

# GISB Information Requirements Subcommittee Meeting

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1. Introductions
  - Participants introduced themselves to the group
2. Housekeeping
  - Pete Whatley introduced participants to the facilities and apologized for the size (or lack thereof) of the conference room
  - We will transfer to 71C following lunch and will have 71A for Wednesday.
3. Anti-trust Guidelines
  - Jim Keisler read the Anti-trust Guidelines to the participants
4. Adoption of Agenda
  - Add discussion of Item 11a from FERC Order 637 Work plan following Shipper Imbalance
  - Motion by Kim Van Pelt and seconded by Mark Gracey to adopt Agenda as amended
5. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
  - December 12-13, 2000
    - **Motion by Theresa Hess and seconded by Clancey Aschbrenner** to adopt Minutes, Firm Transportation Reporting Workpaper & Storage Report Workpaper as amended.
    - **Sense of the room**; 6 in favor, 0 opposed
6. Address Current Requests for Initiation or Enhancement of GISB Standards and items transferred from other GISB subcommittees -- Discussion, Q&A and Sense of the Room for each item. (The items will be addressed in the order listed until either all items have been addressed or we have run out of time.)
  - **Shipper Imbalance (comments sent to EC)**

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## R96124 et al

(Relevant Minutes: BPS/IR 4/22/97; BPS 2/19/98; IR 11/98, 3/31 – 4/1/99, 4/99; BPS 12/16/99, 1/6/00, 1/13/00, 2/3/00; IR 3/00; BPS 4/6/00; IR 4/00; Technical 5/00; IR 8/00; Technical 8/00; EC 12/00)

Comments were received by EC from both NGPL & Enron.

- Comments from NGPL

NGPL agrees with the Recommendation with one exception. The **2.4.4 Shipper Imbalance Data Dictionary (as of April 12, 2000)** lists the usage code of “n/u” for data element Fuel Quantity under column “EBB PNT – “U” Imb Rpt Type”. The associated Condition states “...Will not be used when the Imbalance Reporting Type is Pathed Non-Threaded – Unthreaded”.

NGPL’s storage injections and withdrawals are mapped under the PNT “U” nominations and in certain instances include fuel charges. These transactions need to be reflected in the online (EBB) imbalance statement inclusive of fuel when applicable. Therefore, NGPL requests that the above mentioned usage code be changed to “SO” as part of this recommendation. NGPL also requests that the associated comments be changed to reflect the value of “SO” by removing the final sentence of the comment: “Will not be used when the Imbalance Reporting Type is Pathed Non-Threaded – Unthreaded”.

- Comments from Enron

- **R96124, et al (Shipper Imbalance)** → Per the recommendation, two data elements – ‘Adjustment Quantity’ and ‘Adjustment Type’ – are proposed to be moved to a higher level in the Shipper Imbalance data set. This was brought up during BPS’ resolution of other issues sent to it from IR regarding the Shipper Imbalance. BPS did not move the data elements from their current level. The following excerpts from BPS subcommittee meetings verify that this change has not been made.

- BPS 1/13/00, p. 3 → Excerpt: “There was an additional brief discussion as to whether imbalances could and would exist at the point level as opposed to the contract level. Participants did not choose to pursue this avenue of discussion.”

A motion was passed at this meeting stating that the Adjustment Quantity data element is not needed at the line item level. The data element was not moved to a different level in the data set.

- BPS 2/3/00, p. 6 → Excerpt: “Ms. Hess asked if it had been determined how to reflect adjustments on the Shipper Imbalance. Mr. Keisler said that during the January 13, 2000 BPS call, the Adjustment Quantity and Adjustment Type were moved to the same level as the

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contract. Ms. Hess stated that they were not moved, but she reiterated the agreement that they did not belong at the level they currently exist.”

During this meeting, it was clarified that the data elements were not being moved to a different level in the data set.

A revision such as moving a data element to a different level in a data set is within the purview of the BPS subcommittee. This type of revision may have business practice implications for both the sender and receiver of the data set, which should be thoroughly reviewed. BPS has not approved such a revision for these two data elements in the Shipper Imbalance. And, a request to do so has not been submitted to GISB.

- **R96124, et al (Shipper Imbalance)** → Per the recommendation, the data element ‘Imbalance Value’ is proposed to be deleted. I’ve researched the minutes of the BPS and IR meetings, and do not find a reference to the deletion of this data element. Is this possibly a typo in the recommendation?

Pursuant to these comments:

**Motion by Theresa Hess seconded by Randy Young** to amend the Shipper Imbalance 2.4.4 as redlined in attached workpaper.

