1. Recommended Action: **Effect of EC Vote to Accept Recommended Action:**

    ___Accept as requested   X Change to Existing Practice
     X Accept as modified below   ___Status Quo
    ___Decline

2. TYPE OF MAINTENANCE

    Per Request: **Per Recommendation:**

    ___Initiation   ___Initiation
     X Modification   X Modification
    ___Interpretation   ___Interpretation
    ___Withdrawal   ___Withdrawal

    ___Principle (x.1.z)   ___Principle (x.1.z)
    ___Definition (x.2.z)   ___Definition (x.2.z)
    ___Business Practice Standard (x.3.z)   ___Business Practice Standard (x.3.z)
    ___Document (x.4.z)   ___Document (x.4.z)
     X Data Element (x.4.z)   X Data Element (x.4.z)
    ___Code Value (x.4.z)   ___Code Value (x.4.z)
     X X12 Implementation Guide   X X12 Implementation Guide
    ___Business Process Documentation   X Business Process Documentation
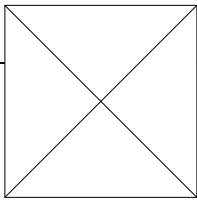

3. RECOMMENDATION

Change the usage of "Meter Operator" data element in the Measured Volume Audit Statement [2.4.6] from Mandatory to Sender's Option. Add language to the condition column for the data element: "When the meter operator is known, this information should be included in the statement."

Make relevant changes to Technical Implementation of Business Process for the Measured Volume Audit Statement [2.4.6] by inserting a new paragraph as number 3: "When the **meter operator** is known, this information should be included in the statement. When the meter operator is not known, this information does not need to be sent."

DATA DICTIONARY (for new documents and addition, modification or deletion of data elements)

Document Name and No.: Measured Volume Audit Statement, 2.4.6

Business Name	Definition	Usage	Condition
Meter Operator*	The party contractually responsible for the measurement of gas at a meter.	SO ~~M~~	*When the meter operator is known, this information should be included in the statement.*

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RECOMMENDATION TO GISB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Requester: Columbia Gas Transmission Corp.   Request No.: R98015

* Common Code

TECHNICAL CHANGE LOG (all instructions to accomplish the recommendation)

Document Name and No.:   Measured Volume Audit Statement, 2.4.6

Description of Change:
G867MSAU - Measured Volume Audit Statement (2.4.6)
Data Element Xref to X12
Header N1 segment: Change usage of Meter Operator from M to SO
Transaction Set Tables
"N1 Segments (Heading)" table: Change usage of Meter Operator from M to SO

BUSINESS PROCESS DOCUMENTATION (for addition, modification or deletion of business process documentation language)

Standards Book: Flowing Gas Related Standards, Measured Volume Audit Statement, 2.4.6.
                      Technical Implementation of Business Process

Language:
See "red-lined" changes to these documents attached to this recommendation.

4. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

a. Description of Request:

Change the usage of Meter Operator to BC.

b. Description of Recommendation:
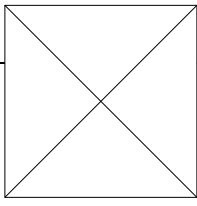
Business Practices Subcommittee:
R98015 - Columbia Gas Transmission Corp.
Change the usage of Meter Operator to BC [in the Measured Volume Audit Statement].

Discussion:
Greg Lander reviewed the request and Columbia's stated reasons for requesting the change. Mr. Lander commented that perhaps the proper usage, given the specifics of the request, was Sender's Option (SO) as opposed to the requested Business Conditional (BC). Others on the call agreed that SO would be the proper usage. Mr. Lander raised the question as to who would be receiving this statement. Wouldn't it always
be the meter operator?

[There was a brief break while the chair attempted to get a representative from Columbia on the call, one was not immediately available.]

Further discussion as to who the recipient of the statement would be. Would it always be the meter operator or could it be some other party or entity? Some commented that there are circumstances when the Measured Volume Audit Statement could be sent to other parties.

Action:
The following motion was made and seconded.

