



5TH

ANNUAL
MEETING

Sept. 27-28, 1999

Menger Hotel

San Antonio

THE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GAS INDUSTRY STANDARDS BOARD

comes at a time of dramatic change in the natural gas industry. FERC's first deadlines for Internet-based commerce, continued mergers in all segments of the industry, and the constant expansion of state customer-choice programs have made this a period of great uncertainty and great opportunity.

At this year's meeting, our exciting roster of speakers will help you get a handle on what the latest industry developments mean for you and your company in the new millennium. Top gas regulators, energy officials and industry experts from natural gas and information technology companies will provide important insights and valuable information. As an added bonus, Washington's most important conservative political analyst will provide an advance look at the all-important 2000 presidential election. Also featured will be product demonstrations by leading electronic communications and natural gas companies.

For the fourth straight year, the site of GISB's Annual Meeting is the venerable Menger Hotel on Alamo Plaza. The oldest part of this gracious hotel, a National Historic Landmark, was built in 1859. Almost 140 years of refinements have produced an exquisite combination of traditional elegance and atmosphere and modern luxury and convenience. With the Alamo, Rivercenter Mall and the River Walk only steps away, the Menger is at the center of all of San Antonio's pleasures.

ACCOMMODATIONS

THE SPECIAL GISB ROOM RATE is \$100 single, \$110 double, triple or quad. Make room reservations directly with the Menger Hotel by calling (800) 345-9285. Notify the hotel of booking number 4371, and mention that you are attending the GISB Annual Meeting. The special rate expires September 2.

DRESS

BUSINESS CASUAL DRESS is appropriate for all GISB functions.

PROGRAM PREVIEW

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Registration

10:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Product and Service Demonstrations

1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

First General Session

Welcome to San Antonio

Howard Peak
Mayor of San Antonio

Annual Meeting of Members

State of GISB

Jim Templeton
Chairman, GISB Board of Directors and Principal, Comprehensive Energy
Services

Jim Buccigross
Chairman, GISB Executive Committee and Director and General Counsel,
National Registry of Capacity Rights

Energy Outlook

Senior Department of Energy official

Case Studies on Corporate Process Streamlining through Adoption of GISB Standards

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Reception

7:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Dinner

William Kristol

Editor and Publisher, The Weekly Standard

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:00 a.m.-noon.

Registration

8:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Product and Service Demonstrations

9:00 a.m.-noon

Second General Session

FERC Outlook

Senior Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Official

Retail Standards-Setting Efforts—Organizations

Jeff Brown

Director, Government Affairs, Enron Corp. and founding sponsor, Coalition for Uniform Business Rules

Ken Malloy

President, Center for the Advancement of Energy Markets

Howard Shafferman

Partner, Ballard, Spahr, Andrews & Ingersoll, and counsel, ISO New England

Pete Byrne

EC Business Consultant, GEU Services Inc. and Chairperson, Utility Industry Group

William Hunsicker

Director, Electronic Commerce, SCT Corp. and Customer Vice Chair, Utility Industry Group

Dick Brooks

Chief Technical Officer, Group 8760, and representative, EDI-INT Group of the Internet Society

Noon-1:15 p.m.

Lunch

Raúl Monteforte

Comisionado, Comisión Reguladora de Energía (Mexico)

1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Third General Session

Retail Standards-Setting Efforts—State Regulations

Sheila Hollis

Partner, Duane, Morris & Heckscher

Robert Keating

Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy

Representative from California Public Utilities Commission

Jim Gallagher

Chief, Retail Competition, New York Public Service Commission

Veronica Smith

Deputy Executive Director, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

The Internet—Outlook on Technology

Carl Caldwell

Manager, Energy Practice, CGI

Matt Fangman

Senior Technical Specialist, Microsoft Corp.

Mona Doss

Senior Product Marketing Manager, Network Associates

Tom Cabe

Senior Member, Technical Staff, ISSD, Sandia National Laboratories

Concluding Remarks

Keith Sappenfield

Director, Marketing Support, NorAm Energy Services

7:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Reception and Casino Night, hosted by NRG Information Services

ARRIVE EARLY & LEARN

THE FIRST-EVER COURSE ON VERSION 1.4 of GISB's standards will be held at the Menger Hotel prior to the start of the Annual Meeting. Sessions will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, September 25 and 26. The course costs \$1,000 for GISB members (\$850 early registration); \$2,000 for non-members (\$1,700 early registration). The deadline for early registration is September 13. If you're registered for the Annual Meeting, the standards course costs only an additional \$600. The registration form can be accessed from the GISB home page at www.gisb.org.

RAISE YOUR COMPANY'S PROFILE

GISB member companies will have the opportunity to advertise in the final Annual Meeting program, which will be distributed to all registrants. For rates, deadlines and other information, contact JoAnn Garcia at (713) 356-0060.

ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

To register, return this form as soon as possible to Veronica Thomason, Gas Industry Standards Board, 1100 Louisiana, Suite, 4925, Houston, Texas 77002. Checks should be made payable to the Gas Industry Standards Board. Phone and fax registrations by credit card are welcome: phone 713-356-0060; fax 713-356-0067.

Name _____

Name for badge _____

Spouse's name for badge _____

Organization _____

Title _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Fax No. _____ Email _____

Credit Card No. _____ Exp _____

Amount to be charged _____

American Express MasterCard Visa

FEE SCHEDULE

\$1000* Employees of GISB member companies

\$1500* Employees of non-GISB member companies

\$ 200 Government employees

*Register by September 13 and save. Pay only \$800 or \$1200

VERSION 1.4 STANDARDS COURSE

If you are registered for the Annual Meeting, the Version 1.4 course being held September 25-26 costs only an additional \$600

Register me for both the standards course and the Annual Meeting



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