

**Joint REQ TEIS/WGQ EDM Meeting
Wednesday, April 16, 2003
Final Minutes**

REQ TEIS and WGQ EDM proposals:

1. The to and from fields in the Data Dictionary for NAESB EDM should be altered to allow up to 15 alphanumeric characters for the Common Code Identifier (CCI). The first 9 characters should be mandatory. The Trading Partners should mutually agree to any additional characters beyond the 9th character.

Issues:

- Accommodates backward compatibility with existing 9 digit implementations.
- Are there problems associated with accommodating this field as an alphanumeric field?
- Could prompt a discussion regarding a modification of the Common Code Identifier.
- Should there be a separate data element to indicate "test" and "production" identifiers?

2. The input-format field in the Data Dictionary for Internet EDI/EDM should be changed as follows:

Business Name	Definition	Format	Usage*	Condition
input-format	industry specific descriptor of the data format used for the file transmitted	refer to industry specific format list. For NAESB, see appropriate quadrant standard.	in Request; M	

Issues:

- Allows NAESB Quadrants to define the file types appropriate to their Quadrant.
- Allows each industry to define appropriate file types.
- Moves the specification of Quadrant specific file types to the quadrant specific technical implementation manuals.

3. The time-c-qualifier should be added to the NAESB EDM manual as follows:

Business Name	Definition	Format	Usage*	Condition
time-c	the time file transfer is complete at the server	yyyymmddhhmmss	in Response; M	displayed in the HTTP response and posted back for any decryption-related errors
time-c-qualifier	indicates the time zone of the originating file where + or -zz indicates delta from UTC (ref ISO 8601)	-zz; +zz	in Response; C	industry specific usage

Issues:

- Messaging deadlines/timelines are defined in industry specific standards.
- Business deadlines/timelines are defined in industry specific standards.
- Accommodates backwards compatibility with prior implementations by not changing the format of the existing time-c data element.

4. The “gisb-acknowledgement-receipt” field as defined in the Data Dictionary for Internet EDI/EDM should be changed to “edm-acknowledgement-receipt”.

Business Name	Definition	Format	Usage*	Condition
receipt-report-type	type of receipt type being requested by sender	edm-acknowledgement-receipt	in Request; M	used in file transmittal and in posting error notifications

Issues:

- The name change will cause existing implementations to make code changes. The work effort required to accommodate this change is unknown.

- The transaction-set field length as defined in the Data Dictionary for Internet EDI/EDM should be increased to 48 characters to accommodate all Quadrants.

Business Name	Definition	Format	Usage*	Condition
transaction-set	name of the document type being sent	48 character code; refer to NAESB REQ Implementation Guide, Related Standards Tab, Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) section, HTTP transaction-set Code Values table.	in Request; MA	used in file transmittal

Issues:

- The largest description that needs to be accommodated by this field was found to be 43 characters. The description was found as a result of a review of North American Energy Markets.

- Error and Warning messages that are not communications specific should be relocated to another industry or quadrant-specific standards document.

Issues:

- Errors and Warning messages should be reviewed to remove WGQ specific business cases.
- The removal of non-communication errors and warnings from the NAESB EDM specifications may impair existing implementations that rely on these messages to support automation. These error messages and warnings should be moved to industry or quadrant-specific standards that support such automation.
- Existing non-communication errors and warnings could be adopted on a multi-quadrant basis.

- The possibility of a one-to-one relationship between a trading party and a username and password versus a many-to-one relationship where a clearinghouse represents multiple trading parties is not clear within the current EDM document.

Issues:

- Further clarification required whether either relationship or both relationships are supported by the EDM specification.