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FERC Order No. 637 GISB Action Items Assigned to Business Practices Subcommittee Status Report

Item #	Priority	Action Item	Status
3.	1	Change data sets to accommodate rates in excess of TSP's max rate. (Affects GISB Standard Nos. 5.4.1, 5.4.2, 5.4.7, 5.4.8, 5.4.9).	See recommendation form. See also BPS Minutes for 6/26 and 7/13.
17.	2	Accommodate increased frequency of posting for operationally available capacity. <i>(To be addressed together with item XV).</i>	No action suggested. See attached supporting documentation. See also BPS Minutes for 7/13.
15.	2	Review the EC adopted standards resulting from request no. R99033 to identify inconsistencies with FERC Order No. 637.	No action suggested. See attached supporting documentation. See also BPS Minutes for 7/13.
8.	3	Review award data set codes and structure for firm and interruptible transportation (FT and IT) reporting (Affects GISB Standard No. 5.4.3).	See recommendation form. See also BPS Minutes for 7/07, 7/25-26, 8/1-2, and 8/8-9.
9.	4	Accommodate visual display web pages for FT and IT reporting.	See recommendation form. See also BPS Minutes for 7/07 and 8/1-2.
13.	5	Review the method for collecting information on the releasing shipper's relationship to the acquiring shipper.	See recommendation form. See also BPS Minutes for 6/30 a.m. and 8/8-9.
1.	6	Review timelines for modifications including accommodation of intraday or partial day capacity releases (Affects GISB Standard No. 5.3.2 and related interpretations).	See recommendation form. See also BPS Minutes for 6/30 p.m., 8/8-9, and 8/15.
2.	6	Review elimination of the restrictions on partial day recalls (Affects GISB Standard Nos. 5.3.6, 5.3.7).	No action suggested. See attached supporting documentation. See also BPS Minutes for 6/30 p.m. and 8/8-9.
19.	7	Accommodate reporting of the reasons for and the severity of outages. To accommodate the reporting, there are two issues: (1) where the OFO reporting is placed on the web site and (2) whether the report is standardized for reasons of outage and severity or whether the report is textual (i.e. through the existing informational postings).	No action suggested. See attached supporting documentation. See also BPS Minutes for 8/15.



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7.	8	Accommodate 3rd party balancing services interaction with TSPs.	No action suggested. See attached supporting documentation. See also BPS Minutes for 8/15.
10.	9	Review and establish a timeline for posting.	No action suggested. See attached supporting documentation. See also BPS Minutes for 8/15.
18.	See note ¹	Correctly reflect the FERC order reference and section number (GISB Standard No. 4.3.16) and data element ordering (GISB Standard No. 4.3.35).	See recommendation form. See also BPS Minutes for 7/7.

¹ Begin once the FERC issues the revised report format.



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Supporting Documentation

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17.	2	Accommodate increased frequency of posting for operationally available capacity. <i>(To be addressed together with item XV).</i>	No action suggested. See attached supporting documentation. See also BPS Minutes for 7/13.

Business Practices Subcommittee, July 13, 2000:

Discussion (Accommodate increased frequency of posting for operationally available capacity.):

It was discussed that the S89 standard adopted by the Executive Committee in GISB Request R99033 is not in conflict with the order, but is a GISB minimum. The standards adopted by GISB apply to the entire industry, including non-regulated entities. The content of the order only applies to regulated entities. Implementation of the FERC regulations is an individual implementation issue.



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15.	2	Review the EC adopted standards resulting from request no. R99033 to identify inconsistencies with FERC Order No. 637.	No action suggested. See attached supporting documentation. See also BPS Minutes for 7/13.

Business Practices Subcommittee, July 13, 2000:

Discussion (Review the EC adopted standards resulting from Request No. R99033 to identify inconsistencies with FERC Order No. 637.):

It was discussed that the Design Capacity referred to by FERC in Order 637 is compatible with the Operating Capacity defined in S86 that was approved by the Executive Committee for GISB Request R99033. While the words in the standard S86 are different than the order, the two terms are interchangeable and no changes are needed to the adopted GISB standard.

Motion:

The term Operating Capacity as utilized in the standards approved by the Executive Committee in GISB Request R99033 represents the data necessary to comply with FERC's Design Capacity requirement, as specified in Order 637, for the posting of capacity information by the Transportation Service Provider.

(Motion by Joe Bianchi, seconded by Bill Hebenstreit.)

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	1	1	0	0
Producers	0	0	0	0
Pipelines	11	2	0	0
Totals	13	4	0	0

Motion passes



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2.	6	Review elimination of the restrictions on partial day recalls (Affects GISB Standard Nos. 5.3.6, 5.3.7).	No action suggested. See attached supporting documentation. See also BPS Minutes for 6/30p.m. and 8/8-9.

Business Practices Subcommittee, June 30, 2000 p.m. conference call:

Capacity release standards and related interpretations were identified followed by a review of each on a one by one basis. The standards identified were:

- 5.3.2
- 5.3.6
- 5.3.7

The related interpretations identified were:

- 7.3.2
- 7.3.15
- 7.3.3
- 7.3.44
- 7.3.45

In addition, the proposed response to C99003 was identified for review. This proposed response is pending adoption by the Executive Committee.

Standard 5.3.2 was reviewed.

Issues Identified:

Are the last two bullets of the short term section of 5.3.2 still appropriate in light of the intraday release language of FERC?

Is a new section of 5.3.2 needed to deal with intraday pre-arranged releases?

Is there any requirement that an intraday release be only for the balance of the first day?

Is there a need to be clear that the duration of the release is what determines the bidding requirement and not the intraday nature of the first day of the release?

