

GISB Information Requirements Subcommittee Meeting  
November 17, 1998  
Offices of Questar Pipeline  
Salt Lake City, UT  
FINAL Minutes

1. Welcome by Theresa Hess. Introductions were made.
2. Housekeeping by Gary from Questar.
3. Anti-trust Guidelines by Jim Buccigross.
4. Adoption of Agenda.

The technical subcommittee has returned the recommendation for Request No. R98009 with some questions for IR. Theresa proposed modifying today's agenda to add the review of R98009. It was inserted into the agenda after R98015 and prior to the Allocation Grid Drafting Team recommendation. The agenda was then adopted as modified.

5. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes  
The October 13-14, 1998 minutes were adopted unanimously as drafted.

6. Address Current Requests for Initiation or Enhancement of GISB Standards – Discussion, Q&A and Sense of the Room for each item.

**R98017 -- Columbia Gas**

Add default language to release term start and end times in the Award Notice.

Columbia requested that the following text be added to the Release Term Start Time in the 5.4.3 Award dataset: "If the Release Term Start Time is not sent, the time defaults to the beginning of the gas day."

In addition, the following text would be added to Release Term End Time in the Award dataset: "If the Release Term End Time is not sent, the time defaults to the end of the gas day."

This request was triaged directly to IR.

There was discussion on the Mandatory with a default overall issue. Some believed that the usage should be conditional. Others noted that this does not fit the GISB definition of conditional. It was noted that in the nomination we also have mandatory beginning and times with defaults.

It was finally noted that there was no necessity for the Release Term Starting and Ending times in the Award dataset, so removing them would negate the necessity for the default language.

**Motion:** Delete the data elements "Release Term Start Time and "Release Term End Time" from the 5.4.3 Award Download dataset.

**Sense of the Room:** 11 In Favor; 0 Opposed

**R98013 -- Columbia Gas**

Modify Measured Volume Audit Statement for consistency in values.

In the Measured Volume Audit Statement, 2.4.6, the requests asks that to make the values for Static Pressure Range consistent with Static Pressure, and make the values allowed for Maximum Differential Pressure consistent with Differential Pressure.

It seems that there are some qualifiers for the unit the pressure is being reported in that are not present in the implementation guides.

Donna Scott noted that there are no measurement experts in the room so we shouldn't go changing all of the codes, but simply fixing any errors.

There was discussion that we should probably defer this issue until the requester was available and others talked to their measurement people. Others believed we could rationalize the code values for all of the various pressure data elements listed above.

What should the measurement basis code values be under "Static Pressure Indicator?"

The Static Pressure Indicator is paired with: Static Pressure, Minimum Static Pressure Range, and Maximum Static Pressure Range.

Some suggested adding the following code values to Static Pressure Indicator to be paired with Static Pressure, Minimum Static Pressure Range, and Maximum Static Pressure Range. Also add these code values for use with the Differential Pressure and Maximum Differential Pressure.

These values would be:

Kilopascal  
PSIA  
PSI  
PSIG  
Inches of water

**Motion:** Defer this issue until the requester was available and others talked to their measurement people.

**Sense of the Room:** 9 In Favor; 4 Opposed

**R98014 -- Columbia Gas**

Add 'Preparer ID' and 'Recipient ID' to Measured Volume Audit Statement.

Add Preparer ID and Statement Recipient ID (the correct data element name) to the Measured Volume Audit Statement, 2.4.6.

**BPS Instructions:** BPS recommends the addition of Preparer ID and Statement Recipient ID data elements to the Measured Volume Audit Statement [2.4.6], usage of Mandatory, and instructs IR to add these with the existing definitions.

[Existing definitions for these data elements may be found in the 2.4.5 Measurement Information statement.] Level would be header level.

**Motion:** Implement per BPS Instructions.

**Sense of the Room:** 9 In Favor; 0 Opposed

Reconsideration to make necessary changes to the TIBP and Sample Paper transaction for the Measured Volume Audit Statement [2.4.6].

