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TO: Ad Hoc Task Force of Executive Committee for EBB-Internet Transition Planning: Rae McQuade, Mike Bray, Jerry Hahn, Tom Ehinger, Tommie Hartmann, Jim Buccigross, Mark Scheel, Dona Gussow, Laurie Valasek, Shelley Corman, Norm Walker, Bob Betonte, Mike Novak

FROM: Rae McQuade, Executive Director

RE: EBB-Internet Transition Planning Session -- February 27, 1998

PLANNING SESSION NOTES

After much discussion on the provided excerpt from the February 12 Executive Committee meeting transcripts, the following option was selected as the way to proceed in drafting the plan.

1. Provide a plan with the following items:
 - Expedite GISB attention to the known transactions that require EDI datasets to be developed, addressed in Requests R97111 and R97120.
 - Review the emerging standards from the Internet team on postings on the Internet web sites for applicability to the transactional-based Internet web sites.
 - Due to the diversity of opinions cited both in the excerpted transcripts and the comments previously filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, ("Commission"), wait to develop the remaining portion of the plan regarding the EBB transition to the Internet until the final order on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Docket No. RM96-1-007 is released.
 - Report to the Commission in GISB's March 31 filing that due to the diversity of opinions regarding the transition from EBB dial-up systems to Internet based transactional web sites, cited both in the excerpted transcripts and the comments previously filed with the Commission, that the remainder of the plan cannot be completed until further information is received from the Commission.

The alternative option considered was:

2. Provide a plan with the following items:
 - Begin the planning process immediately by defining the alternative opinions and interpretations of the Commission's statements made in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Docket No. RM96-1-007 regarding the transition from EBB dial-up systems to Internet based transactional web sites.
 - Once the alternative opinions and interpretations are defined, define areas of agreement for the plan and define alternatives to be considered where there is no general agreement.
 - Have a completion date for the planning process no later than May 1, 1998, at which time a progress report would be filed with the Commission.

Option 1 was selected through a vote of the team. Seven members voted in favor of option 1: Mike Bray (Duke Energy - pipeline segment), Tommie Hartmann (Exxon - producer segment), Jim Buccigross (National Registry - services segment), Mark Scheel (Natural Gas Clearinghouse - services segment), Shelley Corman (Enron - pipeline segment), Dona Gussow (Florida Power and Light - end user segment), and Norm Walker (El Paso Natural Gas - pipeline segment). Three members were in favor of option 2: Jerry Hahn (Texaco - producer segment), Laurie Valasek (Midland Cogeneration Venture - end user segment), and Mike Novak (National Fuel Gas Distribution - LDC segment). One member, Tom



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Ehinger (Amoco - producer segment) abstained, and one member, Bob Betonte (Southern California Gas - LDC segment) was absent.

Attached is a draft of the plan according to option 1. It will be sent to the Executive Committee for review on March 3, to be returned to the GISB office by March 6, for inclusion in GISB filing on RM96-1-007. The Editorial Review Board will receive the full report on March 10 for review and discussion. The Editorial Review Board will complete its review on March 16 after which the office will make the determined changes and file the report with the Commission by March 17. At that time, the report will be published on the GISB home page.

Please review the plan for accuracy and notify the GISB office of any errors or omissions by noon March 3.



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ATTENDANCE

<u>Attendees</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>GISB Member</u>
Members:	Bob Betonte	Southern California Gas	✗	✓
	Mike Novak	National Fuel Gas Distribution	✓	✓
	Shelley Corman	Enron Gas Pipeline Group	✓	✓
	Norm Walker	El Paso Natural Gas	✓	✓
	Jim Buccigross	National Registry	✓	✓
	Mark Scheel	NGC Corp	✓	✓
	Tommie Hartmann	Exxon	✓	✓
	Tom Ehinger	Amoco	✓	✓
	Dona Gussow	Florida Power and Light	✓	✓
	Laurie Valasek	Midland Cogeneration Venture	✓	✓
	Mike Bray	Duke Energy	✓	✓
	Jerry Hahn	Texaco Natural Gas	✓	✓
	Rae McQuade	GISB	✓	✓
Observers:	Dave Harris	K.N. Energy	✓	✓
	Donna Scott	Enron Administrative Corp.	✓	✓
	Anjie Hoppe	K. N. Energy	✓	✓
	Julie Unruh	Koch Gateway	✓	✓
	Jean Ford	Andersen Consulting	✓	✓
	Randy Young	Koch Gateway	✓	✓
	Sylvia Munson	Altra Streamline	✓	✓
	Dale Davis	Williams Natural Gas	✓	✓
John Keeler	Great Lakes Gas Transmission	✓	✓	



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Attachment 1

GAS INDUSTRY STANDARDS BOARD
EBB INTERNET TRANSITION PLAN
AS OF FEBRUARY 27, 1998

1. On March 19, the team will request that the Executive Committee re-prioritize requests R97111 and R97120 for immediate attention by the appropriate subcommittees.
2. On March 19, assuming a simple majority vote from the Executive Committee to re-prioritize the requests, the chairmen of the appropriate subcommittees, defined by the Executive Committee in approval of the triage recommendations, will be notified of the expedited treatment for R97111 and R97120.
3. After the Internet standards for the postings on web sites are approved by the Executive Committee, they will be reviewed for applicability to the transactional-based Internet web sites. The Executive Committee will determine the appropriate group to perform the review and draft the recommendations to be sent to the Executive Committee for its consideration.
4. For the GISB comments regarding the development of this plan, to be filed on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Docket No. RM96-1-007, the Commission will be requested to provide additional information on its intent on the transition from EBB dial-up systems to Internet based transactional web sites. Statements will be included in the filing noting that due to the diversity of opinions regarding the transition from EBB dial-up systems to Internet based transactional web sites, cited both in the Executive Committee meeting transcripts of February 12, 1998, and the comments previously filed with the Commission on RM96-1-007, that the remainder of the plan cannot be completed until further information is received from the Commission.
5. The development of the remainder of the plan will be postponed until the final order on Rulemaking Docket No. RM96-1-007 is released from the Commission.