RECOMMENDATION TO GISB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Requester: Systrends   **Request No.: R01020**

1. Recommended Action:

    _ Accept as requested
    _ Accept as modified below
    _X_ Decline

Effect of EC Vote to Accept Recommended Action:

    _ Change to Existing Practice
    _X_ Status Quo

2. TYPE OF MAINTENANCE

Per Request:

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_ Modification
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___ Withdrawal

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___ Definition (x.2.z)
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___ Document (x.4.z)
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___ Code Value (x.4.z)
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3. RECOMMENDATION

SUMMARY: Decline the request to add an identifier for "XML" to the list of possible identifiers within the input-format HTTP request data element of the EDI/EDM specification.

STANDARDS LANGUAGE:

Modify the EDM Manual (pdf page 50, Version 1.5) as follows:

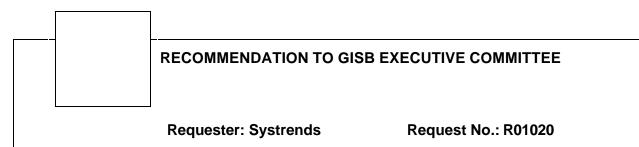| Business Name	Definition	Format	Usage*	Condition
input-data	Descriptor of the data format used for the file transmitted	X12; FF; <u>XML;</u> error	in Request; M	"X12", "FF", or other GISB standard format indicator used in file transmittal; "error" used in posting back any decryption - related errors. <u>Note: "XML" is not a GISB standard format. Trading Partners that exchange XML documents on a mutually agreeable basis should use "XML".</u>

Also included is a related error code. Corresponding changes to the EDM Manual (pdf page 83 Version 1.5) are:

Validation Code	Description	Data Element	Required vs. Mutually Agreed
<u>EEDM119</u>	<u>Invalid input-format value 'XML' not mutually agreed</u>	<u>input-format</u>	<u>mutually agreed</u>

4. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

a. Description of Request:

Addition of an identifier for "XML" to the list of possible identifiers within the input-format HTTP request data element of the EDI/EDM specification

b. Description of Recommendation:

THE EDM Subcommittee evaluated the addition of an identifier for "XML" to the list of possible identifiers within the input-format HTTP request data element of the EDI/EDM specification. After considerable discussion, the Request was denied. The vote was not unanimous.

c. Business Purpose:

The Energy Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) desires to replace an existing FTP process with GISB EDM. However, the current version of GISB EDM does not include formal support for XML within the input format HTTP request data element. The addition of "XML" as recognized, standard identifier within the input-format request data element will permit ERCOT to replace FTP with GISB EDM.

d. Commentary/Rationale of Subcommittee(s)/Task Force(s):

See minutes of the EDM Subcommittee for 2/28/02, 3/06/02, 3/11/02, and 3/13/02.