RECOMMENDATION TO GISB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Requester: Texaco    Request No.: R97069

1. Recommended Action:                      Effect of EC Vote to Accept Recommended Action:
   ___Accept as requested
   X Accept as modified below
   ___Decline

   X Change to Existing Practice
   ___Status Quo

2. TYPE OF MAINTENANCE

   Per Request:                              Per Recommendation:
   ___Initiation
   X Modification
   ___Interpretation
   ___Withdrawal

   X Principle (x.1.z)
   X Definition (x.2.z)
   X Business Practice Standard (x.3.z)
   X Document (x.4.z)
   X Data Element (x.4.z)
   X Code Value (x.4.z)
   X X12 Implementation Guide
   X Business Process Documentation

3. RECOMMENDATION

   No changes needed to the implementation guides at this time. See Technical Subcommittee’s explanation under Description of Recommendation.

4. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

   a. Description of Request:
       Utilize the abbreviation of “Dth” for the word dekatherm in implementation guides (i.e., Transaction Related Standards).

   b. Description of Recommendation:

       Information Requirements Subcommittee
       Standardize the abbreviation for dekatherm in all GISB related documents to Dth and GISB should replace all other abbreviations of dekatherm with “Dth”.


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Sense of the Room: July 29, 1997  10 In Favor  2 Opposed
Segment Check (if applicable):
In Favor: ___End-Users ___LDCs  8 Pipelines  1 Producers  1 Services
Opposed: ___End-Users ___LDCs  2 Pipelines ___Producers ___Services

Technical Subcommittee
After doing a text search in the PDF versions of the Nominations, Flowing Gas, Invoice, and Capacity Release version 1.2 Implementation Guides, technical did not find any occurrences where Dekatherm was abbreviated Dk, DK, dk, Dek, DEK, dek, DTH, or dth. No changes required.

Sense of the Room: N/A (August 22, 1997) ___ In Favor ___ Opposed
Segment Check (if applicable):
In Favor: ___End-Users ___LDCs ___Pipelines ___Producers ___Services
Opposed: ___End-Users ___LDCs ___Pipelines ___Producers ___Services

c. Business Purpose:
If GISB establishes “one” abbreviation for the work dekatherm, perhaps its use will emerge in the industry.

d. Commentary/Rationale of Subcommittee(s)/Task Force(s):
IR: Approval of this request will not cause the implementation manuals to be re-published as a result, but at the next publication this consistency in abbreviations will occur. IR discussed whether to expand this request to MCF, MMBtu, gigajoule, etc. It was determined that this is outside the scope of the request.