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The new requests received for the September 12 and 13, 1996 Executive Committee meeting can be found in the section on new requests. The new requests section contains all new requests that have been received by the GISB office, but have not been completed. The new requests are listed in the order in which they were received by the GISB office.



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## To Order:

The following are instructions for ordering GISB proposals, standards, technical reports and other work products listed in the Standards Action Bulletin:

1. Order from the GISB office: 1100 Louisiana, Suite 4925, Houston, Texas 77002, phone 1-800-313-GISB, Fax 1-713-757-2491.
2. If remittance is required, include remittance with all orders. If ordering by phone, major credit cards are accepted; if ordering by mail, please include a check.

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## Call for comment on proposals listed & surveys:

This section solicits your comments on proposed new GISB standards and on proposals to revise, reaffirm or withdraw approval of existing GISB standards. Identifications of any known potential conflicts of draft standards listed with any existing GISB standards may be included and would be appreciated. Comment is solicited to ensure that the views of all interested parties, whether or not they are GISB members, have been given full consideration. To be certain that no standards of interest are overlooked please check all listings.

In your response, please specify whether you approve or disapprove of the proposal as a GISB standard. If you provide comments with your approval which suggest specific changes to the proposal, indicate whether approval is contingent upon considering the comments for inclusion in (1) the current proposal, or (2) in future revisions of the current proposal. If you disapprove, please state your reasons.

Comments should be addressed to the GISB office: 1100 Louisiana, Suite 4925, Houston, Texas 77002, phone 1-800-313-GISB, Fax 1-713-757-2491. All comments are available upon request.

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**Comment Deadline : September 23, 1996**

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## List of Issues for Consideration in the 1997 Annual Planning Effort

A list of issues for consideration for the 1997 Annual Plan were posted on the GISB home page for comment. The comments are due to the GISB office on September 23. The discussion on the comments including the survey responses and a summary are available on the home page for access. The survey asked for detailed proposals to address the outstanding September 30 issues.

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**Ballot Deadline: September 27, 1996**

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## Membership Ballot for Ratification of 43 Business Practice Standards

The Executive Committee approved 43 business practice standards on September 12, and 13, 1996. The ballot was sent to the membership on September 16, to ratify the decisions made by the Executive Committee in their approval of the business practice standards. The ballot is due to the GISB office by September 27. It was faxed to each member noted as a voting member, and it is also available on the GISB Home Page.

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### New Requests:

The GISB organization has received the following new requests for standards development. The requests will remain in this section until after the disposition of the requests has been reported. Any member or non-member can submit a request for standards development to the GISB office. The form for requesting a new standard is available from the GISB office or GISB home page. GISB is required within 90 days to determine the disposition of the request and respond to the requesters.

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#### **Modification to Conversion Factors for Mexico**

A request has been received from Pemex Gas y Petroquimica Basica to modify GISB conversion standards 1.3.14 and 2.3.9 to include gigacalories and kilograms per squared inch. The request will be considered on October 24 due to the number of items on the agenda.

#### **Real Time Available Capacity Information Proposed Standards**

A request has been received from TransCapacity to develop new standards to support real time available capacity information. The request was presented on September 12 at the Executive Committee meeting, and consideration delayed to October 24 due to the number of items on the agenda.

#### **Additional Data Element for Offer, Bid Review, Award Notice, and Upload of Pre-Arranged Deals Transactions - Maximum Appalachian Receipt Quantity**

A request has been received from CNG Transmission Corp. to add an additional data element for maximum Appalachian receipt quantity. The request was presented on September 12 at the Executive Committee meeting, and consideration delayed to October 24 due to the number of items on the agenda.

#### **Additional Data Element for Nominations TransactionSource 2**

A request has been received from CNG Transmission Corp. to add an additional data element for source 2. The request was presented on September 12 at the Executive Committee meeting, and consideration delayed to October 24 due to the number of items on the agenda.