Is there a need for an "end" to the current longer term releases section of 5.3.2 at a period less than a year (i.e., greater than or equal to five months and less than a year), then a third category added for those releases whose duration is equal to or greater than a year?

Discussion:

This issue was identified because the thought was that there was no longer a waiver of bidding for deals less than a year, as there was no longer a maximum rate for deals less than a year. This may be an issue because for deals that are greater than 31 days in duration and less than a year in duration there is no longer a non-biddable status. All these deals have to be posted for open bidding. There is no longer the greater than five months non-biddable prearranged deals at max rate exemption from bidding.



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Additional Issues:

Is there a need to rearrange the structure of 5.3.2 to take account of intra day, 31 days or less, greater than 31 days to five months, then five months to a year and over a year?

Discussion:

There needs to be careful review of any possible new language to ensure that there are not any loopholes in any possible new language.

Interpretation 7.3.2 was reviewed.

It was agreed that there were no issues identified within Interpretation 7.3.2

Interpretation 7.3.15 was reviewed.

It was agreed that there were no issues identified within Interpretation 7.3.15

Interpretation 7.3.3 was reviewed.

It was agreed that there were no issues identified within Interpretation 7.3.3

Interpretation 7.3.44 was reviewed.

It was agreed that there were no issues identified within Interpretation 7.3.44

Standard 5.3.6 was reviewed

The issue identified was whether an intra day release can be recalled.

Standard 5.3.7 was reviewed.

The issue identified was whether an intra day release can be recalled.

Interpretation 7.3.45 was reviewed.

It was agreed that there were no issues identified within Interpretation 7.3.45.

The proposed response in C99003 was reviewed. It consists of a proposed interpretation and a proposed revision to GISB Std. 5.3.24

- Text below of the proposed interpretation

A Service Requester may have its offer posted for review either immediately or at another specified time and if not specified then, at the Transportation Service Provider's option, the offer can be posted for review either immediately or at the next occurrence of 1:00 p.m. on a business day. GISB has no requirement that bidding upon such posting be available prior to the next occurrence of 1:00 p.m. on a business day. Neither is there any prohibition on bidding occurring upon a posting provided that bidding upon such posting continue to be available through at least the next occurrence of 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on a business day or the longer period where such offer is a long term offer.

It was agreed that there were no issues identified within the proposed for interpretation C99003.

- Proposed revised Standard 5.3.24 was reviewed. Text of the proposed revised standard follows:

5.3.24 Capacity release facilitator should post offers and bids, including prearranged deals, upon receipt. A releasing shipper may request a later posting time for posting of such offer, and the capacity release service facilitator should support such request insofar as it comports



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with the standard Capacity Release timeline specified in GISB Standard No. 5.3.2.

It was agreed that there were no issues identified within proposed revised Standard 5.3.24.

Business Practices Subcommittee, August 8-9, 2000:

GISB Standard 5.3.6 and 5.3.7

- *The issue identified was whether an intraday release can be recalled.*

The sense of the room was upon the review of GISB Standards 5.3.6 and 5.3.7 no changes are required. Specifically, there is no need to eliminate the prohibition on partial day recalls. There was no objection.



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Business Practices Subcommittee, August 15, 2000:

Mr. Love made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Aschbrenner:

Motion:

No action is required on OFOs relative to Order 637 as existing GISB standards effectively accommodate the provision of timely information, through critical notice postings and email, that will enable shippers to minimize the adverse impacts of an OFO.

Discussion:

Mr. Love discussed that existing GISB Standard Nos. 4.3.28, 4.3.29, 5.3.34 - 5.3.40 sufficiently address the handling of OFOs.

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	0	0	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	2	2	0	0
Producers	0	0	0	0
Pipelines	7	2	0	0
Totals	9	4	0	0

Motion passes unanimously



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7.	8	Accommodate 3rd party balancing services interaction with TSPs.	No action suggested. See attached supporting documentation. See also BPS Minutes for 8/15.

Business Practices Subcommittee, August 15, 2000:

Mr. Whatley made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Payne:

Motion:

No further action is required to accommodate third party balancing services interaction with TSPs as existing and proposed GISB standards adequately address the inclusion of agents in related data sets.

Discussion:

The current work completed by the Expedited Data Development Subcommittee with regard to the imbalance trading and netting data sets has already addressed third party balancing services. Additionally, nominations and flowing gas data sets already have provisions for agency.

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	0	0	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	2	2	0	0
Producers	0	0	0	0
Pipelines	9	2	0	0
Totals	11	4	0	0

Motion passes unanimously



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10.	9	Review and establish a timeline for posting.	No action suggested. See attached supporting documentation. See also BPS Minutes for 8/15.

Business Practices Subcommittee, August 15, 2000:

Mr. Whatley made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Love:

motion:

No further action is required to establish a timeline for the posting of transactional data, since FERC Order 637-A clarified "contemporaneously" (from FERC Order 637) to mean "no later than the first nomination under a transaction."

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	0	0	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	2	2	0	0
Producers	0	0	0	0
Pipelines	9	2	0	0
Totals	11	4	0	0

Motion passes unanimously

RECOMMENDATION TO GISB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

BPS Order 637 Priority Action Item 3 (Priority 1)

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

- 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

Per Recommendation:

- Initiation
- Modification
- Interpretation
- Withdrawal

- Principle (x.1.z)
- Definition (x.2.z)
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3. RECOMMENDATION

SUMMARY: Modify GISB Standard No. 5.3.22.

STANDARDS LANGUAGE:

Proposed revision to GISB Standard No. 4.3.16:

~~For less than maximum rate transactions only, c~~Converting a daily rate to a monthly rate is accomplished by multiplying the daily rate times the number of days in the rate period, dividing the result by the number of months in the rate period, ~~and~~ taking the remainder out to 5 decimals places, and rounding up or down to the transporter’s specified decimal place.

