



## Gas Industry Standards Board

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**TO:** EBB Internet Implementation (EII) Task Force Chairs: Carl Caldwell, Dona Gussow, Paul Keeler, Tammy Hopkins, Mike Novak  
Posting for Interested Industry Participants

**FROM:** Rae McQuade, Executive Director

**RE:** Draft Minutes from the EII Task Force Meeting

**DATE:** June 4, 1999

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### **GAS INDUSTRY STANDARDS BOARD**

#### **GISB EBB INTERNET IMPLEMENTATION MEETING**

**El Paso Energy Offices, Travis Place, Houston, Texas**

**June 4, 1999**

#### **FINAL MINUTES**

### **I. Administrative**

Mr. Caldwell and Ms. Hopkins chaired the meeting and welcomed participants. Mr. Caldwell gave the anti-trust advice. Attendees introduced themselves. The agenda was adopted as drafted with the addition of an item to discuss company plans in case of Internet failure. Review of the prior meeting minutes of April 26, 1999, were adopted with changes identified in the meeting. The joint EII/BPS meeting will be held on June 23 in Houston. The topic will be the work paper from Enron Capital and Trade and the request from Dynegy regarding operationally available capacity. Mr. Scheel will review the topic with Ms. Scott and possibly prepare a joint work paper. Transcripts are taken for this meeting, and they can be ordered from Ak/Ret Reporting (361) 882-9037.

### **II. Contracts Work Paper - Columbia Gas Transmission**

The work paper (a description of the contracting model for Columbia Gas) and the accompanying work paper describing the motion and rationale were described by Mr. Ng. Mr. Ng made the following motion:

**Motion:** Electronic Contracting for transportation services is not well suited for EDI/EDM or FF/EDM processing. Transportation Service Providers (TSP) should be allowed to offer this process on their Internet EBB in a manner that best suits the TSP's business practices.

**Discussion:** Mr. Scheel agreed with the concept of the above motion, but he noted that we should develop standards for Web sites. Others noted that 4.3.42, version 1.4, addresses this issue. Reliant Energy noted that the reason for its request was to ensure that EDI and EBBs were comparable. Mr. Storey did not anticipate that Reliant Energy would see much EDI activity. Mr. Young offered other language for the motion: "TSPs may offer electronic contracting via their Internet EBBs, but it is not suited for EDI/EDM or FF/EDM." After discussion the motion was modified to:

**Rev. Motion:** Electronic contracting for transportation services is not well suited for EDI/EDM



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or FF/EDM processing. Transportation Service Providers (TSP) should be allowed to offer this process via EBB/EDM in a manner that best suits the TSP's business practices along with meeting the requirements of GISB Standard No. 4.3.42.

Action: The motion passed unanimously as a concept.

### III. Contracts Requests

R99022 Submitted by Williams Gas Pipeline

Description: Submitted in fulfillment of the following GISB Short Form Requests: WGP116. "Transco requests that GISB define a means of sending a Capacity Release dataset which will allow the replacement shippers to electronically execute the contract for the awarded capacity. Incorporated in to this function is the need to be able to determine the specific user who is submitting the electronic execution to ensure that they have been identified as being authorized to perform that function. We also request that GISB define a means of sending a confirmation of the execution to the replacement shipper."

Action: Withdrawn by the submitter.

R99034 Submitted by Reliant Energy

Description: "Develop EDI X.12 dataset standards for electronic contracting between TSP and Shipper via the Internet. Services to include are transportation and storage services, Contracts to include are Request For Services, Transportation Service Agreements, Rate Agreements, and Confirmations. This standard will allow parties to submit data from one party's system electronically to the other party system without human intervention. Electronic contracting will enable parties to agree and contract through the Internet eliminating paper documents. The standards allow parties to electronically (through EDI) submit requests and confirmations from one system to another. This will allow the contracting process to shorten in terms of time."

Motion: Develop standards for electronic contracting per request no. R99034.

Discussion: Mr. Keisler recommended denial of request no. R99034 based on the concept previously adopted:

"Electronic contracting for transportation services is not well suited for EDI/EDM or FF/EDM processing. Transportation Service Providers (TSP) should be allowed to offer this process via EBB/EDM in a manner that best suits the TSP's business practices along with meeting the requirements of GISB Standard No. 4.3.42."

Action: The motion failed with one vote in favor and 20 in opposition as seen in the following chart. The recommendation to deny the request will be sent out on June 7 for industry comment.



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	LDCs	End Users	Services	Producers	Pipeline	Totals
For	0	0	1	0	0	1
Against	1	0	3	0	16	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>
Wtg. For	0.000	0	0.500	0.000	0	0.500
Wtg. Against	1.000	0	1.500	0	2.000	4.500

**FAILED**

## IV. Other Work Papers

Mr. Whatley described the work paper submitted and indicated that it would change the x.4.y GISB standards.

Work paper: In an effort to provide consistency and clarity in the EBB usages associated with descriptions and names corresponding to codes and IDs, Dynegy proposes the following:

Change EBB usages for all models for the following data elements to 'C' with the following condition:

For EBB usages:

If [corresponding code or ID] is present, then this data element should be made available from the same web page. Elements of this type are informational in nature and need not be statically displayed. On web pages designed to input data, elements of this type are meant to facilitate the entry of the related code or ID. On web pages designed to display data, elements of this type are meant to verify the related code or ID.

