

To: Information Requirements Subcommittee  
From: Theresa Hess, Norm Walker  
Subject: Information Requirements Subcommittee Issues Re: R97111

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Below are the responses of the Business Practices Subcommittee to the issues raised by Information Requirements Subcommittee in relation to R97111.

- **BPS Recommendation (4/9/98):**

“The BPS requests that Information Requirements create a data dictionary for each of the upload of Offer and upload of Bid documents. When implementing these business practices via the EDI standards, seek to employ as much of the existing UPPD related documents as is reasonably possible so as to minimize the implementation effort.”

- **ISSUE #1:**

Should the capacity release data sets accommodate the Releasing Shipper’s ability to specify whether Gas Transaction Points can be changed after the capacity has been awarded? (IR 6/9/98)

**BPS RESPONSE 2/4/99:**

“After discussion, the motion was made that the BPS determine that the issue is outside of the scope of Request No. R97111, and in order to be processed, it should be the subject of a request. The motion passed unanimously.”

- **ISSUE #2:**

Bidder’s contingency terms: (IR 7/14/98)

- 1) Should the Bid Upload provide for the bidder to specify contingency terms?
- 2) If so, is there a requirement as to specificity?
- 3) And, if contingency terms are added, is the data verified?

**BPS RESPONSE 2/4/99:**

“After discussion, the motion was made for the BPS to decline to standardize method of communication by the bidder of contingency terms. The motion passed unanimously.”

- **ISSUE #3:**

Is the Offer Upload Final Disposition used for non-prearranged deals as well as for prearranged deals? (IR 9/15/98)

**BPS RESPONSE 2/11/99:**

"Mr. Buccigross offered the following proposed concepts as a response:

The final disposition should be sent to:

1. The releasing shipper, both in the case of a pre-arranged or non-pre-arranged Offer Upload.
2. The prearranged bidder in the case of a prearranged Offer Upload.
3. The winning bidder who has sent in a Bid Upload, both in the case of a prearranged and non-prearranged Offer Upload.

The concepts were accepted by Ms. Hess. Ms. Davis reviewed when bidders would receive a Final Disposition depending on if the deal was pre-arranged or not pre-arranged and whether or not a Bid Upload was sent, according to the concepts listed above. Similarly the situations were outlined for the releasing shipper. It was summarized that for releasing shippers that provide an Offer Upload then they are notified, for bidders uploading a (a) Bid Confirmation, or (b) Bid Upload and they are the winning bidders, then they are notified. The motion was made to send the following response as a concept to Information Requirements Subcommittee. The motion carried unanimously."

- **ISSUE #4:**

Is proposed standard 5.3.A intended to replace GISB Standard 5.3.10? GISB Standard 5.3.10 states that uploads of prearranged deals should be supported. Proposed standard 5.3.A covers uploads of offers and does not specifically refer to prearranged or non-prearranged deals. Therefore, does proposed 5.3.A cover the intent of 5.3.10? The language of each is as follows:

- ◆ **GISB Standard 5.3.10** -- Capacity Release service providers should support the upload of prearranged deals.
- ◆ **Proposed 5.3.A** (EC adopted 1/21/99)-- Transportation Service Providers which support capacity release should accept and process uploads of capacity release offers from releasing shipper(s) (or its authorized third party service provider), provided the offer is received by the Transportation Service Provider at their designated site by 12:45 P.M. CCT on a Business Day. Such received offer, if determined to be valid, should be posted as an Offer and should be available for bidding by 1:00 PM CCT (the normal posted-by deadline and start of bidding time) on that Business Day or the Releasing Shipper's specified Business Day (if later than the received Business Day).

**BPS RESPONSE 3/11/99:**

“GISB Standard 5.3.10 is the standard which institutes the support for the upload of prearranged deal process. Standard 5.3.A does not address this support. Standard 5.3.A is related to timelines for the submission of uploads of offers (whether pre-arranged or not) in order to make the upload process work within the overall timeline for Capacity Release. Elimination of 5.3.10 was never considered by BPS and should not be done. To do so would eliminate the reference to uploads of *prearranged deals* being supported. As such, a party seeking to submit an upload of prearranged deal (part of which is conveyed via an Offer-type upload) could be told that the receiver is not required to support the upload of pre-arranged deal as there is no standard requiring it. While the data sets enable the same dataset to be used for uploading pre-arranged deals and for uploading offers which are not pre-arranged, the datasets themselves do not require (in the absence of 5.3.10) the receiver to process the value in the indicator field indicating the upload is a pre-arranged deal.

**Motion 1:** Send this text to IR as BPS's resolution for this issue. The motion passed unanimously without objection.”