Converting a monthly rate to a daily rate is accomplished by multiplying the monthly rate by the number of months in the rate period, dividing the result by the number of days in the rate period, ~~and~~ taking the remainder out to 5 decimals places, and rounding up or down to the transporter’s specified decimal place.



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

NOTE: Data dictionaries recommendations were sent to IR. See the supporting documentation below. IR discussed the suggested changes to the data dictionaries and made additional modifications at their August 22-23, 2000 meeting. These modifications will be presented to the EC with the “fully staffed” recommendation.

INSTRUCTIONS TO INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS:

Instruct Information Requirements Subcommittee to develop appropriate Validation Codes and descriptions for the Capacity Release Quick Response data sets to address the removal of the maximum rate cap criteria for certain releases.

Instruct Information Requirements to accommodate the business practice of allowing the releaser to specify a minimum rate even when that minimum rate is above the maximum tariff rate, as allowed pursuant to Order 637. IR should note in the Executive Summary of the Capacity Release Related Standards book that this business practice may expire at the end of the time period specified by FERC (September 30, 2002). The releaser may choose to specify such minimum rate as disclosed or undisclosed.

4. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

a. Description of Request:

Change data sets to accommodate rates in excess of TSP’s max rate. (Affects GISB Standard Nos. 5.4.1, 5.4.2, 5.4.7, 5.4.8, 5.4.9).

b. Description of Recommendation:

Business Practices Subcommittee, June 26, 2000

Each of the Capacity Release standards, interpretations, and data elements were reviewed one by one. The following results were recorded. Mr. Young motioned and Mr. Keisler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Modify the standards as follows:

5.3.22 ~~For less than maximum rate transactions only, c~~Converting a daily rate to a monthly rate is accomplished by multiplying the daily rate times the number of days in the rate period, dividing the result by the number of months in the rate period, ~~and~~-taking the remainder out to 5 decimal~~s~~ places, and rounding up or down to the transporter’s specified decimal place.

Converting a monthly rate to a daily rate is accomplished by multiplying the monthly rate by the number of months in the rate period~~s~~, dividing the result by the number of days in the rate period, ~~and~~-taking the remainder out to 5 decimal~~s~~ places, and rounding up or down to the transporter’s specified decimal place.

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Modify the data dictionaries as follows:

In Capacity Release data set 5.4.1 Offer Download, modify the data element Maximum Rate as follows:

Offer Download, 5.4.1

Business Name	Definition	Usage	Condition
Maximum <i>Tariff</i> Rate	The maximum tariff rate allowed for the Rate Identification Code specified.	SO	

In data sets 5.4.3 Award Download, 5.4.7 Offer Upload, 5.4.9 Offer Upload Notification, modify the data element Maximum Rate as follows:

Award Download, 5.4.3

Business Name	Definition	Usage	Condition
Maximum <i>Tariff</i> Rate	The maximum tariff rate allowed for the Rate Identification Code or Surcharge Identification Code specified.	M	

Offer Upload 5.4.7

Business Name	Definition	Usage	Condition
Maximum <i>Tariff</i> Rate	The maximum tariff rate allowed for the Rate Identification Code or Surcharge Identification Code specified.	BC	

Offer Upload Notification 5.4.9

Business Name	Definition	Usage	Condition
Maximum <i>Tariff</i> Rate	The maximum tariff rate allowed for the Rate Identification Code or Surcharge Identification Code specified.	C	Mandatory when present and processed in the original Offer Upload or when this document is sent by the transportation service provider.

In the data set 5.4.3 Award Download, modify the data element Award Percentage of Maximum Rate as follows:

Award Download, 5.4.3

Business Name	Definition	Usage	Condition
Award Percentage of Maximum <i>Tariff</i> Rate	The percentage of maximum tariff rate per unit of the Rate Identification Code or Surcharge Identification Code specified.	C	Mandatory when the Bidder Designation of Bidding Basis is 'percentage of maximum tariff rate'.

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In the data sets 5.4.1 Offer Download and 5.4.7 Offer Upload, modify the code value descriptions for the data element Lesser Rate Indicator as follows:

Document Name and No.: Offer Download 5.4.1, Offer Upload 5.4.7

Data Element: Lesser Rate Indicator

Code Value Description	Code Value Definition	Code Value
Releasing shipper will accept bids for less than the maximum <i>tariff</i> rate.		Y
Releasing shipper will not accept bids for less than the maximum <i>tariff</i> rate.		N

In the data sets 5.4.1 Offer Download and 5.4.7 Offer Upload, modify the data element Minimum Acceptable Percentage of Maximum Rate as follows:

Offer Download 5.4.1, Offer Upload 5.4.7

Business Name	Definition	Usage	Condition
Minimum Acceptable Percentage of Maximum <i>Tariff</i> Rate	The minimum acceptable percentage of <i>the</i> maximum <i>tariff</i> rate per unit of the rate form specified that the releasing shipper will entertain.	C	Mandatory when the Lesser Rate Indicator is 'y', and the Releaser Designation of Acceptable Bidding Basis is 'absolute dollars and cents per unit basis' or 'either'.

In the data sets 5.4.2 Bid Download, 5.4.7 Offer Upload, and 5.4.9 Offer Upload Notification, modify the data element Percentage of Maximum Rate Bid as follows:

Bid Download, 5.4.2, Offer Upload 5.4.7, Offer Upload Notification 5.4.9

Business Name	Definition	Usage	Condition
Percentage of Maximum <i>Tariff</i> Rate Bid	The percentage of <i>the</i> maximum <i>tariff</i> rate bid per the Rate Identification Code or Surcharge Identification Code specified.	C	Mandatory when the Bidder Designation of Bidding Basis is 'percentage of maximum tariff rate'.