#### **Additional Data Element for Nominations Transaction - Fuel Method Indicator**

A request has been received from Koch Gateway to add an additional data element for fuel method indicator. The request was presented on September 12 at the Executive Committee meeting, and consideration delayed to October 24 due to the number of items on the agenda.

#### **Additional Data Element for Nominations Transaction- Offer Type**

A request has been received from Koch Gateway to add an additional data element for offer type. The request was presented on September 12 at the Executive Committee meeting, and consideration delayed to October 24 due to the number of items on the agenda.

#### **Additional Values for Transaction Type Data Element for Nominations and Scheduled Quantity Transactions**

A request has been received from Tenneco Energy to add additional code vales to transaction type data element. The request was presented on September 12 at the Executive Committee meeting, and consideration delayed to October 24 due to the number of items on the agenda.

#### **Additional Data Elements for the Request for Confirmation and Confirmation Response Transactions - Receipt Rank, Delivery Rank**

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A request has been received from Tenneco Energy to add additional data elements for receipt rank and delivery rank. The request was presented on September 12 at the Executive Committee meeting, and consideration delayed to October 24 due to the number of items on the agenda

### **Additional Values for Reduction Reason Code for Scheduled Quantity Transactions**

A request has been received from Tenneco Energy to add additional code values to the reduction reason data element. The request was presented on September 12 at the Executive Committee meeting, and consideration delayed to October 24 due to the number of items on the agenda.

### **Modifications to Scheduled Quantity Transaction to Support Sending the Transaction to Operators, Producers, End Users.**

A request has been received from Tenneco Energy to modify the standards for the scheduled quantity transaction such that they support schedule quantities for operators, producers and end users. The request was presented on September 12 at the Executive Committee meeting, and consideration delayed to October 24 due to the number of items on the agenda.

### **Development of the Request for Shipper Imbalance Transaction**

A request has been received from PanEnergy Corp. to develop standards for the shipper imbalance transaction. The request was presented on September 12 at the Executive Committee meeting, and consideration delayed to October 24 due to the number of items on the agenda.

### **Development of the Request for Allocation Statement**

A request has been received from PanEnergy Corp. to develop standards for the request for allocation transaction. The request was presented on September 12 at the Executive Committee meeting, and consideration delayed to October 24 due to the number of items on the agenda.

### **Nominations Standards Changes**

A request has been received to modify the Nominations Related Standards. The request was considered at the Executive Committee meeting on August 15. The request concerns the standards that grant firm shippers the ability to nominate natural gas outside the primary contract path. The request was referred to the Market Execution Task Force, with specific instructions that can be found in the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on August 15, 1996.

### **Gas Metered Volume Statements**

A request has been received to develop a standardized Metered Volume Statement. The request was considered at the Executive Committee meeting on August 15, and referred to the Market Settlement Task Force for action.

### **Enhancement to Model Trading Partner Agreement**

A request has been received to enhance the Model Trading Partner Agreement defined as a GISB Operating Practice and adopt the agreement as a business practice standard. The Executive Committee, on June 14, directed the GISB office to forward the request to the Market Initiation Task Force for resolution of any open issues prior to distribution for industry comment.

### **Modification to Standard 1.3.1 -- Gas Day**

A request has been received to modify the implementation date of the gas day standard, so that further research can be done and possibly modification made to the standard before it is implemented. The Executive Committee, on June 14, created a task force to investigate implementation issues, which held its first meeting on July 1. Proposed standards were considered by the Executive Committee on September 12 and it was determined that no changes were needed at this time.

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### **Enhancement to Standard 5.3.22**

A request has been received to modify the calculation of daily rates, to accommodate annual, daily and seasonal rates. The Executive Committee, on June 14, forwarded the request to the Business Practices Subcommittee for consideration. It was addressed July 17, 18, and 19 in topic A of the Business Practices Subcommittee. Proposed enhancements are now out for ratification by the membership -- due September 27.