Initial Motion 2: BPS recommends that IR revise the usage of Meter Operator data element from Mandatory to Sender's Option in the Measured Volume Audit Statement.

This initial motion was not voted on.

Chuck Stodola from Columbia Gas joined the call at this point and further explained the rationale for the request. In many cases Columbia does not know who the meter operator is. Discussion as to whether meter operator information should always be sent when the information is known, and it would only not be sent when meter operator information is not known. The group agreed with this premise. The mover and seconder of the motion agreed to the following modification to the motion:

Modified Motion 2: BPS recommends that IR revise the usage of Meter Operator data element from Mandatory to Sender's Option in the Measured Volume Audit Statement. The intent of this change is to accommodate not sending meter operator information when this information is not known. When the meter operator is known, this information would be included on the Measured Volume Audit Statement.

Sense of the Room: June 25, 1998   __14__ In Favor   __0__ Opposed
Segment Check (if applicable):

	End-Users	LDCs	Pipelines	Producers	Services
In Favor:	1 End-Users	1 LDCs	8 Pipelines	Producers	4 Services
Opposed:	End-Users	LDCs	Pipelines	Producers	Services

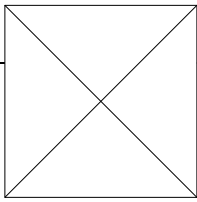**Information Requirements:**
R98015 -- Columbia Gas
Revise usage of 'Meter Operator' in Measured Volume Audit Statement. (Relevant

BPS Instructions: BPS recommends that IR revise the usage of Meter Operator data element from Mandatory to Sender's Option in the Measured Volume Audit Statement [2.4.6]. The intent of this change is to accommodate not sending meter operator information when this information is not known. When the meter operator is known, this information would be included on the Measured Volume Audit Statement.

Motion: Change usage of Meter Operator in the Measured Volume Audit Statement (2.4.6) from Mandatory to Sender's Option. Add language to the condition column for the data element: "When the meter operator is known, this information should be included in the statement."

Make relevant changes to Technical Implementation of Business Process for the Measured Volume Audit Statement [2.4.6] by inserting a new paragraph as number 3:

"When the **meter operator** is known, this information should be included in the statement.
When the meter operator is not known, this information does not need to be sent."

No changes necessary to the Sample Paper transaction.

Sense of the Room:	November 17, 1998	_9_ In Favor	_3_ Opposed		

Segment Check (if applicable):

	End-Users	LDCs	Pipelines	Producers	Services
In Favor:					
Opposed:					

Technical Subcommittee:

Sense of the Room:	December 8, 1998	_7_ In Favor	_0_ Opposed		

Segment Check (if applicable):

	End-Users	LDCs	Pipelines	Producers	Services
In Favor:					
Opposed:					

c. Business Purpose:

Columbia Gas Transmission does not operate all of the meters that it would like to include in the Measured Volume Audit Statement nor does it always have access to this information. Gathering facilities, only one example, are constantly being sold making it impossible to keep track of the Meter Operator. If Meter Operator remained mandatory, Columbia would not be able to comply with standard 2.4.6.

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

IR: See relevant minutes. Adopted per BPS instructions.

[CHANGES FOR REQUEST NO. R98015]

TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF BUSINESS PROCESS

The Measured Volume Audit Statement is used to report gas measurement details to the operator and other parties at a metering location. The statement reflects the components of the volume calculation.

The **statement type** for the ~~m~~Measured~~nt~~ ~~v~~Volume ~~a~~Audit ~~s~~Statement indicates whether the information being reported is original, replacement or advance notification. The **statement date/time** will indicate the date and time at which the statement was produced. The **contact** should include information regarding the person who is responsible for responding to inquiries about the measurement information being provided. The **preparer ID** is an industry common code indicating the party who prepared the measurement information.

*When the **meter operator** is known, this information should be included in the statement. When the meter operator is not known, this information does not need to be sent.*

There are two detail sections of the statement. The first detail identifies the physical meter characteristics of each meter at a station. The second detail identifies the flowing gas at each meter at a station.