Instructions to IR:

Instruct Information Requirements Subcommittee to develop appropriate Validation Codes and descriptions for the Capacity Release Quick Response data sets to address the removal of the maximum rate cap criteria for certain releases.

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End Users	1	1	0	0
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Services	2	2	0	0
Producers	0	0	0	0
Pipelines	9	2	0	0
Totals	12	5	0	0

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(Note: balanced vote taken from conference call voting record in minutes)

Business Practices Subcommittee, July 13, 2000

Discussion:

This agenda item was originally discussed via conference call on June 26, 2000 (see the meeting minutes for details). It was added to this meeting agenda because it was felt by some that the usage of the Minimum Rate Indicator or the code values of the Lesser Rate Indicator in the Offer Upload and Offer Download should be evaluated based on the elimination of the maximum rate in Order 637.

Denise Breeden from El Paso Energy explained how the data is currently used in the Offer Upload and Download. The Lesser Rate Indicator has three code values:

- Y – releaser will accept bids for less than max tariff rate (disclosed)
- U – releaser will accept bids for less than max tariff rate (undisclosed)
- No – releaser will not accept bids for less than maximum tariff rate

The Minimum Acceptable Rate and Minimum Acceptable Percentage of Maximum Rate is then mandatory in the Offer Upload when the Lesser Rate Indicator is Y or U.

There needs to be a way to specify the minimum rate the releaser will accept when the minimum is above maximum tariff rate.

There was discussion that there may not still be a need for the data element Lesser Rate Indicator. This could be accomplished by placing the minimum rate in the minimum rate field and having an indicator that tells whether the rate is disclosed or undisclosed.

There was discussion as to whether the minimum rate should be required to be disclosed when it is above maximum tariff rate.

Should we have language in the instructions to IR to limit the time period for the implementation to what was specified in the Order? We could asterisk the business standard to say that the business practice should be reviewed at the end of the FERC specified time period.

Motion:

Instruct Information Requirements to accommodate the business practice of allowing the releaser to specify a minimum rate even when that minimum rate is above the maximum tariff rate, as allowed pursuant to Order 637. IR should note in the Executive Summary of the Capacity Release Related Standards book that this business practice may expire at the end of the time period specified by FERC (September 30, 2002). The releaser may choose to specify such minimum rate as disclosed or undisclosed.

Motion by Theresa Hess, seconded Joe Kardas

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End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	1	1	0	0
Producers	0	0	0	0
Pipelines	14	2	0	0
Totals	16	4	0	0

Motion passes



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c. Business Purpose:

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

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BPS Order 637 Priority Action Item 8 (Priority 3)

1. Recommended Action:

- Accept as requested
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- Decline

Effect of EC Vote to Accept Recommended Action:

- Change to Existing Practice
- Status Quo

2. TYPE OF MAINTENANCE

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3. RECOMMENDATION

SUMMARY: Add new GISB Standard No. X.3.1.

STANDARDS LANGUAGE:

Proposed GISB Standard No. X.3.1:

With respect to reporting of firm service, Transportation Service Providers should communicate the Rate Charged, Maximum Tariff Rate, quantity(ies), and location information to identify the pertinent terms & conditions of the contract. In addition, these characterizations should be specified as to reservation and usage (or a blended rate, if applicable), and surcharge(s) (where such surcharge(s) are not otherwise included within specified reservation, usage or blended rate(s)). To the extent there are different such rates associated with different quantities or time periods, the quantities and time periods to which the distinct rates apply should also be identified. Where a rate is applicable only with respect to the entire contract for a quantity and time period it should be reported as a contract level rate.

INSTRUCTIONS TO INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) BPS instructs IR to provide clarity in the implementation guide that the data element, Service Requester Contract, identifies the contract issued by the Transportation Service Provider to the contract holder.



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- 2) BPS instructs IR to provide clarity in the implementation guide that when an effective rate can not be described/reported at reporting time using the data elements contained in the data set, it should be communicated in an associated Special Terms & Miscellaneous Notes.
- 3) BPS instructs IR to accommodate Contract Begin Date and Time as the date and time service can first be requested under the contract; and to accommodate Contract End Date and Time as the last date and time that service can be provided without regard to any evergreen or rollover provision(s). IR should also provide clarity that the specifics with respect to evergreen or rollover, if any, would be contained in the Index of Customers.
- 4) BPS instructs IR to accommodate communication of the existence or lack of an affiliate relationship between the contract holder and the transportation service provider.
- 5) BPS instructs IR to provide clarity in the implementation guide that for each separate Rate Charged for a contract or for a time period within a contract, the rate should be reported at a level that reflects the contractual agreement. The reporting level for a rate may be at one or more levels, such as:
 - contract,
 - storage capacity(ies),
 - receipt(s),
 - delivery(ies),
 - receipt(s) to delivery(ies),
 - injection(s),
 - withdrawal(s).
- 6) BPS instructs IR to accommodate the Rate Charged and Maximum Tariff Rate in a manner consistent with the accommodation of rates and surcharges in the Capacity Release data sets.
- 7) Instruct IR to accommodate the receipt and/or delivery points, zones and/or segments in a manner consistent with the accommodation of receipt and/or delivery points, zones and/or segments in the Capacity Release data sets.
- 8) BPS instructs IR to utilize Contract Holder Data as developed by EDD.
- 9) BPS instructs IR to utilize the definition of Award Rate as a basis for developing the definition for the Rate Charged if there is not a current GISB data element that would apply.
- 10) BPS instructs IR to accommodate the reporting of Contract Quantity to reflect:
 - the maximum daily contract quantity for a firm transportation service contract and
 - the maximum storage quantity for a firm storage service contract.
- 11) BPS instructs IR to accommodate the indication of whether the contract is a negotiated rate contract.
- 12) [Intentionally omitted]
- 13) BPS instructs IR to provide clarity in the implementation guide that the date element, Releaser Contract Number, identifies the contract issued by the Transportation Service Provider to the releasing shipper.
- 14) BPS instructs IR to accommodate communication of the existence or lack of an affiliate relationship between the contract holder and the releasing shipper for capacity release reporting only.