### **Reliance on Actual Data Only for Prior Period Adjustments**

A request has been received to develop a business practice standard whereby prior period adjustments would be based on actual data only. Estimates would not be used to determine prior period adjustments. The Executive Committee on May 13 forwarded this request to the Business Practice Subcommittee Flowing Gas Task Force for consideration by September 30. It was addressed by the Business Practices Subcommittee on July 2. Proposed enhancements are now out for ratification by the membership -- due September 27.

### **Standardized Operating Balancing Agreements**

A request has been received to develop a standardized Operating Balancing Agreement. The request was considered at the Executive Committee meeting (11/30/95), and at the Board (12/8/95) meeting. The request has been considered within the context of the Business Practices Flowing Gas Task Force meetings, and a deadline for resolution was been set at September 30, 1996. The Executive Committee on September 12 directed the Market Initiation Task Force to develop a model OBA contract.

### **Standardized Reporting**

A request has been received to develop standards for regulatory reporting. The request was considered at the Executive Committee meeting on May 13, and will be forwarded to the Annual Plan Subcommittee to be considered in 1997.

### **One Call National System for Natural Gas Emergencies**

A request has been received to develop a one call system for natural gas supply emergencies using a 1-800 number. The request was considered both at the Executive Committee (11/30/95) and at the Board (12/8/95) meeting. Further investigation is underway before this item is considered as part of GISB action plan for 1997.

## **Final Actions:**

The GISB organization has taken final action indicated on the standards listed below. When the approved standards are published, an announcement will be carried in the Standards Action Bulletin, in this section.

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### **Minor Corrections and Clarifications**

The Executive Committee on June 14 approved minor corrections and clarifications to the four standards manuals covering capacity release, nominations related, flowing gas, and invoicing related standards. The corrections to the draft manuals included correction of typographical errors, additions of codes to tables, corrections necessary to the data element usage codes and data elements for consistency across business transactions.

### **Capacity Release Standards**

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This set of standards covers the capacity release related business practice standards, principles, definitions, and information requirements as well as the EDI transaction data sets using the X12 protocol. The standards were approved by GISB membership on May 13, 1996. The standards can be ordered from the GISB office after June 14. Single copy price for members: home page download - through subscription to the standard area of the home page, paper copy \$300.00. Single copy price for non-members: home page download - through subscription to the standard area of the home page, paper copy \$600.00. One free paper copy and one free electronic copy can be ordered by government agencies.

### **Nominations Related Standards**

This set of standards covers the nominations related business practice standards, principles, definitions, and information requirements as well as the EDI transaction data sets using the X12 protocol. The standards were approved by GISB membership on May 13, 1996. The standards can be ordered from the GISB office after June 14. Single copy price for members: home page download - through subscription to the standard area of the home page, paper copy \$250.00. Single copy price for non-members: home page download - through subscription to the standard area of the home page, paper copy \$500.00. One free paper copy and one free electronic copy can be ordered by government agencies.

### **Flowing Gas Related Standards**

This set of standards covers the flowing gas related business practice standards, principles, definitions, and information requirements as well as the EDI transaction data sets using the X12 protocol. The standards were approved by GISB membership on May 13, 1996. The standards can be ordered from the GISB office. Single copy price for members: home page download - through subscription to the standard area of the home page, paper copy \$250.00. Single copy price for non-members: home page download - through subscription to the standard area of the home page, paper copy \$500.00. One free paper copy and one free electronic copy can be ordered by government agencies.

### **Invoicing Related Standards**

This set of standards covers the invoicing related business practice standards, principles, definitions, and information requirements as well as the EDI transaction data sets using the X12 protocol. The standards were approved by GISB membership on May 13, 1996. The standards can be ordered from the GISB office. Single copy price for members: home page download - through subscription to the standard area of the home page, paper copy \$200.00. Single copy price for non-members: home page download - through subscription to the standard area of the home page, paper copy \$400.00. One free paper copy and one free electronic copy can be ordered by government agencies.

