



**GAS INDUSTRY STANDARDS BOARD**  
**June 24, 1997 -- 1:00 p.m.**

**BALLOT FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO BE RETURNED ON JUNE 26, 1997**  
**DRAFT NOTES FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION GROUP TELECONFERENCE**

**I. Introductory Items**

Jerry Hahn opened the meeting with the note that this is a discussion group, not a meeting as the quorum has not been met. Keith Sappenfield gave the antitrust advice. Shirley Whyte asked if R97103 was part of this agenda and the response was that the agenda covered only R97097 to R97101.

For information on each of the five requests noted in the agenda:

1. The request number is given,
2. The recommendation section notes the recommendation as drafted by the task force,
3. The proposed standard section notes proposed standards modifications with red-lines<sup>1</sup> where the group proposed changes to the task force recommendations, and
4. The discussion section highlights some of the conversations held about the request/recommendation.

**II. R97097**

Recommendation: Add error and warning code values to the Nomination Quick Response, PDA Quick Response, UPPD Validation, and Bidder Confirmation Validation to allow for flexibility while specific business code requests are being evaluated in the GISB process.

An implementation issue arose in the Technical Subcommittee regarding what companies should do when an error and/or warning code is needed and a request for that code is pending in the GISB process meaning that a specific error or warning code has not yet been assigned. It was discussed that a temporary code should be created to use in the validation data sets until a permanent code could be assigned by GISB.

The Technical Subcommittee recommends the addition of error and warning codes to the Nomination Quick Response, PDA Quick Response, UPPD Validation, and Bidder Confirmation Validation for use until pending requests can be assigned code values. The description of the error code value would be as follows, "Temporary Error Code - Message follows. Use only until code assigned by GISB." The description of the warning code value would be as follows, "Temporary Warning Code - Message follows. Use only until code assigned by GISB." Please note that the Warning code does not need to be added to the Nomination Quick Response as it has already been assigned by Request #R96069 - WNMQR999 "Other Warning". However, the description "Other Warning" should be modified to the warning description recommended above.

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<sup>1</sup> For the red-lines, a deletion is noted with a cross-through of the text, and an addition is noted by bolded and italicized text.

The applicable standard transactions are: Nomination Quick Response 1.4.2, PDA Quick Response 2.4.2, UPPD Validation 5.4.8, and Bidder Confirmation Validation 5.4.11. The proposed additions to the standard transactions are:

**Proposed Standard :** Nomination Quick Response 1.4.2

Data Element Name	Data Element Usage	Code Value	Code Value Description
Validation Code	C	ENMQR999	Temporary Error Code - Message follows. Use only until code assigned by GISB. <b><i>is approved for use.</i></b>

This code should be added to the following tables in the Nomination Quick Response:

- Errors and Warnings (Heading)
- Errors and Warnings (Detail)
- Errors and Warnings (Sub-detail)

PDA Quick Response 2.4.2

Data Element Name	Data Element Usage	Code Value	Code Value Description
Validation Code	C	EPDQR999	Temporary Error Code - Message follows. Use only until code assigned by GISB. <b><i>is approved for use.</i></b>
		WPDQR999	Temporary Warning Code - Message follows. Use only until code assigned by GISB. <b><i>is approved for use.</i></b>

These codes should be added to the following tables in the PDA Quick Response:

- Errors and Warnings (Heading)
- Errors and Warnings (Detail)
- Errors and Warnings (Sub-detail)

UPPD Validation 5.4.8

Data Element Name	Data Element Usage	Code Value	Code Value Description
Validation Code	C	E999	Temporary Error Code - Message follows. Use only until code assigned by GISB. <b>is approved for use.</b>
		W999	Temporary Warning Code - Message follows. Use only until code assigned by GISB. <b>is approved for use.</b>

These codes should be added to the following tables in the UPPD Validation:

- PID Segments (Heading)
- PID Segments (Sub-detail)
- REF Segments (Sub-sub-detail)