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- 15) BPS instructs IR to accommodate the indication that the pipeline is the seller of transportation capacity for reporting of firm service.
- 16) BPS instructs IR to accommodate the reporting of interruptible quantity for the reporting of interruptible services as the quantity that the Service Requester is entitled to nominate.
- 17) BPS instructs IR to utilize the “Combined Table for Firm and Interruptible Services and Capacity Release” as a basis for the development of the reporting of firm service, interruptible service, and capacity release.

4. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

a. Description of Request:

Review award data set codes and structure for firm and interruptible transportation (FT and IT) reporting. (Affects GISB Standard No. 5.4.3.)

b. Description of Recommendation:

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Review of Order No. 637 Action Item BPS Priority 3 and 4 for discussion and possible vote:

- 3 - Review award data set codes and structure for firm and interruptible transportation (FT and IT) reporting. (Affects GISB Standard No. 5.4.3.)
- 4 - Accommodate visual display web pages for FT and IT reporting.

Mr. Lander gave a quick review of the applicable portion of the FERC Order 637. Greg provided a redlined draft data dictionary (GISB STD 5.4.3) as a work paper to begin the discussion. He explained that using the same mappings limited the number of changes to the awards data set and provided the same information that is currently provided on Capacity Release.

Discussion on the best route to achieve the desired results followed. One point agreed to by the participants is that there are three types of contracts to report, FT, FT Released and IT.

Question: Should there even be a new data set created? Can the reporting of FT and IT transactions be handled with the Informational Posting on Pipeline Web Sites?

Discussion: The Order states, “To assure parity of the transactional information...in the same format”. One opinion expressed was that this instructs the group to develop a data set.

NOTE: In the discussions that follow Data Set = Award Download Data Set.

Question: What should transactional reporting be?

Discussion continued on what Order 637 is directing the pipelines to do. Various opinions surfaced on what the phrase “same format” means and what data must be provided. A proposal was made to start from scratch due to the differences in contracting practices of the pipelines handling rate design, discounting and segmentation practices.

One of the requirements of Order 637 is to report the contract number. Various proposals for dealing with this were discussed. One proposal was to change the Award Number data element to Contract Number in the Award

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Download dataset. Questions surfaced on what business practices would be affected by this change and what other data sets used this data element.

A second proposal was made to add Contract Number as a new mandatory data element to Std 5.4.3. Various solutions and problems were reviewed.

Mr. Lander made the following motion, seconded by Ms. Phillips:

Motion:

- Add 'Award Contract Number', definition (below) and usage (below) to the Award Download GISB Std 5.4.3
- Definition: "A unique identifier within each transportation service provider identifying the contract that will be used in the nomination, flowing gas, and invoicing processes for the awarded capacity.
 - Usage: Mandatory.

Discussion:

Some questioned if there was a need for adding a new data element when there is a current GISB data element, *Service Requester Contract Number*. Concerns were expressed on the different information and use of *contract number* and *service requestor contract number* in the various GISB data sets.

A concern was raised that a business practice should not be included in the definition. This resulted in modifications to the motion and definition.

Modified motion:

Add the data element Award Contract Number, existing definition (below) and usage (below) to the Award Download GISB Std 5.4.3.

- Definition: A unique identifier within each transportation service provider identifying the contract for the awarded capacity.
- Usage: Mandatory

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	3	2	0	0
Producers	1	1	0	0
Pipelines	15	2	0	0
Totals	20	6	0	0

The motion passed unanimously on a balanced vote.

Greg Lander made the following motion, seconded by Ms. Phillips:

Motion:

Add the existing data element Releaser Contract Number to the Award Download GISB Std 5.4.3 with the existing definition (see below) and usage (below).

- Definition: The identifier used by the transportation service provider for the contract from which the releaser's capacity was released.
- Usage: Mandatory

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Discussion:

It was observed that the Releaser Contract Number data element already existed with its own definition. The definition was reviewed and determined to be appropriate for this data set as well. Greg and Joyce accepted the amendment to the motion.

Modified Motion:

Add the existing data element Releaser Contract Number to the Award Download GISB Std 5.4.3 with the existing definition (see below) and usage (below).

- Definition: A unique identifier assigned by each transportation service provider identifying the contract (applicable to the offer) between the transportation service provider and the releasing shipper.
- Usage: Mandatory

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	3	2	0	0
Producers	1	1	0	0
Pipelines	15	2	0	0
Totals	20	6	0	0

The Modified Motion passed unanimously on a balanced vote.

Mr. Lander made the following motion, seconded by Ms. Phillips:

Motion:

Add the data element “Added to Master Contract Indicator” to the Award Download GISB Std 5.4.3 with definition (below) and usage (below)

- Definition: An indicator that identifies whether the identified capacity has been added to a pre-existing master contract identified by the Award Contract Number.
- Usage: Mandatory

Discussion:

Concerns were expressed and the question was asked; “Should the usage of this data element be mandatory when all TSPs are not using master contracts?” Discussion included the available GISB usage codes and which, if any would be applicable to this data element. Ideas of how this proposed data element could be used were expressed.

Concerns were also raised as to whether the need for this data element was within the scope of this meeting, as this was not information that was specifically identified in §284.13 of the Commission’s Order 637. Some believed the scope of the meeting was to only provide the itemized information contained in §284.13 while others felt it was to determine what information is needed to report FT and IT and Capacity Release contract information. There was support for both positions.