**Sense of the room; 10 in favor, 0 opposed.**

**Discussion of Item 11a from FERC Order 637 Work plan**

- “Accommodate D-U-N-S number and name in “internet postings and their corresponding downloadable files”.
- Common Codes indicated that “the information that goes into the name field associated with the D-U-N-S Number should be the TSP’s version of the name assuming that the TSP has verified that the name and number correspond to each other.”
- During IR’s discussion of the issue, a number of possibilities surfaced for clarifying the contents of the field:
  1. Put a footnote in the data dictionaries with the exact text of the Common Codes recommendation.
  2. Put a footnote in the data dictionaries indicating that the name is the TSP’s version of the name only.
  3. Put a footnote indicating that the name may not be the D-U-N-S name.

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4. Put a footnote indicating that the name is the TSP's proprietary name.
5. Put no footnote in the data dictionaries at all, but add language to the Technical Implementation of Business Process to explain the contents of the name field.

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**Note:** For purposes of the following motion, the August 2000 version of the Capacity Release datasets was used as a starting point.

**Motion by Theresa, seconded by Randy Young** to Adopt the changes to the following datasets:

*Offer Download (5.4.1)*

Business Name (Abbreviation)	Definition	EBB Usage	EDI/FF Usage	Condition
Bidder Company Data	The unique company code number for the legal entity, which is the bidder.			
Bidder Company Code * (Bidder)		SO	SO	
Bidder Company Name*** (Bidder Name)		C	C	Mandatory, and may only be used, when the Bidder Company Code is present.
Releaser Company Data	The legal entity, which signed the contract with the transportation, service provider.			
Releaser Company Code * (Releaser)		SO	SO	
Releaser Company Name*** (Releaser Name)		C	C	Mandatory, and may only be used, when the Releaser Company Code is present.

\*\*\* The Transportation Service Provider's version of the name.

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### *Bid Download (5.4.2)*

<b>Business Name (Abbreviation)</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>EBB Usage</b>	<b>EDI/FF Usage</b>	<b>Condition</b>
Releaser Company Data	The legal entity, which signed the contract with the transportation, service provider.			
Releaser Company Code * (Releaser)		SO	SO	
Releaser Company Name*** (Releaser Name)		C	C	Mandatory, and may only be used, when the Releaser Company Code is present.

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### *Award Download (5.4.3)*

<b>Business Name (Abbreviation)</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>EBB Usage</b>	<b>EDI/FF Usage</b>	<b>Condition</b>
Bidder Company Data	The unique company code number for the legal entity, which is the bidder.			
Bidder Company Code * (Bidder)		M	M	
Bidder Company Name*** (Bidder Name)		M	M	
Releaser Company Data	The legal entity, which signed the contract with the transportation, service provider.			

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Releaser Company Code * (Releaser)		M	M	
Releaser Company Name*** (Releaser Name)		M	M	

\*\*\* The Transportation Service Provider's version of the name.

- No changes were required for the following datasets:
  - Replacement Capacity (5.4.4)
  - Withdrawal Download (5.4.5)
  - Operationally Available and Unsubscribed Capacity (5.4.13)
  - System-Wide Notices (5.4.16)

**Sense of the room; 8 in favor, 0 opposed.**

## Lunch Break

### Directives Related to FERC Order 637 and 637a

- Item #8 (BPS Priority #3): Review award data set codes and structure for firm and interruptible transportation (FT and IT) reporting (Affects GISB Standard No. 5.4.3). (Relevant Minutes: BPS 7/7/00, 8/1-2/00, 8/8-9/00; IR 11/00)
  - Continue development of Data Dictionary (see attached workpaper)
  - Enron has a need for an indicator that would indicate whether a contract was new or amended.
  - Enron would like to be able to reference a tariff matrix in maximum tariff rate. Perhaps include an indicator for either reference to matrix or maximum tariff rate.
  - Enron would like to be able to indicate 'Min' for minimum rate, 'Max' for maximum rate, or the actual rate for 'Rate Charged'.

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- During review of prior meeting minutes, an inconsistency in Location/Quantity Type Indicator and Location/Quantity Type Description surfaced. The group decided to correct the discrepancy in the Capacity Release datasets under development for EBB usage before continuing with FT Reporting.

