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TO: GISB XML Subcommittee Distribution List & Posting for Interested Industry Participants

FROM: Jo Ann Garcia, Director, GISB
Bill Hunsicker, co-chairman, GISB XML Subcommittee
Peter Goldberg, co-chairman, GISB XML Subcommittee

RE: Final Minutes from the GISB XML Subcommittee Meeting

DATE: March 6, 2001

GAS INDUSTRY STANDARDS BOARD

GISB XML SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING & CONFERENCE CALL

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Central, March 6, 2001

FINAL MINUTES

I. Administrative

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. central. Mr. Hunsicker welcomed the participants. Ms. Garcia called the roll, and read the GISB antitrust statement. Mr. Keisler provided housekeeping information for the Williams Tower. Mr. Hunsicker chaired the meeting. The agenda was adopted. The minutes of January 29-30 were adopted as final with modifications.

II. Review of the XML Structures for the Short-Term Contract for Purchase and Sale of Natural Gas

Mr. Hunsicker reviewed the XML Implementation Guide and schema that he had prepared for the Short-Term Contract for Purchase and Sale of Natural Gas (hereafter referred to as the "contract"). The group discussed the two separate documents that comprise the contract, the Base Contract and Appendix A, and asked if there really was a need to develop two datasets for the contract. Another participant asked whether a data dictionary would be needed in addition to the Implementation Guide. It was suggested that since GISB had established a pattern of developing a data dictionary, it would probably be best to develop a data dictionary for each of the documents in the contract and that same format should be used for consistency.

Discussion continued comparing the Base Contract to the XML Implementation Guide. Mr. Hunsicker explained the rationale for the way it was constructed. Mr. Lehn asked if the intention of the plan was to develop a blueprint for use in the subsequent pilot. Mr. Hunsicker explained that the intent was to develop data structures for this dataset that could be reused (or improved as we gain more experience) for the second pilot.

The nomenclature and mode of labels was discussed. It was thought that after the Implementation Guide and schema were developed, Information Requirements and the Technical Subcommittee would work to make the document conform to GISB policies.

Continuation of discussion of the Implementation Guide produced modifications which Mr. Hunsicker will make and send out before the next meeting. Some concern was expressed regarding the intent of the Contracts Subcommittee on some of the items. It was suggested that perhaps a representative from the Contracts Subcommittee could explain items where there was doubt. Mr. Hunsicker stated that he had not as yet prepared an Implementation Guide or schema for Exhibit A of the contract, but would do so.



An issue that was identified for further review was the need for an additional field for security purposes. This issue will be addressed when the pilot is completed.

III. Further discussion the first pilot test

Mr. Sappenfield reported that Mr. Bill Hamilton will be the contact for Reliant on the pilot and Mr. Brian Red will be the contact for PanCanadian. Sylvia Munson of PanCanadian will also be taking part in the setup of the pilot. He stated the next step would be for the two groups to get together to go forward.

Mr. Keisler suggested that perhaps it would be better to wait until the Implementation Guide for Exhibit A was prepared before the groups got together. Mr. Sappenfield agreed, as did the rest of the group. Mr. Hunsicker committed to having the Implementation guide by the end of business on Monday, March 12, but stated it would take longer to have the schema prepared. He will send the Implementation Guide to Jeff O'Block of PanCanadian and the GISB office for distribution. The pilot would not begin until after the XML Subcommittee reviewed the Implementation Guides and schemas.

Mr. Hunsicker stated that Mr. Goldberg had to drop off the call, but wanted to mention that GasEDI had a Short-Term contract containing some additional fields. He wanted to know if these fields could be included. Ms. Van Pelt stated this was probably something that would need to be sent to the Contracts Subcommittee.

IV. Second pilot test

Mr. Hunsicker asked if participants still think that the Scheduled Quantity document should be used for the second XML pilot test. The group agreed that this was the plan, but the first pilot should be completed before work starts on the second. Ms. Nistrath asked to what the pilot was going to encompass. Mr. Keisler stated the data dictionary, code values, and all the normal GISB documents for a standard would be implemented.

V. Related XML Activities

Mr. Sappenfield stated he was working on the ERCOT and EEI/UBP item, but there was not much activity at the present time.

Ms. Van Pelt stated that DISA had endorsed ebXML and was working with UN/CEFACT and OASIS on Core Components. It appears that Core Components is a very large data repository, but how it would be used is unclear at this time. DISA is very near the completion of the first phase in developing the named Core Components. One participant asked what DISA's target dates are. Ms. Van Pelt said that she would try to find out.

Ms. McQuade and Mr. Brook's report on ebXML had been provided before the meeting.

Mr. Hunsicker's report on Coalition of Uniform Business Rules had also been provided.

Ms. McQuade's report on NEM was provided prior to the meeting also.

VI. Assignments, Next Meeting & Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m. The next meeting will be a face-to-face hosted by CMS in Houston on April 10, 2001.

The agenda for the next meeting will include:

- the XML Implementation Guide for the Short-Term Contract for Purchase and Sale of Natural Gas, Exhibit A, will be prepared by Mr. Hunsicker. He will send it out by end of business March 19th. Comments are due back by end of day March 19th and a new Implementation Guide will be sent no later than March 30th.



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- further discussion on the first pilot test.

VII. Attendees March 6, 2001

GISB Member	Voter	Attendee	Representing Organization
GISB Office:			
✓		Garcia, Jo Ann	GISB
LDCs:			
✓	✓	Shahan, Mike	Dominion Resources
Pipelines:			
✓	✓	Van Pelt, Kim	CMS Energy – Panhandle Eastern
✓	✓	Lehn, Terry	Enron Transportation Services–Florida Gas
✓	✓	O’Block, Jeff	PanCanadian
✓	✓	(1) Goldberg, Peter	Westcoast Energy
✓	✓	(1) Kardas, Joe	National Fuel Gas Supply
✓	✓	(1) Hamilton, Richard	Williams Gas Pipeline
✓	✓	Keisler, Jim	Williams Gas Pipeline
Services:			
✓	✓	McMahon, Gina	BTUWatch, Inc.
✓	✓	Greif, Donna	Enron Services
✓	✓	Niestrath, Diane	Enron Services
✓	✓	(1) Hunsicker, Bill	Excelergy
✓	✓	(1) Sappenfield, Keith	Reliant Energy

(1) On the phone