

To: NAESB WGQ Business Practices Subcommittee Chairs

From: Dale Davis - Chair – NAESB WGQ Information Requirements Subcommittee

Subject: Issue Related to 1999 Annual Plan – Cross Contact Ranking

Date: May 23, 2003

At its meeting on January 14-15, 2003, the Information Requirements (IR) subcommittee discussed an issue related to the 1999 Annual Plan – Cross Contact Ranking. The issue in question was transferred to IR by the EC at its meeting of November 11, 1999. The instruction to IR from the Cross Contract Ranking Subcommittee was to change the condition of upstream rank and downstream rank in the Data Element Cross Reference Table to “nu” for the pathed and non-path models. In December 2002, IR completed its work, but it was reviewed again during its January 2003 meeting. At that time, it was determined to send the following question to BPS and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Send the following question to BPS:

At the March 23, 1999 meeting of the Cross Contract Ranking Subcommittee, it was determined that the usage of upstream rank and downstream rank in the Nominations data set should be changed from “MA” to “nu” and in the minutes of that meeting it stated that an instruction would be sent to IR to make this change.

At the EC meeting of November 11, 1999, the EC confirmed that this issue should be transferred to IR. Although IR changed the usages as instructed at its meeting of December 10, 2002, it has come to IR’s attention that TransCanada plans to file a related request involving the same data elements for the pathed non-threaded threaded segment in the near future. Based on this discussion, IR is now concerned that others may already be using the existing pathed and non-pathed data elements as “MA”. IR believes these comments should be considered as a part of the processing of the issue currently in IR along with the forthcoming TransCanada request. Therefore, before IR transfers its work from the December meeting to the Technical Subcommittee, IR requests that BPS review these related issues and provide direction to IR as to how to proceed.