### **Base Contract for Short Term Purchase and Sales of Natural Gas**

This standard is a base contract for short sales and purchases of natural gas. The development of the EDI transaction data sets using the X12 protocol is underway. The base contract was approved by GISB membership on May 13, 1996. The standards can be ordered from the GISB office. Single copy price for members: home page download - through subscription to the standard area of the home page, paper copies \$25.00. Single copy price for non-members: home page download - through subscription to the standard area of the home page, paper copy \$50.00. One free paper copy and one free electronic copy can be ordered by government agencies. Please remember to check with the GISB office periodically and read the GISB Standards Action Bulletin to ensure that the most current version of the base contract is used.

## Standards Activities

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The GISB organization is acting on the following proposals, with the Final Action date as specified for each action. The proposal and commentary can be ordered from GISB through the provided ordering instructions.

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### Final Action Date: September 30, 1996 - Business Practices

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#### **Priorities on Gas Packages Standards**

A request has been received by the GISB office for the development of business practice standards and related EDI standards using the X12 protocol for priorities on gas packages as part of the nominations and flowing gas related standards. The approved standards are now out for membership ratification, due September 27. For more information, please call the GISB office, or access the GISB home page.

#### **Title Transfer Tracking Standards**

A request has been received by the GISB office for the development of business practice standards and related EDI standards using the X12 protocol for title transfer tracking as part of the nominations related and flowing gas related standards. The approved standards are now out for membership ratification, due September 27. A pilot team should be formed by October 1, to further investigate title transfer tracking. For more information, please call the GISB office, or access the GISB home page.

#### **Transportation Routing Model Standards**

A request has been received by the GISB office for the development of business practice standards and related EDI standards using the X12 protocol for transportation routing models as part of the nominations related standards. The approved standards are now out for membership ratification, due September 27. For more information, please call the GISB office, or access the GISB home page.

#### **Additional Pooling Standards**

A request has been received by the GISB office for the development of business practice standards and related EDI standards using the X12 protocol for additional pooling standards as part of the nominations related standards. The approved standards are now out for membership ratification, due September 27. For more information, please call the GISB office, or access the GISB home page.

#### **Allocations and Rankings of Gas Packages Standards**

A request has been received by the GISB office for the development of business practice standards and related EDI standards using the X12 protocol for allocations and rankings of gas packages as part of both the nominations related and the flowing gas related standards. The approved standards are now out for membership ratification, due September 27. For more information, please call the GISB office, or access the GISB home page.

#### **Multi-tiered Allocations and Confirmation Standards**

A request has been received by the GISB office for the development of business practice standards and related EDI standards using the X12 protocol for priorities on gas packages. The approved standards are now out for membership ratification, due September 27. For more information, please call the GISB office, or access the GISB home page.

#### **Treatment of Compressor Fuel Standards**

A request has been received by the GISB office for the development of business practice standards and related EDI standards using the X12 protocol for treatment of compressor fuel as part of the nominations

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related standards. The approved standards are now out for membership ratification, due September 27. For more information, please call the GISB office, or access the GISB home page.

### **Intraday Nomination Procedures Standards**

A request has been received by the GISB office for the development of business practice standards and related EDI standards using the X12 protocol for intraday nominations procedures as part of the nominations related standards. The approved standards are now out for membership ratification, due September 27. For more information, please call the GISB office, or access the GISB home page.

### **Imbalance Resolution Standards**

A request has been received by the GISB office for the development of business practice standards and related EDI standards using the X12 protocol for imbalance resolution as part of flowing gas related standards. The approved standards are now out for membership ratification, due September 27. For more information, please call the GISB office, or access the GISB home page.

