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**GAS INDUSTRY STANDARDS BOARD  
OPERATING PRACTICE**

**PROCEDURES FOR COMMUNICATION WITH THE FERC**

August 18, 1997

**1.0 AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING STANDARDS WHICH HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY FERC**

Should GISB amend one of its existing standards, which standard shall previously have been adopted by the FERC, the Executive Director shall officially notify the FERC upon ratification of the amendment.

**2.0 INTERPRETATION OF EXISTING STANDARDS WHICH HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY FERC**

Should GISB agree upon the issuance of an interpretation of one of its FERC-adopted standards, upon completion of all steps necessary to effectuate the interpretation, the Executive Director shall officially notify the FERC.

**3.0 ADOPTION OF NEW STANDARDS**

a. Where GISB shall adopt a new standard the Executive Director, upon ratification, shall transmit the new standard to the FERC.

b. Where GISB shall adopt a new standard which directly relates to the use, action, or implementation of an existing GISB standard which is also a FERC standard, upon ratification the Executive Director shall transmit the new standard to the FERC. Any commentary in the transmittal shall require the prior approval of the Executive Committee through a vote of a minimum of 17 affirmative votes, with at least two affirmative votes from each segment; however, actions with respect to commentary in the transmittals, including the resulting vote, shall be reported to the FERC.

**4.0 PUBLICATION SCHEDULE FOR STANDARDS**

a. The standards manuals and standards booklets shall be updated and new versions published no more than twice per year.



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b. In the interim period between publication of standards manuals, it is recognized that, the following documents will be sent to the Secretary of the FERC no more than six times per year:

- 1) Final Standards Actions and member ratified voting record
- 2) Final Interpretations and member ratified voting record
- 3) Standards Request Log
- 4) Clarifications Log

#### 5.0 **GISB INFORMAL COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE FERC**

It is recognized that the GISB office, officers and subcommittee chairs of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors will continue to follow the current convention of informal communications with the Commissioners and FERC Commission staff. The informal communications are for informational purposes only, and are not intended as a substitute for formal communications with the FERC. The current convention on reporting the results of these informal communications to the Executive Committee will continue.