Bidder Confirmation Validation 5.4.11

Data Element Name	Data Element Usage	Code Value	Code Value Description
Validation Code	C	E999	Temporary Error Code - Message follows. Use only until code assigned by GISB. <b>is approved for use.</b>
		W999	Temporary Warning Code - Message follows. Use only until code assigned by GISB. <b>is approved for use.</b>

These codes should be added to the following tables in the Bidder Confirmation Validation:

- REF Segments (Detail)

The proposed revisions to the codes are:

Nomination Quick Response 1.4.2

Data Element Name	Data Element Usage	Code Value	Code Value Description
Validation Code	C	WNMQR999	Temporary Warning Code - Message follows. Use only until <b>code is approved for use.</b>

This code should be revised in the following tables in the Nomination Quick Response:

- Errors and Warnings (Heading)

Errors and Warnings (Detail)

Errors and Warnings (Sub-detail)

**Discussion:**

One comment was received by Enron on the recommendation regarding R97097. Her concern was that the recommendation was previously addressed through the validation code "other warning." Kim Van Pelt responded that issue addressed in R97097 was not the same. Further discussion ensued to clear up any confusion. The changes suggested were to provide codes such that the 'other warning code' would not be abused. There was a recommendation instead to develop a principle such that the other warning code is not abused. Joyce Phillips made a motion which was not seconded to accept the Technical Subcommittee recommendations to ensure that all quick response documents are consistent. The motion was made and seconded to use W..999 with the addition of language to explain that the code is used only until assigned by GISB. Further discussion ensued on the motion made. The recommendation for use of W...999 and E..999 with the new descriptor language use only until code is approved for use. This language over-rides and the title of the code changes for all ... suggested by Jerry Hahn.

**III. R97098**

**Recommendation:**

The Technical Subcommittee, in reviewing the existing datasets recommends the attached changes to the Invoice dataset: Change Previous Invoice Code to Previous Invoice Identifier.

Request R96055 (approved by the Executive Committee 1/9/97 and ratified by GISB Membership 2/28/97) was to change the name of the data element *Invoice Code* to *Invoice Identifier*. The intent of this request was to eliminate confusion created by the name. Since the data element *Previous Invoice Code* is intended to correspond to an *Invoice Identifier* from a previous invoice, the data element *Previous Invoice Code* should also be changed to *Previous Invoice Identifier* for the same reasons.

The Technical Subcommittee recommends making this change as a follow-up to R96055. The proposed change affects standard 3.4.1.

**Proposed Standard:**

Modify the data element name in the Transportation Sales Invoice from "Previous Invoice Code" to "Previous Invoice Identifier"

Data Element Name	Definition	Usage	Condition
Previous Invoice Identifier	The invoice being corrected.	MA	

**Discussion:**

Everyone on the conference call supported these changes. There were no comments opposing this recommended change.

**IV. R97099**

**Recommendation:**

Add explanatory text to the GISB data element *Validation Message* in the Nomination Quick Response, PDA Quick Response, UPPD Validation, and Bidder Confirmation Validation to make it easier to use error and warning codes that have been approved by the GISB EC, but not yet published in the GISB Implementation Guides.

An implementation issue arose in the Technical Subcommittee regarding what companies should do when an error and/or warning code is used when sending a validation data set, and that error/warning code has been approved by the GISB EC, but not yet published in the GISB Implementation Guides. For instance,

companies may be using the error/warning codes that were approved by the EC and ratified by the membership from the January and February EC meetings even though these codes have not been officially published in any GISB Implementation Guide.

The Technical Subcommittee recommends the addition of explanatory text to the GISB data element *Validation Message* in the ANSI ASC X12 data set for the Nomination Quick Response, PDA Quick Response, UPPD Validation, and Bidder Confirmation Validation that states, "For GISB, this element is sender's option. However, if sending an error or warning code that has been approved by GISB, but not yet published, the Validation Message should be sent for further clarification." This change should be made as described following, and affect the following standards: Nomination Quick Response 1.4.2, PDA Quick Response 2.4.2, UPPD Validation 5.4.8, and Bidder Confirmation Validation 5.4.11.

