



Gas Industry Standards Board

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TO: GISB Membership and posting on the home page for interested industry participants
FROM: Rae McQuade, Executive Director
RE: **FINAL MINUTES FOR IMBALANCE SUBCOMMITTEE MAY 6, 1998 MEETING**

I. Administrative

Ms. Garcia gave the roll call. Mr. Buccigross welcomed the attendees to the first call of the Imbalance Subcommittee and gave the antitrust advice. The agenda was adopted.

II. Review of GISB Standard No. 2.3.30

III. GISB Standard No. 2.3.30

A motion was made by Mr. Hahn for a modification of Standard 2.3.30:

"All transportation service providers should allow service requesters (including agents of service requesters) to net imbalances having similar operational impact on and across contracts with the service requester and to trade imbalances having similar operational impact with other shippers and agents thereof."

Discussion:

Mr. Hahn explained that given the Commission's order and the wording that GISB had not been able to come up with the first time in 2.3.30, the incorporation of the language extending to trading imbalances to include shippers as well seemed to be the direction the Commission was moving.

Action:

There was no other discussion and a vote resulted in unanimous adoption of the motion.

III. Review of R97117

Mr. Buccigross stepped down as chair of the committee and Mr. Hahn accepted acting as chair for the discussion of R97117. Mr. Buccigross, as author of the request, explained the request. He stated that with the trading of imbalances there was a requirement to know the operational impact and to define those areas and the business practice standards to further enable the trading of imbalances.

Motion to adopt 2.3.x:

Service Requesters may request of their Transportation Service Provider (TSP), and until notified otherwise, such TSP should make such Service Requester's imbalance information (as set forth in the Imbalance Posting data set) available upon request to those requesting such information.

Discussion

It was suggested that perhaps this process was a mirror of the capacity release process and could be fitted into that. Mr. Buccigross noted that this was a similar process with two steps: 1) the imbalance information was made available, and 2) the imbalance information was displayed and requested. But, the Transportation Service Providers were not required to administer a bid process. Mr. Hahn noted that there would be an authorization requirement to post data as some shippers may not want to have their data posted. The question of what level the authorization was required was discussed. Also discussed was the accommodation of prearranged deals and the bundling or package arrangements. Mr. Buccigross suggested a listing of the concerns which resulted in the following:



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Posting Response

Level of authorization
contract
date
zone
rate schedule
type
Authorization data set
Posting level
contract area
date range
data
Request response for data
Zero imbalance posting (need to generate record)
OBAs no imbalance (active vs inactive contract)
Authorization as a replacement or changes only
Timing issues
Daily vs monthly
Operational impact areas

Effectuation

Nomination process
security
model trading partner agreement (authorized?)
Timing issues
Overlapping of trade information
concurrent/multiple authorized trades
Operational impact area (what is it?)
Complete or partial trade
PPA how they are handled (month discovered?)

Discussion continued with modifications being made to the motion. Mr. Buccigross volunteered to submit a work paper incorporating the concerns to be posted for the next meeting. He therefore withdrew the motion for 2.3.x.

IV. Next Meeting of the Imbalance Subcommittee

Teleconference call for the next meeting of the Imbalance Subcommittee is May 22, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. central. The agenda items are to discuss Request Nos. R97117 and R97118.

V. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.



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VI. Attendance

Segment	Participant	Company	Motion 2.3.30	GISB Member
Pipelines:				
	Sherry Wake	ANR Pipeline	✓	✓
	Joe Pollard	ANR Pipeline		✓
	Mary Sue McNeal	EPNG	✓	✓
	Laura Moseley	FGT	✓	✓
	Flo Comini	ANR Pipeline	A	✓
	Julie Unruh	Koch Gateway	✓	✓
	Randy Young	Koch Midstream Services	✓	✓
	Betty Barnum	Panhandle Eastern	✓	✓
	Theresa Hess	Northern Natural Gas	✓	✓
	Laurie Willemyns	Northern Border	✓	✓
	Ramona Bettencourt	Transwestern	✓	✓
	Dale Davis	Williams Gas Pipelines	✓	✓
	Marcie McCain	Texas Pipeline	✓	✓
	Stony Jackson	Sonat	✓	✓
LDCs:				
	Doug Hahn	PG&E	✓	✓
Producers:				
	Jerry Hahn	Texaco	✓	✓
Services:				
	Donna Scott	Enron Administrative Corp.	✓	✓
	Jim Buccigross	National Registry	✓	✓
Votes: Affirmative			16	
Opposed			0	
Abstained			1	

Blank = Not on the call at time of vote