### **Reliance on Actual Data Standards**

A request has been received by the GISB office for the development of business practice standards and related EDI standards using the X12 protocol for reliance on actual rather than estimated data when determining prior period adjustments as a part of the flowing gas related standards. The approved standards are now out for membership ratification, due September 27. For more information, please call the GISB office, or access the GISB home page.

### **Operational Flow Order Standards**

A request has been received by the GISB office for the development of business practice standards and related EDI standards using the X12 protocol for operational flow orders as part of nominations related standards. The approved standards are now out for membership ratification, due September 27. For more information, please call the GISB office, or access the GISB home page.

### **Internet Protocols for all electronic information on Pipeline EBB Standards**

A request has been received by the GISB office for the development of business practice standards and related EDI standards using the X12 protocol for internet protocols for all electronic information provided on pipeline EBBs as part of the Electronic Delivery Mechanism standards and the standards related to nominations, flowing gas, invoicing, capacity release, contracting, and possibly others that have not yet been developed. The approved standards are now out for membership ratification, due September 27. For more information, please call the GISB office, or access the GISB home page.

### **Storage Confirmation Statement Standards**

A request has been received by the GISB office for the development of EDI standards using the X12 protocol for storage confirmations. Work will be directed by the GISB Business Practices Subcommittee Task Force on Nominations. For more information, or if you are interested in joining this effort, please call the GISB office.

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**Final Action Date: December 31, 1996**

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## **Electronic Base Contract for Short Term Purchase and Sales of Natural Gas**

The accompanying business practice standard for the base contract for short sales and purchases of natural gas is available. The development of the EDI transaction data sets using the X12 protocol is underway - directed through the Market Initiation Task Force. For more information, or if you are interested in joining this effort, please call the GISB office.

## **Upcoming Primer, Classes, & Conferences:**

### **September 24 -- Primer on GISB Standards**

A one-day primer on GISB standards will be held in Houston. The class will cover the 140 business practice standards and information requirements incorporated by reference in FERC Order 587, on July 17, 1996, and the recent standards approved by the Executive Committee on September 12. The GISB process for requesting, adopting, enhancing, changing, and interpreting GISB standards will also be reviewed. The registration fee for the class is \$595, early registration (by September 13) is \$495. The fee for government employees is \$100.00, discounted to \$50.00 for early registration. Materials, including summaries of the 140 business practice standards will be sent to the confirmed attendees upon receipt of the fee. For more information please call the GISB office, or access the GISB home page. CLE and CPE credits are available for this class.

### **October 30, 31, November 1**

A three-day course on GISB standards will be held in Houston. The class will cover the recent GISB standards -- including the 140 referenced on Order 587, and the more recent standards filed with the FERC on September 30, 1996. The course will also cover the GISB process for requesting, adopting, enhancing, changing, and interpreting GISB standards, and an in depth review of the business practice standards, corresponding data sets, and EDI implementation guides. Staff responsible for implementation would be interested in attending the class. The registration fee for the class is \$1500 for members, early registration (by June 15) is \$1250. The registration fee for the class is \$3000 for non-members, early registration (by June 15) is \$2750. The fee for government employees is \$800.00, discounted to \$550.00 for early registration. Materials, including four standards manuals will be sent to the confirmed attendees upon receipt of the fee. For more information please call the GISB office, or access the GISB home page.

### **November 10, 11,12 - GISB Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting will be held this year in San Antonio, at the Menger hotel. A primer on GISB procedures will be held on Sunday afternoon, November 10. The annual meeting will conclude on November 12.

## **Information Concerning:**

For membership material, please call the GISB office. The membership material includes a brochure, a list of the Board and Executive Committee members, a current list of the corporate members, a list of GISB sponsors, a profile of GISB, and an application. The membership dues for 1996 are \$2000 annually per corporate entity.

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The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Notice of Proposed Rulemaking RM96-1-000, which cites the 140 GISB business practice standards can be accessed on the home page. The resulting Order 587, issued on July 17, can also be accessed on the GISB home page. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Notice of Proposed Rulemaking RM96-14-000, regarding the capacity release market, can also be accessed on the GISB home page.