**Proposed Standard:** Nomination Quick Response 1.4.2

Level	Segment	Field
Header	PID	PID05
Detail	PID	PID05
Sub-detail	PID	PID05

PDA Quick Response 2.4.2

Level	Segment	Field
Header	MSG	MSG01
Detail	PID	PID05
Sub-detail	MSG	MSG01

UPPD Validation 5.4.8

Level	Segment	Field
Header	PID	PID05
Sub-detail	PID	PID05
Sub-sub-detail	REF	REF03

Bidder Confirmation Validation 5.4.11

Level	Segment	Field
Detail	REF	REF03

Note: There is a table for this REF segment (REF Segments (Detail)). A note column (N1) can be added to the table to accommodate the explanatory text.

**Discussion:** Everyone on the conference call supported these changes. There were no comments opposing this recommended change.

**V. R97100**

**Recommendation:** Revise Validation Codes for UPPD-Validation to consolidate fourteen code values into five code values.

The UPPD-Validation document contains many validation code values to indicate an error or warning for a Gas Transaction Point. There are fourteen separate code values used to communicate an error or warning for Proprietary and Common codes for Gas Transaction Points 1 and 2. The Technical Subcommittee feels that these fourteen code values add unnecessary complexity to reporting errors for a Gas Transaction Point since the specific Gas Transaction Point is also returned with the validation code. These errors/warnings can more efficiently be reported by returning one of only five validation code values along with the Gas Transaction Point to which the error/warning applies.

The Technical Subcommittee recommends revising the description for five of the validation codes to handle both Proprietary and Common codes, and both Gas Transaction Point 1 and Gas Transaction Point 2. The remainder of the validation codes for Gas Transaction Points should be deleted. The proposed changes affect standard 5.4.8 : UPPD-Validation Validation Codes.

**Proposed Standard:** Modified Code Values to 5.4.8 UPPD-Validation Validation Codes.

Data Element Name	Usage	Code Value	Code Value Description
Validation Code	C	E326	Missing Gas Transaction Point (1 or 2) Code
		E327	Invalid Gas Transaction Point (1 or 2) Code
		E330	Missing Gas Transaction Point (1 or 2) Description
		E331	Invalid Gas Transaction Point (1 or 2) Description
		W665	Gas Transaction Point (1 or 2) Description not processed

Deleted Code Values to 5.4.8 UPPD-Validation Validation Codes.

Data Element Name	Usage	Code Value	Code Value Description
Validation Code	C	E328	Missing Gas Transaction Point 1 Common Code
		E329	Invalid Gas Transaction Point 1 Common Code
		E332	Missing Gas Transaction Point 2 Proprietary Code
		E333	Invalid Gas Transaction Point 2 Proprietary Code
		E334	Missing Gas Transaction Point 2 Common Code
		E335	Invalid Gas Transaction Point 2 Common Code

		E336	Missing Gas Transaction Point 2 Description
		E337	Invalid Gas Transaction Point 2 Description
		W668	Gas Transaction Point 2 Description not processed

**Discussion:** Everyone on the conference call supported these changes. There were no comments opposing this recommended change.

**VI. R97101**

**Recommendation:** Add a unit or basis for measurement code to the 811 Invoice ANSI ASC X12 data set that describes the association of the Unit Price to the Quantity when the Quantity is something other than an MMBTU or a Gigajoule.

An implementation issue arose in the Technical Subcommittee regarding what companies should do when the Unit Price in the Invoice is not tied to an MMBTU or a Gigajoule. The definition of Unit Price states, "Rate or price charged per unit of product or service." The "unit of product" is supported by the ANSI Unit or Basis for Measurement Code (IT103) field's code values of BZ (Million BTU's) and GV (Gigajoules), but "unit of service" is not supported at all. Please note that the Unit or Basis for Measurement Code field (IT103) is an ANSI mandatory field, which has no corresponding GISB data element.

