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Gas Industry Standards Board Receives ANSI Accreditation as Standards Development Organization

HOUSTON, Texas—The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) has accredited the Gas Industry Standards Board (GISB) as a Standards-Development Organization.

Accreditation by ANSI means that GISB meets the institute's strict requirements for openness, public review and other due process safeguards.

ANSI accreditation is an important milestone for GISB, said Executive Committee Chairman Jim Buccigross, vice president of Group 8760. Very few organizations achieve this distinction, which signifies that GISB has met nationally recognized criteria for fairness and inclusiveness in its standards-development process.

GISB Executive Director Rae McQuade said, ANSI's action will greatly enhance GISB's credibility and influence in the energy industry. This has been a lengthy process, but the result has justified the great effort that has been put forth by numerous volunteers. ANSI accreditation will provide assurance to everyone that GISB's procedures meet the most rigorous tests.

GISB Director of Member Benefits and Programs Jo Ann Garcia added, ANSI accreditation is meaningful because ANSI is thorough and meticulous in considering the applications it receives. ANSI's staff has been a great help in guiding us through the accreditation process.

ANSI is a private, nonprofit organization that administers and coordinates the U.S. voluntary standardization and conformity assessment system.

GISB was established in September 1994 as an independent and voluntary North American organization to develop and promote the use of business practices and related electronic communications standards designed to promote more competitive, efficient and reliable gas service. The organization has over 150 corporate members, a board of directors, an executive committee, an advisory committee and many other working committees and task forces.

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