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	3	2	0	0
Producers	1	1	0	0
Pipelines	4	.89	5	1.11
Totals	9	4.89	5	1.11

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The motion passed unanimously on a balanced vote.

It was next determined that for the reporting of capacity release contracts, no other changes needed to be made to the Award Download data set. At this point, the topic changed to Firm Transportation (FT) reporting. Various ideas were offered on how to proceed, such as whether to determine what would need to be modified in the award data set or start with Order 637 requirements and a blank sheet of paper. The consensus was to start with a clean sheet of paper. The process would be to:

- agree on data elements, definition, and usages,
- determine which data elements had issues and put them on a 'parking lot' list to be discussed later; and,
- agree that the data element grouping(s) can be determined by the Information Requirement Subcommittee.

BPS will not be creating the look and feel, only the data elements

NOTE: The following reflects the discussions on specific data elements. Each is shown in the order in which they appear in the table following this discussion section and not necessarily in the order in which they were discussed. The table below reflects the data elements, issues and specific instructions to IR that were discussed at this meeting.

Service Requester Info:

Contract Holder Data: the party executing contract with TSP. This includes the name and the identifier of the service requester.

Contract Info:

Contract Maximum Daily Quantity: Review of different types of contract quantities that are in use.

Roll Over Indicator: added to the parking lot to be revisited

Rates Info:

Rate Charged under each contract: - usage, reservation, surcharges

Negotiated Rate Indicator: added to the parking lot to be revisited. This information is already provided in the Index of Customers.

Max Tariff Rate under each contract: usage, reservation, surcharges

There was discussion on what information should be provided to IR on this data element. A proposal was made to instruct IR to accommodate the same rates and charges, including surcharges and indicators, for FT Reporting that are accommodated in capacity release. Ms. Corcoran pointed out that we were establishing a business practice to mimic the rates displayed in capacity release. Does this also include discounted rates? Some believed that it should. What is the parallel to Capacity Release, which does not show discounted rates? Does the instruction to IR require the same data elements, definition and usage for FT as used in Capacity Release? Most believed it did not.

Times Info:

There was a lengthy discussion on time, primary term of contract, posting time, discounting time, and others. The question came up: Are these associated? Some people thought that for a given contract and time period that there could be many locations and for a given location there could be many quantities, prices and discounts/special terms.

Location Info:

The issue was raised if this is for specific points or logical points that can be a grouping of many physical points. Should it be at point level/DRN level?

What is the requirement? Sync up with capacity release data sets or all data sets? There was not a consensus to sync up the data elements.

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Quantities Info:

What type of quantity and at what level is the quantity being reported was a question posed to start the discussion. Based on Order 637, is Primary/Secondary (Capacity Type) Associated with locations?

Special Terms and Conditions: this pertains to a pipeline contract

Information	Definition	Usage	Issues
Service Requester Data			
Contract Holder Name			IR should use the EDD definition in the imbalance trading dataset
Contract Holder Identifier			
TSP Data			
Transportation Service Provider Identifier			
Transportation Service Provider Name			
Contracts			
Contract Number			
Contract Maximum Quantities	The quantities that are specified at the contract level		Instruct IR to accommodate annual contract quantities, daily quantities for the contract term at the contract level, and the different types of contract quantities
Contract Rollover Indicator			To be revisited
Rates			Instruct IR to accommodate the same rates and charges including surcharges and indicators (as appropriate) for FT Reporting as are accommodated for the Capacity Release data sets.
Rates Charged			
Maximum Tariff Rate			
Negotiated Rate Indicator			To be revisited
Times			
Contract Effective Date Time			
Contract Effective thru Date Time			

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Transaction Effective Date Time			A transaction that is for a specified time range where the price, quantity, location(s) and special terms respectively are unchanged.
Transaction Effective thru Date Time			A transaction that is for a specified time range where the price, quantity, location(s) and special terms respectively are unchanged
Posting Date Time			
Locations			Instruct IR to accommodate the same indicators and qualifiers (as appropriate) for the locations as are accommodated in the Capacity Release data sets.
Gas Transaction Point 1			
Gas Transaction Point 2			
Gas Transaction Point 1 Zone			
Gas Transaction Point 2 Zone			
Capacity Type Indicator			Instruct IR to accommodate the indication of whether the location capacity is primary or secondary (see capacity type indicator). Do this in a manner that is permissive of identifying whether it is primary /secondary versus a requirement that secondary be provided
Quantities			Instruct IR to accommodate the same quantity related indicators and qualifiers as are accommodated in the Capacity Release data sets.
Storage related Qty's			
Transportation Related Qty's			
Special Terms			
Special Terms and Conditions			
Affiliates			
Affiliate relationship			

At this point of the development of the list of data elements, the issue was re-raised on the level of detail appropriate for this discussion. The pipeline segment voiced continued concern with the level of drill down occurring in today's meeting, stating that it was not necessary to duplicate the capacity release data sets for firm and interruptible

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transportation reporting. The number 1 issue for the pipelines was the visual display that they will be implementing on September 1, 2000. Further, are there any standard abbreviations? IR will be responsible for the development of the abbreviations. Data Elements, grouping and standard abbreviations should only include the 8 or 9 elements listed in Order 637 under revised Section 284.13.

Greg Lander made the motion: Accept the preliminary list of data elements and placeholders, return next meeting to address usages. Move next to navigation summary and abbreviation/grouping issues. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn

It was agreed to stop work on the list of data elements at this point, with the understanding that we would start the next meeting by returning to it.

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Discussion began with the question of timing for postings.

Mr. Lander reviewed discussion from July 7, 2000 meeting.

