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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
Executive Committee
Observers in the Planning Sessions

FROM: Rae McQuade, Executive Director

RE: EBB-Internet Transition Plan Review by the Board of Directors
NOTICE OF CONFERENCE CALL

The Board of Directors met on March 3 and passed a resolution to modify the draft EBB Transition Plan, discussed during the Annual Plan Update agenda item. This modified transition plan (attached, red-lined) will be reported to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in GISB's March 31 filing.

A telephone conference call has been scheduled for March 5 at 10:00 a.m. central to review the Board changes to the plan. To obtain the number to call in, please notify the GISB office of your intent to observe. The team members will be called today to be given the phone number.

PARTICIPANTS:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</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	✓
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Attachment 1

GAS INDUSTRY STANDARDS BOARD
EBB INTERNET TRANSITION PLAN
AS OF FEBRUARY 27, 1998
AMENDED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS -- MARCH 3, 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.~~
4. *GISB has currently underway a concerted effort to draft a transition plan which addresses a migration for the industry regarding communication modality. The Board of Directors (BOD) has established a deadline of June 1, 1998 for the Executive Committee (EC) (and its related Task Forces) to report the results of its work. The EC is instructed to "drill down" to determine if there is EC consensus (17/2) on the "roadmap" that the industry will take in this migration. If consensus is reached by the EC, the results will be reported to the BOD by June 1. If consensus is not reached on a "single path," the EC will report back by June 1 on the several alternatives considered regarding the migration.*
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.~~
5. *The plan ("roadmap") or alternatives will be presented to the Board of Directors by June 1, for discussion at its June 18 Board meeting.*