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TO: NAESB WGQ Interpretations Subcommittee: Sylvia Munson, Keith Sappenfield, Sheri Heslington, Paul Keeler, Paul Love, Shelley Corman, Tina Burnett, Diane McVicker, Mike Novak, Steve Sullivan, and Posting for Interested Parties

FROM: Todd Oncken, NAESB Staff

RE: Wholesale Gas Quadrant Interpretations Subcommittee Meeting Minutes - April 22, 2003

DATE: April 23, 2003

**NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY STANDARDS BOARD
WGQ INTERPRETATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL
April 22, 2003, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. CST**

1. Welcome & Administrative Items

Ms. Munson welcomed meeting participants. Mr. Oncken gave the antitrust advice. Ms. Munson reviewed the agenda. Absent modification, the agenda was adopted by acclamation. Mr. Love moved, seconded by Mr. Novak, to adopt the minutes of the February 28, 2003 and March 26, 2003 WGQ Interpretations Subcommittee meetings without modification. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion and potential vote on request C03001

Participants discussed Request C03001. Mr. Spangler noted that a working arrangement has been defined by the parties seeking this interpretation. Mr. Buccigross noted the details of the agreement as follows: Systrends, 8760 and ERCOT mutually agree to maintain support for the HEAD command in ERCOT until November 1, 2003 or ERCOT's implementation of version 1.6 standards. Anytime after November 1, 2003, Systrends or ERCOT may provide 8760 written notice of its intent to withdraw mutual agreement to use the HEAD command and upon receiving such notice, 8760 will implement GISB EDM without the HEAD command within a two week period.

Given the working arrangement between the parties, Mr. Love questioned whether it was necessary for the WGQ Interpretations Subcommittee to take action on the request. Mr. Spangler noted a formal interpretation would clarify the issue for future disputes. Accordingly, Mr. Love moved, seconded by Mr. Novak, to adopt the following interpretation for Request C03001:

The use of the HTTP HEAD command in NAESB EDM is an option, and as such its implementation between trading partners is solely on a "mutually agreed to" basis, i.e. the Requester is free to propose the use of the HEAD command to its trading partners, but the Requester cannot insist upon its use. Moreover, the Requester must still provide for transmission and receipt, via the standards, to those trading partners that do not consent to the use of the HEAD command. If the Requester seeks the use of the HEAD command as an explicit requirement of NAESB, EDM, they are directed to submit a Request for Standard to NAESB.

All WGQ Interpretations Subcommittee members present voted in favor of the motion, but the motion was sent out to notational ballot due to lack of quorum. As the subcommittee desired



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to have this interpretation published in version 1.7 standards, the notational ballot period will be modified to allow the interpretation to meet the timeline to be addressed at the June Executive Committee meeting.

3. Initial Discussion of requests C03002 & C03003

Participants discussed Request C03002, submitted by Group 8760. Mr. Buccigross asked the subcommittee to defer action on Request C03002 until the next meeting given the results of Request C03001. Mr. Buccigross noted it was likely Group 8760 would withdraw Request C03002 prior to the next meeting.

Participants discussed Request C03003, submitted by Dynegy, Inc. It was noted the request pertains to references in the EDM Book regarding the AS2 standards. It was noted that at first glance the request would be better addressed during the annual review of EDM standards as a Request for Standard rather than a Request for Interpretation. Accordingly, the group agreed on a preliminary determination to transfer the request to the NAESB WGQ EDM subcommittee. However, since Mr. Whatley was not present on the conference call, it was agreed to defer action until the next meeting so that Mr. Whatley could explain his request prior to disposition. Additionally, Ms. Munson proposed to contact Mr. Whatley regarding the preliminary determination to see whether he desires to maintain Request C03003.

Requests C03004 and C03005 were not on the agenda for today's meeting. However, participants took action to prepare for their discussion and resolution at the next meeting. Mr. Love proposed to draft language to address Request C03004. Mr. Novak volunteered to work with the requester to draft language to address Request C03005.

4. Other Business

The next WGQ Interpretations Subcommittee conference call will be held on May 9, 2003 from noon to 2:00 p.m. Central.

5. Adjourn

Ms. Munson adjourned the call at 2:51 p.m. Central.

6. Meeting Attendees:

Name	Company	Notes
Jim Buccigross	Group 8760	
Christopher Burden	Williams Gas Pipeline	
Bill Hebenstreit	El Paso Merchant Energy, L.P.	
Paul Love	Natural Gas Pipe Line Company of America	Member
Rae McQuade	NAESB	Administrative
Sylvia Munson	ECom	Member
Les Nishida	Wisconsin Public Service Corporation	
Mike Novak	National Fuel Gas Distribution	Member
Todd Oncken	NAESB	Administrative
Keith Sappenfield	EnCana Energy	Member
Leigh Spangler	Latitude Technologies	
Kim Van Pelt	CMS Panhandle Pipe Line Companies	
Randy Young	Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP	