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TO: Future Technology Task Force Members, posting for interested participants
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RE: Agenda for the Future Technology Task Force - October 29, 1999
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GAS INDUSTRY STANDARDS BOARD
FUTURE TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE TELECONFERENCE

October 29, 1999 - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

DRAFT AGENDA

Please plan to participate in a conference call meeting scheduled for:

Date & Time: Friday, October 29, 1999, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Central Time)

Phone Number: Please call the GISB office for the teleconference number

This conference call is a sole topic call - to ascertain if the task force will be recommending a change to the EDM standards manual to use version 1.2.2 of Sun's JAVA Development Kit. It is the understanding of the group that the versions are not backward compatible -- and without a workable version implemented across the board, customers of the various sites could have significant difficulties.

Agenda for the meeting is:

1. Administrative: Welcome, Antitrust Advice, Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda, Adoption of Draft Minutes from October 22, 1999.
2. For **discussion and possible vote:**

Recommend to the Executive Committee that it modify version 1.4 of the GISB EDM Standards Manual to reflect version 1.2.2 of Sun's JAVA Development Kit.

Rationale: In moving gas pipeline communications to the public Internet, certain GISB members have made use of Sun's JAVA implementation to deliver their interactive web sites. As is common with all development languages and their derivative products, bug fixes, features, performance gains, and other improvements are introduced with successive versions. Sun has matured its product to the point where GISB needs to reconsider the version it endorses.

Standard 4.3.59 contains a mechanism to review the "Technical Characteristics of the Client Workstation." Those "characteristics" currently state that the current implementation of Sun's JAVA Development Kit (JDK) is 1.1.6. The corresponding JAVA Plug-in is Version 1.1. The proposal to be voted on in the noted conference call is: That GISB revise the minimum standard for JAVA development using Sun's JAVA implementation to JDK 1.2.2 and the companion JAVA Plug-in.

3. Next meeting and agenda
4. Adjourn