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TO: GISB EDM Subcommittee Participants & Posting for Interested Industry Participants

FROM: Rae McQuade, Executive Director
Carl Caldwell, Chairman, GISB EDM Subcommittee

RE: Draft Minutes from the GISB EDM Subcommittee Meeting

DATE: March 23, 2000

GAS INDUSTRY STANDARDS BOARD

GISB EDM SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Conference Call: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., March 23, 2000

DRAFT MINUTES

I. Administrative

Mr. Caldwell welcomed participants. Mr. Caldwell read the roll call. Mr. Caldwell read the antitrust statement. The agenda as written was adopted unanimously. The draft minutes, as posted, for March 6, 2000 as were adopted unanimously.

II. AS2 Convergence Issue

The EDM group agreed to use the annotated EDM guide as the AS2 work paper. Mr. Caldwell lead the review discussion of the AS2 work paper which included the changes agreed to at the March 6th EDM meeting and additions to the technical implementation of the business process.

Changes were made on the following annotated EDM guide work paper pages:

1. Page 1, Change "international" to "emerging"
2. Page 1, Insert after "standard that" the following ", largely based on the original GISB EDM,"

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the AS2 work paper, as posted and with above changes, as a the EDM Subcommittee recommendation to the Executive Committee as to support standards convergence with the Internet Engineering Taskforce EDIINT standard AS2.

The motion was adopted unanimously of those members on the conference call with one not present during the vote.

Changes were made on the instruction to the GISB Contracts Subcommittee:

1. Fill the March 23, 2000 in the date at the top of the page
2. Delete the "s" from permits in the phrase "recommended changes permits"
3. Change "weather" to "whether"
4. Delete the "ly" from "mutually agreement"
5. Insert "of" & "and" to make the sentence read "their mutual agreement to the use of signed receipts and the specific implementation of such use:"
6. On item #1, Change "through out" to "throughout"



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7. On item #4, replace the blank with "(transaction set exhibit)"

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the instruction, as modified, to the Contracts Subcommittee regarding the changes which may be needed in the GISB standard Trading partner Agreement.

The motion was adopted unanimously of those members on the conference call.

The EDM group discussed the issue of the implementation schedule of the recommendation. If the Executive Committee adopts the recommendation and it is ratified by membership then the changes would be in the EDM book version 1.5. The discussion centered around the fact that trading partners need to coordinate the implementation of the changes to the EDI/EDM protocol. This type of change is similar to changes EDI versions. But if one trading partner attempted to migrate to the new EDM before the other trading partner was ready; the error messages and responses may be problematic. An implementation schedule would assist the industry and trading partners in mitigating transition problems. The group came to a consensus that an implementation timeline was recommended but the Executive Committee needs to discuss and approve the convergence document before any timeline is developed. Mr. Caldwell agreed to write a paragraph recommending that the Executive Committee need to discuss an implementation timeline if they approve the changes to the EDM standards.

"As a result of recommended changes to the EDM implementation guide for convergence with the "HTTP Transport for Secure EDI" (a.k.a. EDIINT AS2), the EDM subcommittee is recommending to the Executive Committee to consider the issue of an implementation timeline. The EDM subcommittee recognized that the industry trading partners may experience unexpected transition problems if the a time line is not developed to outline time periods and deadlines necessary for development, testing and implementation. "

[GISB office to send out this paragraph for approval by EDM]

III. Next Agenda

Not scheduled at this time. The next meeting may be a conference call.

The agenda may be :

Discussion and possible vote on recommendation to the EC on the EDM implementation time line.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. central.



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