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TO: GISB Members, Posting on the Web Page for Interested Industry Participants
FROM: Rae McQuade, Executive Director
RE: Announcement of First Meeting of the EBB Internet Implementation Task Force
& **AGENDA**

The first meeting of the EBB Internet Implementation Task Force is scheduled for August 13 and 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., in Houston, hosted by Duke Energy at 5400 Westheimer Court. Members and industry participants are urged to join this task force to participate in the creation of standards for transactional web sites.

The chairs of the task force are:

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Please join me in thanking the chairs for volunteering to lead this important effort, and join us on August 13 and 14 as we begin to define the standards needed for transactional web sites and for EDI.

Rae McQuade

cc: Dennis Holbrook
Laurie Paulson



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EBB INTERNET IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE

HOSTED BY DUKE ENERGY, 5400 WESTHEIMER COURT, HOUSTON, TEXAS
PROPOSED AGENDA

AUGUST 13 & 14, 1998 -- 8:30 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

AUGUST 13, 1998

- 8:30 a.m. 1. Administrative
- Welcome
 - Antitrust
 - Attendee Roll Call
 - Adoption of Agenda
 - Notification of Future Meetings
 - Review of Meeting Guidelines
 - Balanced Voting
 - Powers and Duties of the Chairs
 - Adherence to time limits for topics of discussion and time limits for speakers
 - Minutes, minutes revisions
 - Future Meetings Announcement
- 9:30 a.m. 2. Report by the Chairs.
- Discussion by task force and vote of support on each item -- general concepts:
 - Start with the Camel model as the beginning to guide development per direction of the Executive Committee.
 - Slot the survey items into the Camel model as the items are determined to be needed. Specifically, the EII task force should identify data elements for new transactions.
 - Do the EDI development and the transactional web site development concurrently.
 - Develop the standards, both for web site development and for EDI development, following the business function order of nominations, flowing gas, invoicing, and capacity release¹, (as stated in the Camel model, item 31, page 28 of the June 1 report to the Board of Directors).
 - Recognize that the dates mentioned in the Camel model² are aggressive and should be followed to the extent possible, but also recognize that the dates are "cast in stone."
 - Follow recognized industry practices as the determination of what should be developed in EDI data sets is made. For example: do not restate duplicative information (i.e. totals, combinations to data sets), and do not

¹ As stated in the Camel model, item 31, page no. 28 of the June 1 report to the Board of Directors

² As stated in the Camel model, page no. 32 of the June 1 report to the Board of Directors



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develop data sets which would only be used by a few trading partners. Ernst & Young will provide us with industry accepted EDI development practices for our review before the next meeting, and will also provide a preliminary analysis of the survey items against the recognized industry practices for applicability to EDI development. Other industry practices may be developed for development of transactional web pages.

- Information should be provided in a comparable manner. Some of the practices may address this issue -- such as raw data streams should be comparable.
- Cost and cost recovery will not be discussed by this group.
- The methods used for EDI and flat files, should be comparable -- both in access, in timing and in processing.
- Any other general concepts to be followed by the EII task force in development of standards.

11:30 a.m. WORKING LUNCH PROVIDED

NOON . 2. Report by the Chairs. (Continued)

- Discussion by task force and vote of support on each item of EII responsibility
 - Standards for navigation
 - Standards for general screen design
 - Determination of information that is applicable to on-line transactions versus information that is applicable to EDI data set processing or flat file processing.
 - Any business practices needed as the survey items are addressed or the transactional web sites are developed.
 - Plan development including addressing survey items will be the responsibility of the EII task force. The plan will be developed in phases. The first phase will concentrate on all global development needed for transactional web sites and from a business function perspective, all nominations related standards for EDI data sets and transactional web sites. Other business functions will be included as needed. The plan should be brought to EC for approval at its August 20 meeting. When the meeting is announced, there will be a call for participation in the task force to ensure that company business processes are addressed. The survey responses will be categorized by business function and then identified as feasible for EDI or not, based on industry accepted practices. This preliminary analysis will be forwarded to the task force for its review.
 - The EII task force will determine when to transfer development to other groups. For example, data element definitions would be developed by Information Requirements Subcommittee, X12 mapping efforts would be performed by the Technical Subcommittee, and the Future Technology Task Force would address security and redundancy.
 - Any other responsibilities of EII task force.