### Board & Executive Committee Actions:

Chuck Thompson of Southern California Edison has resigned his seat on the Board of Directors. The end user segment has not yet filled the open position. For further information, please contact Rae McQuade (713) 757-4175. Kirt Kleinman, Tom Ehinger and Kristine Mespelli have been added as new members to the Executive Committee.

### Upcoming meetings:

For information on the following meetings, please call the GISB offices. All GISB meetings are open, but for adequate function planning, you should notify the GISB office prior to attendance. The agendas and meeting notices can be accessed from the GISB home page, or through the GISB office. If you are unable to participate in the meetings, the minutes can be accessed from the GISB home page.

#### Meetings:

September 17	Future Technology Task Force	- Houston, NGPL
September 18	Market Settlement Task Force	- Houston, NGPL
September 19	Market Execution Task Force	- Houston, NGPL
September 20	Technical Task Force	- Houston, NGPL
October 1-2	MITF Capacity Release Team	Houston, Transco
October 8	Annual Plan Subcommittee Meeting	- Houston, Tenneco
October 14	Future Technology Task Force Imp. Team	- El Paso, EPNG
October 15	Future Technology Task Force	- El Paso, EPNG
October 16	Market Execution Task Force	- El Paso, EPNG
October 17	Market Settlement Task Force	- El Paso, EPNG
October 18	Technical Task Force	- El Paso, EPNG
October 24	Communications Subcommittee	- Washington D.C.
October 24	Process Subcommittee	- Washington D.C.
October 24	Executive Committee	- Washington D.C.
November 10	GISB Annual Meeting Primers	- San Antonio, Menger Hotel
November 11	GISB Annual Meeting	- San Antonio, Menger Hotel
November 12	GISB Annual Meeting	- San Antonio, Menger Hotel
November 12	Board of Directors	- San Antonio, Menger Hotel
November 18	Future Technology Task Force Imp. Team	- Los Angeles, SoCal Gas
November 19	Future Technology Task Force	- Los Angeles, SoCal Gas
November 20	Market Settlement Task Force	- Los Angeles, SoCal Gas
November 21	Market Execution Task Force	- Los Angeles, SoCal Gas
November 22	Technical Task Force	- Los Angeles, SoCal Gas
December 10	Communications Subcommittee	- New York City, ConEd

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December 10	Process Subcommittee	- New York City, ConEd
December 10	Executive Committee	- New York City, ConEd
December 16	Future Technology Task Force Imp. Team	- Houston, PanEnergy
December 17	Future Technology Task Force	- Houston, PanEnergy
December 18	Board of Directors	- Houston, TBD
December 18	Market Execution Task Force	- Houston, PanEnergy
December 19	Market Settlement Task Force	- Houston, PanEnergy
December 20	Technical Task Force	- Houston, PanEnergy

GISB committees, subcommittees and task forces may also meet on an ad hoc basis or through phone conferencing. To participate in the following GISB committees, subcommittees, and task forces, please notify either the GISB office or the chairs of the groups:

### **Group**

Annual Plan Subcommittee  
ANSI Subcommittee  
Board of Directors  
Business Practices Subcommittee

Nominations Task Force  
Electronic Delivery Mechanisms T.F.  
    Future Technology T.F.  
    Future Technology Pilot Testing Group

Invoicing T.F.  
Flowing Gas T.F.  
Capacity Release T.F.  
Market Initiation Task Force -  
    Capacity Release Team  
    Contracts Language & Data Team  
Market Execution Task Force -  
Market Settlement Task Force

Minimum Submissions Guidelines Task Force  
Technical Task Force

Common Codes Subcommittee  
Communications Subcommittee  
    Annual Meeting Task Force  
Membership Subcommittee  
Process Subcommittee  
Title Transfer Tracking Pilot Team

### **Chairs**

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