The usage of negative numbers in ANSI transaction sets was discussed. The history and rationale was given for some of GISB's code values. For example, in the Nominations-related datasets, the Transaction Type data element reflects whether the imbalance is due to the TSP or whether it is due from the TSP. Therefore, it is not necessary to send a negative number.

The imbalance quantity data elements can be viewed from two perspectives:

1. posting of imbalances
2. trading of imbalances

After much discussion, a sense of the room was taken to determine the direction that the group would take. The details would be worked out subsequent to the sense of the room.

MOTION:

Add a qualifier to all quantity data elements to reflect whether the imbalance quantity is due to or from the service requester, and whether the imbalance quantity being traded is due to or from the initiating trader. With this qualifier all quantities would be presented as a positive whole number.

Sense of the Room: 9 In Favor, 1 Opposed

Day 2 of meeting

◆ **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from May 9 - 10 were adopted as drafted.

◆ **EDD Issue Regarding Negative Numbers in EDI Data Sets (continued)**

The discussion regarding qualifiers for quantity data elements was continued. Bill Griffith / CIG provided examples of the use of qualifiers. (See attachment to these minutes.)

MOTION:

In order to resolve the issue regarding negative numbers, the following adjustments were made to the data dictionaries: Add the Imbalance Direction Indicator and Imbalance Trade Direction Indicator data elements to the appropriate datasets. Revise the definition of the trade quantity data elements (excluding fuel) to indicate that the quantities are expressed as a positive whole number. Include language in the TIBP to explain the usage of these data elements.

Sense of the Room: 10 In Favor, 0 Opposed

◆ **Continue Development of Imbalance Netting / Trading Data Sets and the Accompanying Documentation**

The data element abbreviations were completed for all of the draft data dictionaries. The EBB Usage and Data Groups were completed for the following data sets:

- Authorization to Post Imbalances
- Posted Imbalances Download
- Request for Imbalance Trade

See the draft data dictionaries (attachments to these minutes) for modifications that were made during this meeting.

A sense of the room was not taken at this point in the meeting on the draft data dictionaries. They will be finalized at the next EDD meeting.