Mr. Scheel asked if GISB should undertake the development of standards related to when the information should be posted. There was no consensus on this issue.

There was general agreement that contracts be posted no later than nomination time or contemporaneous with first nomination. Mr. Love raised the issue that it may not be possible to post information on discounts for IT because the information is not available until the transaction is processed. Mr. Lander asked if it helped to clarify the distinction that FT is reported based on contract information and IT is reported based on scheduled quantities? Mr. Bass asserted that when defining customer rights, IT doesn't have rights until scheduled. Ms. Hopkins agreed, stating that IT isn't known until scheduled quantities are available, but that is later than the Order requires.

Ms. Hopkins requested the timeline be parked for now and the group move on to the data sets.

Mr. Young suggested the data set discussion start with the requirements from the Order and provided the following table as a work paper.

FIRM SERVICE

The following information is required pursuant to Orders 637 and 637A.

Ref No.	Regulation / Requirement per Order*	Dataset Names	Definition(s)
	*Unless otherwise specified these requirements are from Order 637 @ referenced page.		
1	The full legal name of the shipper, and identification number, of the shipper receiving service under the contract and the full legal name, and identification number, of the releasing shipper if a capacity release is involved or an indication that the pipeline is the seller of transportation capacity. (253)	Contract Holder Contract Holder Name	
2	The contract number of the shipper receiving service under the contract, and, in addition, for released transactions, the contract number of the releasing shipper's contract. (253)	Service Requester Contract	This is the contract under which service is provided. (Recommendation to IR)
3	Rate charged under each contract. (253)		
4	The maximum rate, and for capacity release transactions not subject to		

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	a maximum rate, the maximum rate that would be applicable to a comparable sale of pipeline services. (253)		
5	The duration of the contract. (253)	K Begin D/T K Ending D/T Rollover Indicator	
6	The receipt and delivery points and zones or segments covered by the contract, including the industry common code for each point, zone, or segment. (253).		
7	Contract quantity or volumetric quantity under a volumetric release. (253)		
8	Special terms and conditions applicable to a capacity release and special details pertaining to a pipeline transportation contract. (253) Revised by 637A - Special terms and conditions applicable to a capacity release transaction, including all aspects in which the contract deviates from the pipeline's tariff, and special details pertaining to a pipeline transportation contract, including whether the contract is a negotiated rate contract, conditions applicable to a discounted transportation contract and all aspect in which the contract deviates from the pipeline's tariff. (275 of 637A)	Special Terms and Misc. Notes	
9	Whether there is an affiliate relationship between the pipeline and the shipper or between the releasing and replacement shipper. (253)	Affiliate Indicator	
10	TSP	Transportation Service Provider (DUNS)	

INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE

The following information is required pursuant to Orders 637 and 637A.

Ref No.	Regulation / Requirement per Order*			
	*Unless otherwise specified these requirements are from Order 637 @ referenced page.			
1	The full legal name, and identification number, of the shipper receiving service (254)			
2	Rate charged (254)			
3	The maximum rate (254)			
4	The receipt and delivery points and zones or segments covered by the contract over which the shipper is entitled to transport gas, including the industry common code for each point, zone, or segment (254). The receipt and delivery points covered between which the shipper is entitled to transport gas at the rate charged, including the industry common code for each point, zone, or segment. (275 of 637A)			
5	The quantity of gas the shipper is entitled to transport (254)			
6	Special details pertaining to the contract (254) Special details pertaining to the agreement, including conditions applicable to discounted transportation contract and all aspects in which the			

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	agreement deviates from the pipeline's tariff. (276 of Order 637A)			
7	Whether the shipper is affiliated with the pipeline (253)			

Data Element/Field discussion: (note: the data elements identified are in italics)

1) Full legal name & ID of shipper receiving service under contract

Contract Holder

Contract Holder Name

2) Contract number, lengthy discussion occurred on what the appropriate data element name should be

Contract Number or Service Requester Contract

Service requestor Contract definition was discussed and the merits of changing it evaluated. Ms. Davis pointed out that before the definition for Service Requester is modified, all data sets should be reviewed for the impact of this change. Ms. Munson and Ms. Hess expressed opposition to changing the definition. The current definition works in the data sets and the change does not justify the effort required to change all places where Service Requester Contract is used. Mr. Lander put forward the suggestion that this be a recommendation to Information Requirements to review the existing definition and usage, determine if the definition should be changed or not.

Motion made by Mr. Lander and seconded by Ms. Phillips:

The data element Service Requester Contract with the recommended definition; "This is the contract under which service is provided. Motion withdrawn and replaced with the following instruction to IR (#1).

- BPS instructs IR to provide clarity in the implementation guide that the data element, Service Requestor Contract, identifies the contract issued by the Transportation Service Provider to the contract holder.

2.a.) *Contract type negotiated Y/N*

3.) Rate for each Contract

You have many combinations of receipt point, delivery point, and quantity relationships to determine rates. (Price for a receipt, price for a delivery, price for a receipt/delivery) There is also a distinction between reservation and usage and prices tied to quantity commitments.

Effective Rate, Rate Form Type Code, Reservation Rate Basis

4) Max Tariff Rate

Maximum Tariff Rate, Rate Form Type Code, Reservation Rate Basis, Reservation, Usage, Surcharge

Rates can be a result of the relationship between 4) Max tariff Rate, 6) Rec Pt/Del Pt (zones or segments) and 7) Contract Quantity/Volumetric Quantity.

Discussion on what needs to be reports and where circled the room. There was not consensus on what is required.

