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TO: Triage Group -- Greg Lander, Randy Freidman, Norm Walker, Bob Wallenhorst, Diane McVicker, Posting on the Home Page
FROM: Rae McQuade, Executive Director
RE: Triage Conference Call Notes -- October 12, 1998

Greg Lander opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m., welcomed the attendees to the call, gave the antitrust advice, and reviewed the requests to be covered on this call: Request Nos. R98029, R98030 and R98037. The requests can be found on the GISB Home Page (www.gisb.org) and to reduce duplicative effort are not included in their entirety in this document as those requests have not been changed in this meeting. The results of the Triage Group determinations are as follows:

R98029 **From:** Submitted by TransCapacity
 Request: Change the usage and definition of the Transaction Status Code "AE" in the 855 Quick Response transaction set. Currently, the status code "AE" acknowledges the entire transaction set and provides for detail and/or sub-detail errors/warnings to be communicated. The status code "AE" also infers that the absence of a line item response equates to an accepted response. The definition of "AE" should change from "Acknowledge - With Exception Detail Only: Error(s) or warning(s) occurred in the transaction. Transaction has been acknowledged. Error(s) and warning(s) follow." to "Acknowledge: Transaction has been acknowledged. All processed line items, i.e. sub-detail, to follow."

The usage of the Transaction Status Code "AE" in the 855 Quick Response transaction set would be utilized to identify the status of the line item nomination rather than the entire transaction set. When the status code "AE" is utilized in the 855 Quick Response transaction set, it will refer to only the data that is present in the transaction set. The inference that an absence of data equates to accepted data will be removed. The "AE" status code will cover responses to line item nominations that are accepted, as well as, those that have errors and/or warnings. Accepted nominations will be identified via the absence of the "PID" line. The "AE" status code will acknowledge the receipt of the transaction but will only correspond to processed nomination data.

The requested change will eliminate ambiguities that are present when the "AE" status code is used. Will eliminate ambiguities present when determining whether or not to infer that a nomination line item has been processed and is accepted when there is no mention of the nomination line item in the 855 Quick Response transaction set. Will eliminate ambiguities inherent in parties differing implementations of what constitutes a transaction, i.e. a line item versus a transmittal of multiple line items.

Any costs associated with this proposed enhancement are extremely small and represent a "one-time" addition of a code value description. The request does not propose to increase the volume of data sent or require any significant additional processing. It involves only the addition of a code value to an existing data element.



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The requested change itself is not in practice at this time as far as is known to TransCapacity.

Discussion: No discussion.
Triage: Send to the Business Practices Subcommittee
Priority: To be addressed with the nominations requests in the normal schedule.

R98030

Submitted by: Texaco
Request: Subject: GISB Transportation/Sales Invoice Implementation Guide Standard 3.4.1

Reference is made to the above subject implementation guide which utilizes the consolidated service invoice/statement (transaction set 811) of the ASC X12 standard. The existing GISB Implementation Guide does not include a sample sales invoice and sample ASC X12 transaction for the sales invoice. Texaco Natural Gas Inc is implementing process improvements to send/receive sales invoices in the GISB EDI standards and developed the attached sample sales invoice and ASC X12 mapping for inclusion in the GISB Implementation Guide. In our review of the GISB Implementation Guide, we identified minor enhancements to the guideline to support natural gas sales invoices. For your convenience, we have attached following documentation for inclusion in the GISB Transportation/Sales Invoice Implementation Guide to support industry sales invoices:

- Recommended enhancements to the GISB Transportation/Sales Invoice Implementation Guide
- Sample sales invoice
- Sample ASC X12 transaction mapping for sales invoice

It is requested that the GISB standard, 3.4.1, be modified to include the above documentation to facilitate industry implementation of the EDI sales invoice. Please advise should you require additional information or have any questions regarding these modifications to the GISB standard.

[The examples are not included in the excerpt; they can be downloaded from the request no. R98030 from the GISB Home Page]

Discussion: Because this request asks for an additional data element (which is described in the examples not shown in the above excerpt), it is recommended that it first go to the Business Practices Subcommittee. Texaco was thanked for the extensive detail that was provided in the examples.

Triage: Send to the Business Practices Subcommittee
Priority: To be addressed with the nominations requests in the normal schedule.

R98037

Submitted by: Columbia Energy
Request: Add a non-textual data element that will tie the offers of a Not-Stand-alone Offer together. This data element is needed in the UPPD data sets and the data sets being created for Non-Prearranged Deals.

The data element will provide the means necessary to create an automated procedure for joining Not-Stand-alone Offers.



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Currently, Not-Stand-alone Offers are identified with an indicator and text. The text explanation requires manual intervention to insure that all the parts of a Not-Stand-alone Offer are kept together.

The new data element will eliminate this manual processing.

Some cost can be expected. However, the cost of implementation would be less than the cost of manual processing. Therefore, the incremental cost should be considered as no cost.

Columbia Gas Transmission and Columbia Gulf Transmission are willing to test the enhancement.

Discussion: Because this request was considered non-controversial and as such should be relatively easy to address, it should not be delayed behind other capacity release requests that could require considerable time. It was also noted that an automated EDI solution for the not-stand-alone offers is impaired because of the use of the text field. Additionally, it may not be possible in the normal schedule for capacity release requests to process them through Business Practices, Information Requirements and Technical Subcommittees in enough time for the changes to be made in the next round of publishing, currently scheduled for July 31, 1999. As such an elevated priority was determined to be recommended for this request.

After discussion, it was noted that most requests that seem simple and non-controversial during the first review may upon closer review highlight issues that may be significantly harder to resolve. Concern was also raised about elevating the priority of this request over others that have been in the queue for several months in the capacity release and invoicing area. To address these concerns, if the request cannot be passed through the Business Practices Subcommittee in one meeting or less, then it should revert to the normal process and be addressed in the normal schedule for capacity release.

Triage Send to the Business Practices Subcommittee

Priority: Elevated priority -- to be addressed out of sequence, following the Flowing Gas requests and Request No. R97022, but before addressing the Invoicing Requests. Should the request not be addressed by the Business Practices Subcommittee in one meeting or less, then the request should revert to the normal schedule and be addressed with the capacity release items.



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<u>Attendees</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Present</u>
Triage Members: X	Randy Freidman	Northwest Natural	
	Diane McVicker	Salt River Project	X
	Jerry Hahn	Texaco	✓
	Greg Lander	TransCapacity	✓
	Norm Walker ¹	El Paso Natural Gas	X
Participants:	Don Loesch	Texaco	✓
	Chuck Stodola	Columbia Gas Transmission	✓
✓	Kim Van Pelt	Duke Energy - Trunkline	
	Theresa Hess	Enron - Transwestern	✓
Administrative:	Rae McQuade	GISB	✓

¹ Norm Walker was not in attendance but forwarded comments prior to the meeting.