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

**FROM:** Rae McQuade, Executive Director  
Bill Hunsicker, Chairman, GISB XML Subcommittee

**RE:** Final Minutes from the GISB XML Subcommittee Meeting

**DATE:** July 28, 2000

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### **GAS INDUSTRY STANDARDS BOARD**

#### **GISB XML SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING & CONFERENCE CALL**

**2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central, July 28, 2000**

#### **FINAL MINUTES**

#### **I. Administrative**

Ms. McQuade welcomed participants, read the roll call and chaired the meeting and read the GISB antitrust statement. The July 5 minutes were reviewed and adopted.

#### **II. General Comments**

Mr. Buccigross and Mr. Hunsicker were unable to join the call. Ms. McQuade stepped in to chair the meeting, and it was agreed to review the red-lined report. Mr. Shiman had general comments that there was significant repetition in the draft and asked if it should be removed. There was general consensus to do so. He also noted that the developments in Ontario are not conclusive and may not be appropriate for inclusion in the report. Mr. Sicignano and Mr. Keisler both agreed that there was significant redundancy, and urged the group to continue with the meeting so that further headway could be made toward finalizing the white paper/recommendation. The white paper/recommendation was redlined and forwarded to XML committee members. It was also posted.

#### **III. Review of Draft 2 of Report**

It was agreed to begin with the overview. Information on object oriented code was removed from the document as too technical, but it was agreed that it was a good point that may factor into later XML reviews, along with references to PERL language:

- Aligns itself with object oriented technology providing a means for dynamic method calls to surrounding application objects independent of system platforms. An XML message with the appropriate developer tool set may be "piggybacked" on an existing Internet protocol (i.e. HTTP). The XML message structure can be designed to allow request and response method calls to application objects. This powerful combination of XML and object oriented design allows message calls to other platform independent applications as the transaction works its way through the business process workflow.

The section on "Why Use XML?" was removed but the section on features was added to the Executive Summary for later review. Concerns were raised that this section may have over-reaching statements or opinions that are worded as statements. Mr. Keisler noted that he may review the deleted text to determine if some of the items may be added into other sections of the report. Other reviews and changes were made to the report and the red-lining accepted. The review concluded during the producer segment



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perspective. The report review will begin at the next meeting with the producer segment perspectives, continue through the end of the document and then return to the Executive Summary.

#### IV. Next meeting

The next meeting will be on Friday August 4 for one hour, to conclude the review. The meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. central. An agenda should be distributed and posted shortly.

#### V. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

#### VI. Attendees

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1	Name	Organization
✓	Van Pelt, Kim	CMS Energy - Panhandle Eastern
✓	Payne, Gary	Enron Administrative
✓	Sicignano, Andy	Enron North America
✓	McQuade, Rae	GISB
✓	Sappenfield, Keith	Reliant
X	Mastin, Wayne	SCT Corp
X	Shiman, Leon	Shiman Associates Inc
✓	Matthews, Brian	WBI Holding
✓	Goldberg, Peter	Westcoast Energy
✓	Keisler, Jim	Williams Gas Pipeline

Column Descriptors:

(1) -- GISB Member for 2000