- I. Nomination Related Data Sets
  - 1.4.1 Nomination
    - Delivery Location Name
    - Downstream Entity Name
    - Export Declaration Description
    - Model Type Name
    - Receipt Location Name
    - Service Requester Name
    - Transportation Service Provider Name
    - Upstream Entity Name
  - 1.4.3 Request for Confirmation
    - Confirmation Requester Name
    - Confirmation Service Entity Name
    - Confirming Party Name
    - Downstream Entity Name
    - Location Name
    - Service Requester Name
    - Upstream Entity Name
  - 1.4.4 Confirmation Response



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- Confirmation Requester Name
- Confirmation Service Entity Name
- Confirming Party Name
- Downstream Entity Name
- Location Name
- Service Requester Name
- Upstream Entity Name
  
- 1.4.5 Scheduled Quantity
  - Capacity Type Name
  - Delivery Location Name
  - Downstream Entity Name
  - Export Declaration Description
  - Model Type Name
  - Receipt Location Name
  - Service Requester Name
  - Transaction Type Description
  - Service Requester Name
  - Transportation Service Provider Name
  - Upstream Entity Name
  
- 1.4.6 Scheduled Quantity for Operator
  - Confirmation Service Entity Name
  - Downstream Entity Name
  - Location Name
  - Preparer Name
  - Reduction Reason Name
  - Statement Recipient Name
  - Upstream Entity Name
  
- II. Flowing Gas Related Data Sets
  - 2.4.1 Pre-determined Allocation
    - Downstream Entity Name
    - Location Name
    - Preparer Name
    - Service Requester Name
    - Statement Recipient Name
    - Upstream Entity Name
  
  - 2.4.2 Allocation
    - Adjustment Type Name
    - Downstream Entity Name
    - Location Name
    - Preparer Name
    - Service Requester Name
    - Statement Basis Code Name
    - Statement Recipient Name
    - Upstream Entity Name
  
  - 2.4.3 Shipper Imbalance
    - Adjustment Type Name



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Capacity Type Name  
Delivery Location Name  
Downstream Entity Name  
Export Declaration Description  
Preparer Name  
Receipt Location Name  
Settlement Type Description  
Statement Basis Code Name  
Statement Recipient Name  
Supplemental Quantity Type Description  
Transaction Type Description  
Upstream Entity Name

### 2.4.4 Measurement Information

Adjustment Type Name  
Location Name  
Preparer Name  
Statement Basis Code Name  
Statement Recipient Name

**Motion:** Instruct Information Requirements Subcommittee to make the changes noted in the above cited Dynegy work paper.

**Discussion:** Some noted that the above work paper should not be instructions to Information Requirements per se, but rather the work paper should be reviewed by Information Requirements to determine if any changes are needed. Ms. Munson noted that the work paper may conflict with existing standards, and specifically she noted GISB Standard No. 4.3.56. After further discussion, Mr. Scheel noted that reason for this request was to introduce consistency in the data sets. Ms. Hess reminded the group to review the calendar before sending this work to the Information Requirements Subcommittee as it would probably not be implemented for version 1.4. Others noted that some of the changes were more serious than consistency – namely the upstream and downstream entity names. Mr. Young noted that the data dictionaries were a good start and he had concern that the recommended changes may delay the standards so that they would not be published in version 1.4.

**Rev. Motion:** Instruct Information Requirements Subcommittee to review and determine if changes are needed as noted in the above cited Dynegy work paper, and if changes are needed to related standards.

**Discussion:** After further discussion over a break, it was determined to withdraw the motion and work paper at this time. Mr. Scheel noted that he may want to bring back recommendations on usages in the form of requests to be processed through the Triage group.

**Action:** Withdrawn.

## V. Next Meeting

In discussion on the standards to go out for comment, the following were identified: s11 (August 1998), s12 (August 14), s46 (April 26), s68 (April 26), s69 (April 26,) s84 (April 6), s85 (April 6), s81 (April 26), and s80 (April 26). There was a question on whether s27, which was adopted by the EC in its March 1999 meeting, went out for ratification – which will be



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investigated by the GISB office.

There was discussion on the implementation schedule. In conversations with Commission staff, Chairman Hoecker's office, and Chairman Hoecker himself, it was learned that while the staggered implementation schedule was adopted by the FERC, the hard date is the final one - June 2000. They support the staggered implementation schedule and are aware that they endorsed the schedule that shows implementation beginning in June 1999, when the current schedule shows implementation beginning in September. Several of the pipelines consider September 1999 a hard deadline for implementation of the EII standards for nominations. Columbia Gas has already implemented the nominations related standards. It was discussed that June 22 be scheduled as the last meeting to consider general requests or work papers. June 23 is scheduled as a joint BPS/EII meeting. Ms. LeCureaux noted that her request on customer contact and entity information (ANR R98034) may be withdrawn at the meeting on June 22. The meeting on June 22 is half day beginning after lunch.

The workload for the EII group is diminishing enough that the meetings can be significantly reduced or considered concluded shortly. While this group was never intended to be a standing committee, for a few months, it could be allocated one half day per month reserved for meetings should the requests for change related to EII implementation of standards arise.

### **VI. Internet Consideration**

Mr. Scheel asked if a standard should be developed for back up to the Internet, should the Internet fail, rather than relying on clauses in each pipeline's tariff. Mr. Young noted that Internet users should have identified backup ISPs. Mr. Caldwell noted that we have standards regarding topographically diverse implementations that would imply backup ISPs. Mr. Scheel will develop work papers on this topic for the next meeting and it will be placed on the agenda.

### **VI. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.



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## VII. Attendees

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