[Note: The Preparer ID was already in the TIBP.]

Statement Recipient ID handled by the addition of the following language to the second paragraph of the TIBP: "The **statement recipient ID** is an industry common code indicating the party who receives the measurement information." [See file 98014TIB.WPD for modifications.]

Correct data set name in second paragraph.

Add both data elements would also be added to the Sample Paper Transaction.

**Motion 2:** Do the above.

**Sense of the Room:** 13 In Favor; 0 Opposed

**R98015 -- Columbia Gas**

Revise usage of 'Meter Operator' in Measured Volume Audit Statement.

BPS Instructions: BPS recommends that IR revise the usage of Meter Operator data element from Mandatory to Sender's Option in the Measured Volume Audit Statement [2.4.6]. The intent of this change is to accommodate not sending meter operator information when this information is not known. When the meter operator is known, this information would be included on the Measured Volume Audit Statement [2.4.6].

**Motion:** Change usage of Meter Operator in the Measured Volume Audit Statement (2.4.6) from Mandatory to Sender's Option. Add language to the condition column for the data element: "When the **meter operator** is known, this information should be included in the statement." Make relevant changes to Technical Implementation of Business Process for the Measured Volume Audit Statement [2.4.6] by inserting a new paragraph as number 3: [See file 98014TIB.WPD for modifications.]

When the meter operator is known, this information should be included in the statement. When the meter operator is not known, this information does not need to be sent.

No changes necessary to the Sample Paper transaction.

**Sense of the Room:** 9 In Favor; 3 Opposed

**R98009 – Exxon** – Add 'Remit to Party' to Payment Remittance and Statement of Account.

This was sent back from the Technical Subcommittee who noted that IR said implement as Conditional, yet the N1 segment where this data would go is ANSI Mandatory. Thus Technical asked IR to reconsider the usage code for the Remit to Party on the Statement of Account (3.4.3).

Technical believes that the addition of Remit to Party as a mandatory data element in the Statement of Account makes business sense.

**Motion:** Modify previous recommendation on this request to change the usage code of Remit to Party in the Statement of Account (3.4.3) from Conditional to Mandatory.

Modify the TIBP. [See file 98009TIB.WPD for modifications.]

No changes deemed necessary to the Sample Paper transaction.

**Sense of the Room:** 11 In Favor; 0 Opposed

-- Lunch Break --

### **Allocation Grid Drafting Team**

#### **R96125A -- Columbia Gulf**

Add a data element to the PDA, PDA Quick Response and Allocation to identify level of allocation.

#### **R96131 -- Market Settlement Task Force**

Update Flowing Gas Implementation Guide to expand discussion and examples for Allocation.

**Allocation Grid Drafting Team (continued)**

**R97036 -- Koch Gateway and NGPL**

Modify PDA and Allocation to support Pathed Non-Threaded model type.

Discussion began with Dale Davis explaining the Allocation Grid Drafting Team recommendation and what requests it entailed.

The group went through the request and made modifications to the data dictionary and TIBP for the Allocation. These documents will be posted separately.

Michael Hanson noted that if the Technical Subcommittee assigned code values different than those assigned by AGDT for the Allocation Transaction Type Code (i.e., that 6R gets mapped to ABC in Technical), then IR should then re-visit the code values to insure that they match up.

Meeting recessed for the day at approximately 4:30 P.M.

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6. Address Current Requests for Initiation or Enhancement of GISB Standards – Discussion, Q&A and Sense of the Room for each item (continued).

**Allocation Grid Drafting Team et al (continued from yesterday):**

PDA data dictionary and TIBP. Corresponding changes and corrections were made based on yesterday's discussion. These documents will be posted separately.

