

GISB Imbalance Subcommittee Meeting
July 20, 2000
Conference Call
FINAL MINUTES

1. Dennis La Tour opened the meeting and welcomed participants.
2. Dennis L. gave the anti-trust guidelines.
3. The agenda was adopted without modification.
4. The minutes from the July 6, 2000 meeting were reviewed. These minutes were approved, as modified.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the work paper prepared by Greg Lander of CapacityCenter.com regarding Zone Identifier.

The work paper contained a proposed instruction to the Expedited Data Development Subcommittee (EDD) as follows:

The Imbalance Trading Subcommittee instructs EDD to add the Zone Identifier data element to the data sets listed below and for such data element to be present (in the listed data sets) in those cases where a Transportation Service Provider employs the Zone Identifier data element within their implementation of the Shipper Imbalance data set. In addition, the Imbalance Trading Subcommittee instructs EDD to implement the addition of the Zone Identifier data element in a manner that, when present, it would be present at the same level as the Operational Impact Area data element.

Posted Imbalances Download
Request for Imbalance Trade
Request for Confirmation of Imbalance Trade (mutually agreed data set)
Imbalance Trade Confirmation
Imbalance Trade Notification

Discussion: Mr. Lander reiterated his reasons for requesting the addition of the data element Zone Identifier to the Imbalance Trading datasets. The reasons are as follows: 1) to enable linkage between the Imbalance Trading datasets and the Shipper Imbalance dataset, 2) to ensure that Service Requesters evaluating potential imbalance trade opportunities can know the potential economic impacts upon them for any given potential trade and can identify to each other and to the appropriate Transportation Service Provider (TSP) with a minimum of ambiguity the trade(s) that they intend to conduct with one another, and 3) to enable Service Requesters (post trade) to estimate for themselves the economic impact(s), if any, upon them with respect to one or more of that TSP's transportation invoices related to Imbalance Trade Notification(s) received from the TSP.

Mark Gracey of Tennessee Gas Pipeline recalled that it was May 1999 when the Imbalance Subcommittee decided that Zone Identifier should not be included in the Imbalance Trading datasets. Since that time, some TSPs have designed their systems so that other data elements within the Imbalance Trading datasets (ex. Operational Impact Area, Imbalance Type, etc.) could be utilized to identify specific “buckets” of gas, which were being traded. To introduce Zone Identifier back into the datasets at this late date, considering that the FERC has set a November, 2000 date for TSP implementation of imbalance trading, could require substantial changes to the TSPs’ back office systems. Additionally, neither the data element Operational Impact Area or the data element Imbalance Type appears in the Shipper Imbalance dataset, thereby preventing the linkage between the Imbalance Trading datasets and the Shipper Imbalance dataset.

Dennis La Tour of ANR Pipeline Company gave several examples of how TSPs roll up Service Requester contract imbalances to the Service Requester level. The Service Requester level imbalances can then be traded; any remaining imbalance is cashed out which results in all of the Service Requesters’ contracts beginning imbalances for the next production month to be zero. This roll up process also makes it very difficult to link the Imbalance Trading datasets to the Shipper Imbalance dataset.

As a result of the prior discussion, a suggestion was made to create a standard, which would require the TSP to generate a Shipper Imbalance dataset or a cashout dataset upon closure of the Imbalance Trading window. This would ensure that Service Requesters would know their post trade imbalance position. Ms. Hess of Transwestern noted, however, that the existing standard # 8 (S8) indicates that the TSP “should enable the imbalance trading process by: ... Reflecting the trade prior to or on the next monthly Shipper Imbalance or cashout”. Therefore, an appropriate standard is already in place.

Motion: The Imbalance Subcommittee decided that no changes are required to the Imbalance Netting / Trading datasets regarding the data element Zone Identifier.

In favor 5 Opposed 0

Motion passes.

Mr. La Tour indicated that an additional Imbalance Subcommittee conference call would be scheduled in order to discuss an issue, which is in the process of being sent from the EDD. This issue is in regard to reviewing the standards relating to Web Page Navigation, for example 2.3.32, 4.3.42, 4.3.54, and 4.3.75. The conference call will be tentatively scheduled for August 17, 2000 at 9:00 AM Central Daylight Time (CDT).

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM (CDT).

Imbalance Conference Call Attendance

SERVICES:

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Debra Stubblefield	Corcoran Law Office

PIPELINES:

Dennis LaTour

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Mark Gracey	Duke Energy
Bill Griffith	Tennessee Gas Pipeline
Theresa Hess	Colorado Interstate Gas
Tammy Hopkins	Transwestern
Pete Howells	Enron – Northern Natural
Mary Sue McNeal	ANR
Cindy Reppke	El Paso Natural Gas
Cari Sloan	ANR
Sherry Wake	ANR