



## Gas Industry Standards Board

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**TO:** Interpretations Committee: Greg Lander, Mark Scheel, Shelley Corman, Paul Love, Paul Keeler, Bob Wallenhorst, Mike Bray, Kelly Daly, Mary Jane McCartney, Bill Boswell  
Posting for Interested Industry Participants

**FROM:** Rae McQuade, Executive Director

**RE:** Final Minutes from the Interpretations Committee Meeting

**DATE:** October 29, 1999

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### GAS INDUSTRY STANDARDS BOARD

#### GISB INTERPRETATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

**Teleconference Call: 10:00 a.m. to Noon, August 13, 1999**

#### FINAL MINUTES

#### I. Administrative

Mr. Lander chaired the meeting and welcomed the participants. Participants to the meeting were identified. Mr. Lander gave the antitrust advice. The draft agenda was adopted as written. The minutes of August 6 were adopted as final with no changes.

#### II. Requests for Interpretation

**C99003** Submitted by Natural Gas Pipeline

Request: Clarification or interpretation request:

GISB standard 5.3.2 states that "offers should be tendered by 1:00 p.m. the day before nominations for short term releases". It further states that the "open season ends no later than 2:00 p.m. on the day before nominations are due..." GISB standard 5.3.24 states "Capacity Release facilitator should post offers and bids, including prearranged deals, upon receipt, unless releasing shipper requests otherwise". These standards seem to imply that the open season could begin at either the time of posting or the next subsequent 1:00 p.m. after posting and in either case, remain open until the requested end of posting. Clarification is requested for the situation where the offer is tendered after the 1:00 p.m. deadline on business day one, but before 1:00 p.m. on business day 2 and the releasor requests that the offer be posted immediately.

Possible interpretations or clarifications, if known:

We (NGPL) believe that at least two possible clarifications exist which will provide for the same business results. The first possibility is that the offer be immediately posted for display (only) and then become available for bid at 1:00 p.m. the following business day, remaining open until the requested end of posting (ending at 2:00 p.m.). The second possibility is that the release be open for bid immediately upon posting, and remain open until requested end of posting (ending at 2:00 p.m.). In either case, the business results are the same in that all interested parties would have the opportunity to view the offer without bias, and all interested parties would have the opportunity to bid on the offer without bias.



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### Proposed Interpretation Language:

A Service Requester may have its offer posted for review either immediately or at another specified time and if not specified then, at the Transportation Service Provider's option, the offer can be posted for review either immediately or at the next occurrence of 1:00 p.m. on a business day. GISB has no requirement that bidding upon such posting be available prior to the next occurrence of 1:00 p.m. on a business day. Neither is there any prohibition on bidding occurring upon a posting provided that bidding upon such posting continue to be available through at least the next occurrence of 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on a business day or the longer period where such offer is a long term offer.

**Discussion:** Mr. Lander noted that he had received communication from Ms. Corman that she supported the above language. There was no discussion. The vote was taken to support the above language as the interpretation. The vote was unanimous in favor. The remaining committee members will be polled for their vote.

**Action:** The vote was unanimous in favor. The remaining committee members will be polled for their vote.

**C99002** Submitted by Enron Capital and Trade

**Request:** GISB Standard Number: (G855NMQR) Data Set 1.4.2

Clarification or interpretation request:

Request for Interpretation of allowable values for PID01 field in the three PID segments of the GISB Nomination Quick Response

The GISB Quick Response (G855NMQR) contains three PID segments, which are used to convey errors at the Header, Detail, and Subdetail levels respectively. For the the first two PID segments, the GISB implementation guide assigns a value of 'X' to PID01, and the third PID segment mandates PID01 = 'S'. The comment for this segment in the GISB Implementation Guide indicates that PID05 should be used only to send a validation message not yet approved by GISB. However, The ANSI X12 guide states in its comments for the PID segment that PID04 and PID05 must be used if PID01 = 'X'. Sending PID01 = 'X', accompanied by a PID04 but not a PID05 will cause a syntax error in some translators. Thus it would seem that the GISB Implementation Guide should mandate that PID01 = 'S' if only PID04 is being sent, or PID01 = 'X' if both PID04 and PID05 are being sent.

Possible interpretations or clarifications, if known:

GISB Implementation Guide should mandate that PID01 = 'S' if only PID04 is being sent, or PID01 = 'X' if both PID04 and PID05 are being sent.

**Discussion:** Mr. Sicignano reviewed the request. Mr. Lander offered that the Interpretations Committee should refer this request to the Technical Subcommittee for information to determine if there are any syntactical reasons in the X12 mapping to keep it the way it is now or should it be implemented as offered in the request. If there is no syntactical reason in the X12 mapping to prevent the change, then the Interpretations Committee can determine if a business practice is required or if it can be transferred directly to the appropriate subcommittee.



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All agreed with the action.

Action: The request was transferred to the Technical Subcommittee to gather information for the Interpretations Committee's consideration, to be addressed in the normal course of business. A meeting will be scheduled for the Interpretations Committee once this information has been received. The requestor agreed with this course of action and this priority.

### III. Next Agenda

The next teleconference meeting will be scheduled once the information has been received from the Technical Subcommittee regarding C99002, or once additional requests have been received in the GISB office:

C99002                      Submitted by Enron Capital and Trade                      Review & Possible Vote

The meeting scheduled for Friday, August 20, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon has been **canceled**.

### IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. central.



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## V. Attendees

Name	Company	Email Address <sup>1</sup>	C99002	Present
<b>Members:</b>				
Greg Lander	TransCapacity	exec@tcapserv.com	✓	✓
Mark Scheel	Dynegy Inc.	masc@dynegy.com	✓	✓
Mike Bray	Bray & Associates	braymiked@aol.com		✗
Kelly Daly	Arizona Public Service Co.	kellyadaly@aol.com		✗
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Shelley Corman	Enron Pipeline Group	scorman@enron.com	✓	✗
Paul Love	NGPL	paul_love@kne.com	✓	✓
Paul Keeler	Burlington Resources	pkeeler@br-inc.com		✗
Bob Wallenhorst	Exxon	robert.p.wallenhorst@exxon.com		✗
<b>Requesters:</b>				
Andy Sicignano	Enron Capital & Trade			✓
Paul Love	NGPL			✓

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<b>Participants:</b>			
Kim Van Pelt	Trunkline	kvanpelt@cmsenergy.com	✓
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Betty Barnum	Panhandle Eastern	babarnum@cmsenergy.com	✓

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