RECOMMENDATION TO GISB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Requester: Common Codes Subcommittee Request No.: Common Codes Recommendation

1. Recommended Action:
   ___ Accept as requested
   ___ Accept as modified below
   ___ Decline

Effect of EC Vote to Accept Recommended Action:
   ___ Change to Existing Practice
   ___ Status Quo

2. TYPE OF MAINTENANCE

Per Request:
   ___ Initiation
   ___ Modification
   ___ Interpretation
   ___ Withdrawal

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   ___ 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)
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   ___ X12 Implementation Guide
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3. RECOMMENDATION

SUMMARY:
Update the existing Common Code Related Standards sections contained in the GISB Implementation Guides as recommended below.

Related Standards

Common Codes
A decision made in 1993 by a FERC-established standards development group (EBB Working Group 5) resulted in a location coding system which cross-references proprietary point codes to a common industry-supported location code. This common location code, called the GRID Code, was developed based on the American Petroleum Institute (API) well code model. The FERC, in Order 563-A, directed the industry to establish any necessary relationships and to proceed with the implementation of the GRID Code. To achieve this implementation, in August 1994 trade associations representing three segments of the natural gas industry entered into an agreement with Petroleum Information Corporation (PI) to develop and maintain the PI GRID™ Common Code database. As GISB prepared standards for capacity release (July 1995) and nominations (September 1995), GISB fully endorsed the use of the PI GRID™ common codes.
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However, after extensive consideration by GISB’s Common Code Subcommittee, GISB adopted, on September 30, 1996, a new Common Code for Gas Transaction Points, the GISB/PI Data Reference Number (generally referred to as “DRN”). The DRN is a one-to-nine digit, non-intelligent number also assigned by IHS (successor to PI), which has a one-to-one relationship with the PI GRID™ Code. For more information, call GISB at (713) 757-4175 or access the GISB Web Page at www.gisb.org.

In keeping with the trends in other industries involved with EDI, EBB Working Group 5 recommended the acceptance of the D-U-N-S® Number as a common company identifier. This recommendation was also adopted in FERC Order 563-A. The D-U-N-S® Number is assigned to companies by the Dun & Bradstreet Corporation (D&B). Similarly, as GISB prepared standards for capacity release (July 1995) and nominations (September 1995), GISB fully endorsed the use of the D-U-N-S® Number common code.

However, after extensive consideration by GISB’s Common Code Subcommittee, GISB, on December 10, 1996, did not confirm the use of the D-U-N-S® Number, but with a major refinement: For GISB Common Code purposes, an entity will use one and only one D-U-N-S® Number. Entity common codes should be legal entities, that is, Ultimate Location, Headquarters Location, and/or Single Location (in Dun & Bradstreet Corporation (“D&B”) terms). However, in the following situations, a Branch Location (in D&B terms) can also be an entity common code: 1. when the contracting party provides a D-U-N-S® Number at the Branch Location level; or 2. to accommodate accounting for an entity that is identified at the Branch Location level. Since D&B offers customers the option of carrying more than one D-U-N-S® Number per legal entity, please refer to GISB’s Web Page at www.gisb.org for directions on determining the one and only one D-U-N-S® Number constituting the GISB Legal Entity Common Code.

[There will be a footnote added later for the Registered Trademark for D&B once it is drafted and approved by GISB General Counsel.]