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GAS INDUSTRY STANDARDS BOARD
Interpretations Subcommittee Meeting -- Telephone Conference
10:00 a.m. to Noon, September 14, 1998

FINAL MINUTES

I. Introductory Items

Mr. Lander welcomed the attendees and the antitrust advice was given. The roll was called. The agenda was adopted with no changes. The minutes of June 19 were adopted with no changes out of order of the agenda. The Interpretations Subcommittee impromptu meeting that took place during June 11 Executive Committee meeting are noted in the EC minutes of that meeting with the results of the impromptu meeting. The notes within the EC meeting minutes will suffice as meeting minutes of that impromptu Interpretations Subcommittee meeting. There was no disagreement to this course of action.

II. Interpretations

C98008

Clarification is requested as to the intended meanings of the Transaction Set Purpose Codes "original" and "change" as used in the Offer, Bid and Award Data Sets. The present definition of the Transaction Set Purpose Code in the Implementation Guide states that the code "denotes the status of an Offer, Bid or Award"

Submitted by: TransCapacity Limited Partnership

Affects GISB Standard Number(s): 5.4.1, 5.4.2, and 5.4.3 and associated EDI Implementation Guide instructions

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Clarification or interpretation request:

When a Transportation Service Provider has posted a particular Offer, Bid, or Award (as identified by its "number") and then any one or more of the values, contained within: a) the quantity(ies) data elements, b) rate data elements, c) any of the date/time elements (i.e., effective begin/end dates, award dates, bidding period dates, etc.), d) location data elements, or e) data elements containing codes for the parties to that Offer, Bid or Award, is different in a subsequent posting of information on that Offer, Bid, or Award, shouldn't the Transaction Set Purpose Code be the code associated with "change" (Offer) or "re-submission" (Award)?

Possible interpretations or clarifications, if Known:

Yes, it should be denoted as a "change" (Offer or Bid) or re-submission, (Award). In the GISB Implementation Guides, the possible values (i.e., code values) which can populate the Transaction Set Purpose data element for both the Offer and Bid datasets are as follows: "BQT*00*", or "BQT*04*". For both the Offer and Award data sets the "00" denotes a status of "original" and the "04" denotes a status of "change".



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Likewise, in the GISB Implementation Guides, the possible values (i.e., code values) which can populate the Transaction Set Purpose data element for the Award dataset are as follows: "BQR*06*", or "BQR*15*". For the Bid data set the "06" denotes a status of "confirmation" and the "15" denotes a "re-submission".

It is misleading and not clear to communicate information concerning a posted capacity release transaction within a 5.4.X data set with a Transaction Set Purpose code value of "original" (or "confirmation" as applicable) but to actually have changed pertinent information within that transaction from that which was previously posted. As a result, when there is a change to a value within a significant data element (i.e., a quantity, type of quantity, rate, rate form, rate basis, date/time, minimum criteria, location, or party) for a particular Offer, Bid, or Award the code value within the Transaction Set Purpose data element should be "change" or re-submission respectively.

The Problem:

Some Transportation Service Providers are sending transaction sets with changed data but not identifying the fact that the Transaction set has in fact changed. The "00" or "original" transaction set code value is in the Transaction Set Purpose field even though there has been a change to one or more of the following data elements: a quantity amount in a field, the award rate and/or award type, a location, a party's code, or the value of a date/time element have been changed. This makes the information ambiguous and unreliable. When there is a change it should be identified.

Discussion:

There was no objection to the proposed interpretation as stated in the request, and repeated below. It will be discussed and voted for adoption at the next meeting.

Draft Interpretation:

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Interpretation Text:

Yes, it should be denoted as a "change" (Offer or Bid) or re-submission, (Award). In the GISB Implementation Guides, the possible values (i.e., code values) which can populate the Transaction Set Purpose data element for both the Offer and Bid datasets are as follows: "BQT*00*", or "BQT*04*". For both the Offer and Award data sets the "00" denotes a status of "original" and the "04" denotes a status of "change".

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C98009

Request clarification related to the use of only central clock time values in the date/time data elements for all Capacity Release related datasets (e.g. Offers, Bids, Awards, Upload to Pipeline of Prearranged Deal, UPPD Validation, Bidder Confirmation, Final Disposition, Operational Available, Unsubscribed FT, and Critical Notices). Should all time values be provided as central clock time?

Submitted By: TransCapacity Limited Partnership

Affects GISB Standard Number(s): 1.3.1, 5.3.2, and 5.4.X

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Possible Interpretations or Clarifications, if Known:

Yes, all values contained within date/time data elements should be central clock time values. GISB Standards version 1.2 et. seq. removed the time zone qualifier for all date/time data elements. GISB Standard 5.3.2 expresses that the time deadlines in Capacity Release data sets should be in central clock time. GISB business standards universally express that central clock time should be used. There are no longer any time zone qualifiers within the datasets and therefore only time values which are central clock time should be present. In addition, GISB Standard 1.3.1 expresses that the standard time for gas day should be expressed in central clock time (e.g., 9 a.m. - 9 a.m. CT).

The Problem:

Some Transportation Service Providers are sending time values in their local time in their EDI documents. They are not sending central clock time values. In addition, they are also sending a time zone qualifier which is no longer supported in the GISB EDI standards which has the effect of making data interpretation ambiguous. Worse, it requires a Transportation Service Provider specific exception handling process to accept the time zone qualifier and then Transportation Service Provider specific data manipulation through coding to convert the time value that is presented to that of the GISB Standards, namely central clock time.

Discussion:

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III. Adjourn

The meeting concluded at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting for Interpretations is Monday, October 12, from 10:00 a.m. to noon central. An agenda and meeting announcement will be made available prior to the meeting should any interpretation requests be received prior to that date.

IV. Attendees

Committee Members Present at Meeting

Mark Scheel	NGC Corp.
Paul Love	NGPL
Greg Lander	TransCapacity

Committee Members Absent

End User Vacancy	
Bob Wallenhorst	Exxon
Laverne Tillson	Defense Fuel Supply Center
Shelley Corman	Enron Pipelines - Northern Natural
Mary Jane McCartney	ConEd
Bill Boswell	Peoples Natural Gas
Jerry Hahn	Texaco

PARTICIPANTS:

Betty Barnum	Duke - Texas Eastern
Mark Wilke	Duke - Panhandle Eastern

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