



# Gas Industry Standards Board

1100 LOUISIANA, SUITE 4925

HOUSTON, TEXAS, 77002

PHONE - (713) 757-4175, FAX - (713) 757-2491, email gisb@aol.com

December 30, 1997

**TO:** Ad Hoc Task Force of Executive Committee for EBB-Internet Transition Planning: Rae McQuade, Mike Bray, Jerry Hahn, Tom Ehinger, Tommy Hartmann, Jim Buccigross, Sylvia Munson, Dona Gussow, Laurie Valasek, Shelley Corman, Norm Walker, Kirt Kleinman, Mike Novak

**FROM:** Rae McQuade, Executive Director

**RE:** EBB-Internet Transition Planning Organizational Meeting -- December 30, 1997

## MEETING NOTES

The guiding principle of the team in defining the plan is:

"What are the transactions required by a trading partner to do business on a TSP (June 1, 1999)."

The group will define plans for EC adoption governing the transition of all pertinent EBB functions and information available to the Internet, guided primarily by GISB standard 4.3.6, Version 1.2 and the FERC RM96-1-007:

By August 1, 1997 Transportation Service Providers should establish a HTML page(s) accessible via the Internet's World Wide Web. The information that is currently provided should be posted is as follows:

- 1) Notices (critical notices, operation notices, system wide notices, etc.)
- 2) FERC Order No 566 affiliated marketer information. (affiliate allocation log, 24 hr. discount postings, etc.)
- 3) Operationally available and unsubscribed capacity
- 4) Index of customers
- 5) Transportation Service Provider's tariff (Terms, conditions and rates), or general terms and conditions.

and

Transportation Service Providers should make all pertinent EBB functions and information available via the Internet or via the technology recommended by GISB within a reasonable amount of time after each such function or information has become standardized as appropriate by GISB.

and

Within a reasonable amount of time, all EBB information, functions and transactions should be achieved via one mode of communications. Information and functions should remain available through existing systems until one mode of communication is available. Implementation timelines for this activity would be determined during the 1997 annual planning activities held in 1996.



# Gas Industry Standards Board

1100 LOUISIANA, SUITE 4925

HOUSTON, TEXAS, 77002

PHONE - (713) 757-4175, FAX - (713) 757-2491, email gisb@aol.com

---

The group will undertake to review and provide plans for:

1. Two categories defined by 4.3.6
2. Any variance between what GISB has planned to move to the Internet and what may be indicated by RM96-1-007 to be moved to the Internet, such as modifications to capacity release transactions (Upload of Bids and Offers), Electronic Contracting, etc.
3. Provide guidance to the appropriate subcommittees not only on areas that should receive subcommittees' attention, but also on areas that should not be addressed

These plans will be submitted for EC approval and then be provided to the Internet "Look and Feel" Task Force to guide their work, and to other appropriate subcommittees depending on the items defined in the plan. For example, the team may identify needed data set development for functions currently not standardized by GISB but may be required such as the Upload of Capacity Release Offers. Development of these standards would not be forwarded to the Internet "Look and Feel" team, but would be forwarded to the subcommittees responsible for developing transactional-based standards. The plan may be developed in a phased mode. It may be that the phases may all be required to be completed for implementation by interstate pipelines, depending on the final order from RM96-1-007, by June 1, 1999.

In the development of the plan, a fundamental question was raised which will be put forward to the EC at its meeting on January 8:

Does the team address planning efforts for only standardization of transactions for EDI, or does it address standardization of the transactions for EDI and in addition, some non-EDI Internet alternative?

If the response is that the planning efforts should include standardization of transactions for a non-EDI Internet alternative, then two plans will be developed with the assumption that the plans would be carried out concurrently. The plan(s) would include specific deadlines for each of the tasks identified and the subcommittee to which the task is assigned. Narrative will accompany the plan(s) identifying areas that should not be addressed by subcommittees.

## **ADJOURNMENT & NEXT STEPS**

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m. The task force members were asked to review these draft minutes and forward any necessary changes to the GISB office by 4:00 p.m. central on January 2. The draft minutes will be posted on the GISB home page in the Executive Committee area. On January 2, the revised minutes will be forwarded to the Executive Committee under separate cover for its consideration at its meeting on January 8. The Executive Committee will be asked to address and provide guidance regarding the fundamental question:

Does the team address planning efforts for only standardization of transactions for EDI, or does it address standardization of the transactions for EDI and in addition, a non-EDI Internet alternative?



# Gas Industry Standards Board

1100 LOUISIANA, SUITE 4925

HOUSTON, TEXAS, 77002

PHONE - (713) 757-4175, FAX - (713) 757-2491, email gisb@aol.com

---

## ATTENDANCE

<u>Attendees</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>GISB Member</u>
Members:	Kirt Kleinman	Southwest Gas	✓	✓
	Mike Novak	National Fuel Gas Distribution	✗	✓
	Shelley Corman	Enron Gas Pipeline Group	✓	✓
	Norm Walker	El Paso Natural Gas	✗	✓
	Jim Buccigross	National Registry	✓	✓
	Sylvia Munson	Streamline	✓	✓
	Tommy 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:	None			