April 7, 1997

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Dear Ms. McQuade:

Please consider this as a request for GISB to utilize the abbreviation of “Dth” for the word dekatherm in its implementation guides (i.e. Transaction Related Standards). As Les Enoch indicated in his March 12 correspondence to you, the gas industry has not settled on one abbreviation. If GISB establishes that “one”, perhaps only one use will emerge.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Standardization Question

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Pages: 2, including this cover sheet.

COMMENTS:

An APGA member raises an interesting question of standardization. Can GISP establish a uniform abbreviation for "Dekatherm" to use in pipeline tariffs? A few of the common abbreviations follow.

Triagg Chairs, EC members,

Les Enoch of the Board raised an interesting point in this correspondence. Please advise on next steps.

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charges for the minimum investment required to serve a customer.

CUSTOMER DENSITY: Number of customers in a given unit of area or on a given length of distribution line.

CYCLE BILLING: A billing procedure that provides for the billing of a portion of customers each working day so that all customers are billed within a predetermined period, such as one month, two months, etc. In some companies, each day's billing is referred to as a “billing cycle day,” “billing day” or “billing cycle.” Other companies use “billing cycle” to refer to the total period which covers billing of all customers.

D1: In the context of FERC rate methodology, the demand charge component under the modified fixed-variable (MFV) rate design methodology that allocates fixed costs to firm sales customers based on peak usage or entitlement.

D2: In the context of FERC rate methodology, the demand charge component under the modified fixed-variable (MFV) rate design methodology that allocates fixed costs to firm sales customers based on their projections of annual usages.

DAILY AVERAGE SENDOUT: The total amount of natural gas delivered for a period of time divided by the number of days in the period.

DAILY CONTRACT QUANTITY: The maximum amount of natural gas per day that a buyer may purchase under the provisions of a gas purchase agreement. In a long-term natural gas sales agreement, daily contract quantity may refer to the minimum amount that the purchaser must take to avoid take-or-pay liability.

DAILY PEAK: The maximum amount of natural gas delivered in any one day.

DEBT SERVICE: The cost, actual or imputed, of borrowing money, i.e., interest.

DECONTROL: The act of ending federal government control over the wellhead price of new natural gas sold in interstate commerce. Also termed “deregulation.”

DEKATHERM (d, D, dt, DT, Dth, DTH): A unit of heating value equivalent to 1,000,000 British thermal units (BTU).

DEFICIENCY CHARGE: A charge per unit of deficiency imposed when a buyer's actual purchases fall below a required minimum or threshold level, as under a take-or-pay clause or certain forms of gas inventory charge.

DEFICIENCY PAYMENT: A payment by a purchaser of natural gas to the seller in fulfillment of take-or-pay obligations after the purchaser has failed to take a contractually specified minimum amount of natural gas from the seller.