Requests associated with AGDT group:

**R96125A** - Assigned to IR, addressed in AGDT recommendation.

**R96131** - Assigned to IR, addressed in AGDT recommendation.

**R97036** - Referred to IR by BPS with no findings on business issues, addressed in AGDT recommendation.

**R97087** - Assigned to BPS, deferred until after AGDT, AGDT did address, notify BPS

**R98001** - Assigned to BPS, deferred until after AGDT, AGDT did not address (regardless of what recommendation says), notify BPS

**R98005** - Assigned to BPS, deferred until after AGDT, AGDT did not address, notify BPS

It was decided that Dale would "clean up" the recommendation form and post for the next meeting. No "sense of the room" was taken on the recommendation.

**R98006 -- Columbia Gas**

Change the definition and condition of Allocation Rank Level so it may be used with the 'Swing' allocation method.

BPS Recommendation (May 28, 1998): A motion was made, seconded and passed to :  
As instructions to Information Requirements Subcommittee: Change the definition and condition of Allocation Rank Level data element to include use with the "swing" Allocation Method.

Proposed new definition for Allocation Rank Level data element in the 2.4.1 Pre-determined Allocation:

"Values to implement the ~~ranking~~ *ranked*, *swing* or percentage method. For the *ranked and swing* methods, ~~priority~~ 1 means the highest priority. ~~Priorities~~ 2, 3, etc. are in descending order of priority. Quantities assigned the same ~~rank~~ *priority*

will be allocated on a pro rata basis. For the percentage method *the value is enter* the appropriate percentage."

(Note that we will start with the condition as per the AGDT recommendation, these changes will be reflected in the AGDT recommendation.)

**Condition** (current AGDT recommended condition): Mandatory when the Allocation Method is 'percentage' or 'ranked.' May also be used when the Allocation Method is 'swing.'

Motion: Adopt the above modified definition and condition as described above:

**Sense of the Room:** 9 In Favor; 0 Opposed

**R96124 & R97020:**

**R96124 – NGPL**

Modify Shipper Imbalance to support Pathed Non-Threaded model type. (Relevant Minutes: BPS/IR 4/22/97; BPS 2/19/98)

**R97020 -- Market Settlement Task Force**

Modify Shipper Imbalance for use with all nomination models. (Relevant Minutes: BPS/IR 4/22/97; BPS 2/19/98)

As there were no representatives from pathed non-threaded and non-pathed pipelines in the room, this will be deferred.

**R97124 -- TransCapacity**

Add data element to Nomination Quick Response to identify relevant Nomination PO1 loop.

This data element would be used to identify the relevant PO1 loop where an error occurred. It was noted that this should also be added to the nomination dataset if included in the quick response. If this was implemented, it would be unnecessary to then send back Service Requester Contract, Beginning Date and Time, and the Ending Date and time as these are currently used in the quick response to identify the detail level.

The requester asked that this be deferred until the next meeting pending checking any technical implications.

It was noted that this same issue exists in the PDA and PDA quick response and the Confirmation Response and Confirmation Response Quick Response datasets.

**R98024 -- TransCapacity**

Add a Validation Code to the Nomination Quick Response.

Request asked for a validation code description to the Validation Code data element in the Nomination Quick response (GISB Standard No. 1.4.2). The code value description would be as follows:

Contract maximum daily total quantity is exceeded on one or more days between the nomination Beginning Date and the nomination Ending date.

Current ENMQR504: "~~Nominated Quantity exceeds contract quantity~~"

The proposed language was modified as follows as a replacement for ENMQR504:  
"Nominated quantity exceeds the daily contract quantity for one or more days in the nomination period."

**Motion:** Adopt the above replacement language for ENMQR504

**Sense of the Room:** 9 In Favor; 0 Opposed

**Motion:** Replace the existing warning code WNMQR520 which currently reads: Service requester contract quantity exceeded.

The proposed language as a replacement for WNMQR520:  
"Nominated quantity exceeds the daily contract quantity for one or more days in the nomination period."

**Sense of the Room:** 9 In Favor; 0 Opposed

7. Other Business - none.

8. Next Meeting Dates and Locations  
December 15-16, 1998 in New York City. Location TBD, possibly Con Edison.

9. Adjourn  
Meeting adjourned at 4:40.