The Technical Subcommittee recommends the addition of an additional ANSI Unit or Basis for Measurement Code field code value of UL (Unitless). Unitless will be used to describe when the rate is a flat fee that is not tied to an MMBTU or Gigajoule. The proposed changes affect GISB Standard 3.4.1: Invoice.

Current Use of the IT1 Segment

<u>GISB Usage</u>	<u>ANSI Field</u>	<u>GISB Field or Value</u>	<u>ANSI Usage</u>
Must Use	IT102	Quantity	Mandatory
Must Use	IT103	BZ Million BTU's GV Gigajoules	Mandatory
Must Use	IT104	Unit Price	Mandatory

**Proposed Standard:** Proposed Mapping of the IT1 Segment

<u>GISB Usage</u>	<u>ANSI Field</u>	<u>GISB Field or Value</u>	<u>ANSI Usage</u>
Must Use	IT102	Quantity	Mandatory
Must Use	IT103	BZ Million BTU's GV Gigajoules UL Unitless	Mandatory
Must Use	IT104	Unit Price	Mandatory

**Note:** *MMBTU (Million BTUs) is the term used in this recommendation as the code descriptor for the code BZ to comply with the ANSI X12 code values. It is understood that Dekatherm is GISB documented language as standard unit of measure to be used.*

**Discussion:** The standard unit of measure for GISB standards is Dekatherms, rather than reference to Million BTUs. The change in the description for the code BZ from

Million BTUs to Dekatherms cannot be made in the table, as the code description is an ANSI standard. Some other codes to be added are covered in requests R96019 - Gigacalories, R97061 - therms. The request by Sabre Technologies through its supplied comments to add additional codes should be added through a request to develop a standard. Mike Novak noted that the LDCs need to focus as well as the GISB organization as a whole in a deliberate manner regarding the addition of codes for the city gate to the burner tip. The comments will be returned to Sabre Technologies with a request that they reform the comments as a request for standard. MMBTU is the term used in this recommendation to comply with the ANSI X12 code values. It is understood that Dekatherm is GISB documented language as standard unit of measure to be used.

**VII. Conclusion**

Although this was a group conference call rather than an Executive Committee meeting as expected, the EC members and alternates on the call noted their support for the above proposed standards with the modifications as determined through this conference call. A ballot will be sent to each EC member or active alternate for an EC member with a deadline of two days to complete and return the ballot so that the member ratification process can begin. The GISB office will call each EC member to facilitate returning the ballots. If the EC member or active alternate for an EC member noted that they supported the proposed standards as modified, a completed ballot will be sent to them for completion of their records. They can change their votes if they desire to -- as long as the deadline is met. The voting record for support of the proposed standards are detailed below in the attendance list. The ballot will be sent out to Executive Committee members on June 24 for return to the GISB office by end of business, June 26.

**VIII. Attendance**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES**

Jerry Hahn	yes on all requests as modified
Keith Sappenfield	yes on all requests as modified
Cheryl Loewen	wait for ballot
Kristine Mespelli	yes on all requests as modified
Max Feldman	left the call
Carl Caldwell	yes on all requests as modified
Tom Ehinger	wait for ballot
Joyce Phillips -- alternate for Mike Bray	yes on all requests as modified
Mike Novak	yes on all requests as modified

**ATTENDEES**

Dale Davis	Transco
Kim Van Pelt	Duke Energy
Denise Breeden	El Paso Energy
Jean Ford	KN Energy
Shirley Whyte	Enron
Theresa Hess	Enron

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I vote in the following manner<sup>2</sup> for each of the proposed standards identified though request number:

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R97099	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
R97100	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
R97101	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>

Committee Member Signature:

Date:

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R97100	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
R97101	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Committee Member Signature:

Kristine Mespelli / rm

Date:

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Jerry Hahn / rm

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Committee Member Signature:

Mike Novak / rm

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Committee Member Signature: (alternate for Mike Bray)  
Joyce Phillips / rm

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Carl Caldwell / rm

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