RECOMMENDATION TO GISB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Requester: C99002  Request No.: Enron Capital and Trade

1. Recommended Action: Effect of EC Vote to Accept Recommended Action:
   - Accept as requested
   - Accept as modified below
   - Change to Existing Practice
   - Status Quo

2. TYPE OF MAINTENANCE

   Per Request: Per Recommendation:
   - Initiation
   - Modification
   - Interpretation
   - Withdrawal
   - Principle (x.1.z)
   - Definition (x.2.z)
   - Business Practice Standard (x.3.z)
   - Document (x.4.z)
   - Data Element (x.4.z)
   - Code Value (x.4.z)
   - X12 Implementation Guide
   - Business Process Documentation

3. RECOMMENDATION

TECHNICAL CHANGE LOG (all instructions to accomplish the recommendation)

Document Name and No.: Nomination Quick Response, 1.4.2

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<td>Sub-detail PID Segment (position 510), element PID01: Modify “S” code value to “X”.</td>
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4. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

a. Description of Request:
   Request for Interpretation of allowable values for PID01 field in the three PID segments of the GISB Nomination Quick Response.

b. Description of Recommendation:
   Interpretations Subcommittee
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C99002 Submitted by Enron Capital and Trade
Request: GISB Standard Number: (G855NMQR) Data Set 1.4.2

Clarification or interpretation request:
Request for Interpretation of allowable values for PID01 field in the three PID segments of the GISB Nomination Quick Response

The GISB Quick Response (G855NMQR) contains three PID segments, which are used to convey errors at the Header, Detail, and Subdetail levels respectively. For the the first two PID segments, the GISB implementation guide assigns a value of ‘X’ to PID01, and the third PID segment mandates PID01 = ‘S’. The comment for this segment in the GISB Implementation Guide indicates that PID05 should be used only to send a validation message not yet approved by GISB. However, the ANSI X12 guide states in its comments for the PID segment that PID04 and PID05 must be used if PID01 = ‘X’. Sending PID01 = ‘X’, accompanied by a PID04 but not a PID05 will cause a syntax error in some translators. Thus it would seem that the GISB Implementation Guide should mandate that PID01 = ‘S’ if only PID04 is being sent, or PID01 = ‘X’ if both PID04 and PID05 are being sent.

Possible interpretations or clarifications, if known:
GISB Implementation Guide should mandate that PID01 = ‘S’ if only PID04 is being sent, or PID01 = ‘X’ if both PID04 and PID05 are being sent.

Discussion:
Mr. Sicignano reviewed the request. Mr. Lander offered that the Interpretations Committee should refer this request to the Technical Subcommittee for information to determine if there are any syntactical reasons in the X12 mapping to keep it the way it is now or should it be implemented as offered in the request. If there is no syntactical reason in the X12 mapping to prevent the change, then the Interpretations Committee can determine if a business practice is required or if it can be transferred directly to the appropriate subcommittee. All agreed with the action.

Action:
The request was transferred to the Technical Subcommittee to gather information for the Interpretations Committee’s consideration, to be addressed in the normal course of business. A meeting will be scheduled for the Interpretations Committee once this information has been received. The requestor agreed with this course of action and this priority.

Sense of the Room: 8/13/99  4 In Favor  0 Opposed
Segment Check (if applicable):
In Favor: ___End-Users ___LDCs ___Pipelines ___Producers ___Services
Opposed: ___End-Users ___LDCs ___Pipelines ___Producers

Technical Subcommittee
The Interpretations subcommittee has sent us this Interpretation and wants us to consider it and report back to them.

In the PID, the value of the PID01 determines what other elements within the PID are sent.

PID01 = S means that PID04 is sent
PID01 = X means that both PID04 and PID05 are sent. The segment notes for the PID in the X12 book read:
"If PID01 equals "F", then PID05 is used. If PID01 equals "S", then PID04 is used. If PID01 equals "X", then both PID04 and PID05 are used."
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It appears that both PID04 and PID05 are required if PID01 = X, but most translators do not reject this as an error. However, if PID01 = S, and PID05 is sent, some translators reject this.

In the Nomination Quick Response, the PID segment is used for the Validation Code (in the PID04) and Validation Message (PID05). The Header and Detail level, PID01 = X, but the Sub-detail PID01 = S. This causes a problem for some translators if the Validation Message is sent at the sub-detail level.

One solution would be to use both S and X for the PID01, depending on whether PID05 is used. However, this would require a change for the back-office system to indicate the value of PID01 since the translator would not be able to determine it. We would prefer to not require a change for the back-office system that is not driven by a business requirement, so we will recommend that all three levels use PID01 = X. We are not aware of any translator problems caused when PID01 = X and PID05 is not sent.

This resolution will be sent back to the Interpretations Subcommittee.

Sense of the Room: 9/21-22/1999 5 In Favor 0 Opposed
Segment Check (if applicable):
In Favor: __End-Users __LDCs __Pipelines __Producers __Services
Opposed: __End-Users __LDCs __Pipelines __Producers Services

Technical Subcommittee
After discussion of the workpaper submitted by the Technical Subcommittee and further consideration at their 10/29/99 meeting, the Interpretations Subcommittee sent this interpretation to the Technical Subcommittee for final resolution.

Sense of the Room: 11/30/1999 4 In Favor 0 Opposed
Segment Check (if applicable):
In Favor: __End-Users __LDCs __Pipelines __Producers __Services
Opposed: __End-Users __LDCs __Pipelines __Producers Services

c. Business Purpose:
For consistency in reporting errors.

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