**Motion by Theresa Hess seconded by Clancey Aschbrenner** to adopt the following changes in the below listed 8 datasets:

**Offer Download (5.4.1)**

**Bid Download (5.4.2)**

**Award Download (5.4.3)**

**Replacement Capacity (5.4.4)**

**Offer Upload (5.4.7)**

**Offer Upload Notification (5.4.9)**

**Operationally Available and Unsubscribed Capacity (5.4.13)**

**Bid Upload (5.4.18)**

Level	Business Name (Abbreviation)	Definition	EBB Usage	EDI/FF Usage	Condition
	Location/Quantity Type Indicator Description (Loc/QTI Desc)		C	nu	For EBB, at least one of Location/Quantity Type Indicator or Location/Quantity Type Indicator Description is required.

- **Sense of the room;** 6 in favor; 0 opposed
- Continue FT Reporting development beginning with a conforming change to Location/Quantity Type Indicator Description. (See attached workpaper)
- Complete “To Do List” from FT Reporting Workpaper

**To do list resulting from the development of the Firm Transportation dataset:**

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- Add entity name with DUNS Number where appropriate in FT Reporting dataset **(Completed)**
- Change Definition for Location/Quantity Type Indicator Data in all appropriate Capacity Release datasets.

**Motion by Theresa Hess seconded by Clancey Aschbrenner** to change the definition of Location/Quantity Type Indicator Data in the below listed 8 datasets:

**Offer Download (5.4.1)**

**Bid Download (5.4.2)**

**Award Download (5.4.3)**

**Replacement Capacity (5.4.4)**

**Offer Upload (5.4.7)**

**Offer Upload Notification (5.4.9)**

**Operationally Available and Unsubscribed Capacity (5.4.13)**

**Bid Upload (5.4.18)**

Level	Business Name (Abbreviation)	Definition	EBB Usage	EDI/FF Usage	Condition
	Location/Quantity Type Indicator Data	Indicates the location type for the referenced capacity/quantity. A code indicating the offer location type for the referenced capacity.			

**Sense of the room;** 6 in favor; 0 opposed

- Change description for Surcharge Indicator Code Value 5.

**Motion by Theresa Hess and seconded by Randy Young** to adopt the change to code value 5 for the following 6 datasets:

**Offer Download (5.4.1)**

**Bid Download (5.4.2)**

**Award Download (5.4.3)**

**Offer Upload (5.4.7)**

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### Offer Upload Notification (5.4.9)

### Bid Upload (5.4.18)

### Surcharge Indicator

Code Value Description	Code Value Definition	Code Value
Rate(s) stated include only rates; no surcharges applicable <del>to this release</del> .	[no definition necessary]	5

**Sense of the room;** 6 in favor; 0 opposed.

- Change Definition for Rate Schedule.

**Motion by Theresa Hess and seconded by Kim Van Pelt to** adopt the change to definition of Rate Schedule for the following 4 datasets:

### Offer Download (5.4.1)

### Award Download (5.4.3)

### Offer Upload (5.4.7)

### Offer Upload Notification (5.4.9)

Business Name	Definition	Usage	Condition
Rate Schedule	A representation of the rate schedule that is the same as the transportation service provider's tariff abbreviation (if any) for the rate schedule under which service <del>for the offer</del> is being provided.	M	

**Sense of the room;** 6 in favor; 0 opposed

- Change definitions for Seasonal Start & End.

**Motion by Theresa Hess and seconded by Kim Van Pelt to** adopt the change to definition of Seasonal End Date and Seasonal Start Date for the following 6 datasets:

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- Bid Download (5.4.2)
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- Offer Upload (5.4.7)
- Offer Upload Notification (5.4.9)
- Bid Upload (5.4.18)

Level	Business Name (Abbreviation)	Definition	EBB Usage	EDI/FF Usage	Condition
	Seasonal End Date (Seasnl End)	End date of the effective period of the sub-term or seasonal <b>releasesperiod</b> within the <b>releasecontract</b> term.	C	C	Mandatory when Seasonal Start Date is provided.
	Seasonal Start Date (Seasnl St)	Start date of the effective period of the sub-term or seasonal <b>releasesperiod</b> within the <b>releasecontract</b> term.	SO	SO	

**Sense of the room;** 5 in favor; 0 opposed.

- **IT Reporting Dataset Development (see attached IT Reporting Workpaper)**
  - Instructions from BPS were reviewed as a precursor to developing a dataset for IT Reporting. During the discussion, some participants indicated that they felt that the development of Rate Charged Reference and Maximum Tariff Rate Reference for FT Reporting are in direct conflict with BPS instructions #2 and #6. Others felt that those instructions had been followed. Much discussion followed involving proposed methods to resolve this conundrum. Discussion/resolution to continue at next meeting.
- 7. Other Business
- 8. Next Meeting Date and Location
  - ◆ February 20-21 (all day), Houston, TX. Specific location to be determined.
- 9. Adjourn