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- 2:00 pm. 3. Discussion and motions related to the treatment of the survey responses and acceptance by the group and how they will be addressed -- plan and detailed plan related to nominations, including the timeline.
- Review, discussion and vote of support of Ernst and Young (E&Y) industry practices to be followed in determination of EDI development, and identification of any other general industry practices to be followed for EDI development.
 - Review, discussion and support of E&Y recommendation regarding nominations related survey responses *[This assumes that the general concept of developing standard for the business function of nominations is addressed first.]*
 - Draft of plan and how the nominations related survey items are folded into the plan.
 - Identification of items to be transferred to appropriate subcommittees or task forces. *[The actual transfer of items cannot occur before August 20, at which time the plan will be presented to the Executive Committee for its approval -- including scope determination and priority].*
 - Other items related to the EDI development portion of the plan.
- 4:30 p.m. 4. Discussion and review of timelines defined by the EII Chairs:
- Recommendations from task forces on existing nominations related standards for transactional web sites and modifications to EDI data sets as a result of the survey responses would be completed by October 15. The Executive Committee would consider and vote on the recommendations on November 19. Membership ratification would occur in December. Implementation by industry would be expected by June 1999.
 - Recommendations from task forces on existing flowing gas related standards for transactional web sites and modifications to EDI data sets as a result of the survey responses would be completed by November 12. The Executive Committee would consider and vote on the recommendations on December 17. Membership ratification would occur in January 1999. Implementation by industry would be expected by November 1999.
 - Recommendations from task forces on existing invoicing related standards for transactional web sites and modifications to EDI data sets as a result of the survey responses would be completed by mid-March 1999. The Executive Committee would consider and vote on the recommendations in mid-April 1999. Membership ratification would occur in mid-June. Implementation by industry would be expected by April 2000.
 - Recommendations from task forces on existing capacity release related standards for transactional web sites and modifications to EDI data sets as a result of the survey responses would be completed by mid-May 1999. The Executive Committee would consider and vote on the recommendations in mid-June 1999. Membership ratification would occur in mid-July. Implementation by industry would be expected by June 2000.
- 5:00 p.m. 5. Conclusion of meeting for the first day.



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AT CONCLUSION OF THE FIRST DAY, THE TASK FORCE SHOULD HAVE:

- Agreement on general concepts to which the task force would adhere when developing standards.
- Agreement on responsibilities of the EII Task force.
- Agreement on timeline for development of standards by business function.
- Agreement on draft plan for review by the Executive Committee on August 20 -- if not in specific language, then in concepts to be covered in the plan.

AUGUST 14, 1998

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| 8:30 a.m. | 1. | Administrative <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Welcome▪ Antitrust▪ Attendee Roll Call |
| 8:45 a.m. | 2. | Finalization of Plan to be presented to the Executive Committee on August 20. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Discussion and Vote |
| 9:15 a.m. | 3. | Identification, Discussion and Vote on Recommended Standards for access. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Access (item nos. 1-6 of the Camel Model)³▪ Other Access Items |
| 10:30 a.m. | 4. | Identification, Discussion and Vote on Recommended Standards for navigation. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Navigation (item nos. 11-24 of the Camel Model)⁴▪ Other Navigation Items |
| 11:30 a.m. | | LUNCH BREAK |
| NOON | | Continuation of Navigation Items. |
| 2:00 p.m. | 5. | Identification, Discussion and Vote on Recommended Standards for content/format. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Content/Format (item nos. 25-35 of the Camel Model)⁵▪ Other Content/Format Items |
| 3:30 p.m. | 6. | Identification, Discussion and Vote on Recommended Standards for upload/download. |

³ As stated in the Camel model, page no. 23 of the June 1 report to the Board of Directors

⁴ As stated in the Camel model, page nos. 24 - 27 of the June 1 report to the Board of Directors

⁵ As stated in the Camel model, page nos. 27 - 29 of the June 1 report to the Board of Directors



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- Upload/download (item nos. 36-39 of the Camel Model)⁶
 - Other Upload/Download Items
- 4:00 p.m. 7. Identification, Discussion and Vote on Recommended Standards for other items.
- Item nos. 41, 47 and 48 of the Camel Model⁷
 - Other Items
- 5:00 p.m. 8. Meeting Adjournment.
- [the agenda for the meeting on August 21 will be determined through a chairs' conference call on August 17. The proposed agenda will include any items not completed on August 13 & 14]*

AT CONCLUSION OF THE SECOND DAY, THE TASK FORCE SHOULD HAVE:

- A body of recommended global standards which would apply to all business functions including nominations. The global standards may be incomplete.

⁶ As stated in the Camel model, page no. 29 of the June 1 report to the Board of Directors

⁷ As stated in the Camel model, page nos. 30-31 of the June 1 report to the Board of Directors