

January 26, 2000

Ms. Rae McQuade
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Gas Industry Standards Board
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Dear Ms. McQuade:

Re: NrG Comments Regarding FTTF Recommendation

On behalf of Myles Marshall, GISB representative of NrG Information Services Inc., I am today enclosing NrG's comments regarding the recommendation from the Future Technology Task Force, for consideration by the Executive Committee on February 10, 2000.

NrG very much supports the FTTF recommendation and we eagerly await the outcome of these discussions.

Yours very truly,

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Gas Industry Standards Board
Request for Comments
For Consideration by the Executive Committee on
February 10, 2000

Comments from
NrG Information Services Inc.

Introduction

NrG Information Services Inc. (NrG), as a member of the Services Segment of the Gas Industry Standards Board (GISB) and a service provider, is pleased to offer the following comments on those proposals that affect successful implementation of the GISB Standards.

As a participant in GISB's standards development, NrG is very sensitive to the significance of the issues which will be addressed at the Executive Committee meeting on February 10, 2000. Enclosed are specific comments pertaining to the recommendation from the Future Technology Task Force.

FTTF Recommendation

At a meeting of the FTTF, on October 29, 1999, a motion was passed that the minimum version of JDK to be used by parties developing Customer Activities Web sites using JAVA should be moved to JDK 1.1.7 and the minimum level of JDK should be moved to 1.2.X as of June 2000.

NrG would like to voice support of this recommendation. NrG consistently seeks feedback from its users, and this feedback confirms the two highest priorities of our users are performance and ease of use. Since the fall of 1998, when NrG first deployed nomination functionality using Internet development tools (specifically JAVA), we have been very conscious of the performance degradation that the JAVA development platform might introduce to our users. We did receive feedback that our JAVA implementation (then using JDK 1.1.6) was slow and, in response, NrG took advantage of performance increases provided by a newer JAVA implementation, JDK 1.2.1. Since then, even more up-to-date JDK versions have been introduced that reduce the size of the plug-in and improve performance. NrG feels that GISB must continue to keep pace with new developments in this fast changing technology in order for Internet EBBs to provide the level of performance and service that users are accustomed to with Web-based applications.