Motion made by Mr. Lander and seconded by Ms. Phillips to add the following standard (X.3.1) (as modified during the discussion):

With respect to reporting of firm service, Transportation Service Providers should communicate the Effective Rate, Maximum Tariff Rate, quantity(ies), Location Data, location zone and/or segment (where zone and/or segment are applicable) information to characterize the following, where applicable:

- receipt(s) under a contract,
- delivery(ies) under a contract,
- receipt(s) to delivery(ies) under a contract,
- injection(s) under a contract,
- withdrawal(s) under a contract, and
- storage capacity(ies) under a contract.

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In addition, these characterizations should be specified as to reservation, usage, and surcharge(s) (where such surcharge(s) are not otherwise included within specified reservation or usage rate(s)). To the extent there are different such rates associated with different quantities or time periods, the quantities and time periods to which the distinct rates apply should also be identified. Where a rate is applicable only with respect to the entire contract for a quantity and time period it should be reported as a contract level rate.

Discussion on motion:

Mr. Young and Ms. Sikora felt that this exceeds the information required by the Order. Mr. Lander replied that this information is necessary in order to provide useful information. Mr. Young stated, the FERC didn't ask for "useful information," in regards to rates, it asked for rate charged. Ms. Sikora asked how this information would be implemented. Mr. Lander gave an explanation of how it could be implemented.

Ms. Munson proposed the following replacement standard to the motion makers:

For each separate effective rate for a contract or for a time period within a contract, the rate should be reported at a level that reflects its impact. Each rate may be inclusive of one or more charges, or may be broken into its components (surcharges, reservation, usage). The reporting level for a rate may be at one or more of the following levels:

- contract,
- storage capacity(ies),
- receipt(s),
- delivery(ies),
- receipt(s) to delivery(ies),
- injection(s),
- withdrawal(s).

The concerns expressed during discussion of the motion and the proposed amendment focused on implementation and the clarity needed in the standards to achieve the desired reporting levels and not to add redundant information. Mr. Lander and Ms. Phillips declined the proposed amendment.

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	4	1.33	2	.67
Producers	1	1	0	0
Pipelines	0	0	12	2
Totals	6	3.33	14	2.67

Motion passes.

BPS instruction to IR (#2) as modified during the discussion:

- When an effective rate can not be fully described/reported at reporting time using the data elements contained in the data set, it should be communicated in an associated Special Terms & Miscellaneous Notes.
- Ms. Munson's amendment should be sent to IR as explanation for TIBP

Mr. Scheel expressed concerns that "fully described" is ambiguous and this instruction does not accommodate formula rates. If the data elements can not express the rate then it should be reported in the Special Terms &

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Miscellaneous Notes. Instruction was modified.5) Duration of Contract (contract effective date/time, contract through date/time)

Contract Effective Date & Time

Contract Through Date & Time

Contract Effective Through Date & Time

Contract Begin Date & Time

Contract End Date & Time

The issue of evergreen contracts and how they should be handled was raised. One suggestion was to use the contract primary term and footnote the rollover. There was opposition to the use of rollover, which has a defined meaning. An objection was also made to the use of end date. Ms. Barnett suggested the treatment used in Index of Firm Customers. Ms. Davis suggested that a rollover indicator be used. Mr. Lander pointed out that there are unlimited conditions/periods for rollover. Ms. Davis clarified that the rollover indicator as she saw it would be yes or no. Mr. Lander asserted that the Order requests duration and therefore the terms were needed. Mr. Love pointed out that the issue of contracts with rollovers should be dealt with, but that is in the Index of Customers and is not sure that rollover belongs in this data set. Mr. Scheel suggested that the definition of Contract End Date & Time include “without regard to any rollover provisions.”

- **BPS instructs IR (#3)** to accommodate Contract Begin Date and Time as the date and time service can first be requested under the contract; and to accommodate Contract End Date and Time as the last date and time that service can be provided without regard to any evergreen or rollover provision(s). IR should also provide clarity that the specifics with respect to evergreen or rollover, if any, would be contained in the Index of Customers.

6) Receipt point/Delivery point (zones or segments)

7) Contract quantity/volumetric quantity

A) Quantity-Contract

B) Quantity-Location C) Rate Form/Type Code

D) ~~Quantity type~~ Reservation Rate Basis

_____ per day

Contract quantity: A CD

Contract quantity: B CD

8) Special Terms & Conditions (page 275 of order 637A)

Special Terms and Miscellaneous Notes

Use existing definition and field which is free form text.

9) Affiliate relationship Pipeline & Shipper

Affiliate Indicator represents whether or not there is an affiliation between the contract holder and the transportation service provider.

A suggestion was made to change the name and definition of Bidder Affiliate Indicator and use that with its current code values used for EBB implementation.

- **BPS instructs IR (#4)** to accommodate communication of the existence or lack of an affiliate relationship between the contract holder and the transportation service provider.

It was noted that this was already implemented for released capacity.

10) Transportation Service Provider, use existing definition.

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Ms. Hess made a **motion**, seconded by Mr. Griffith, to amend the proposed standard (X.3.1) as voted on July 25, 2000 as follows.

Standard X.3.1

With respect to reporting of firm service, Transportation Service Providers should communicate the Effective Rate, Maximum Tariff Rate, quantity(ies), Location Data, location zone and/or segment (where zone and/or segment are applicable) information to characterize the following, where applicable:

- receipt(s) under a contract,
- delivery(ies) under a contract,
- receipt(s) to delivery(ies) under a contract,
- injection(s) under a contract,
- withdrawal(s) under a contract, and
- storage capacity(ies) under a contract.

In addition, these characterizations should be specified as to reservation and usage (or a blended rate, if applicable), and surcharge(s) (where such surcharge(s) are not otherwise included within specified reservation, usage or blended rate(s)). To the extent there are different such rates associated with different quantities or time periods, the quantities and time periods to which the distinct rates apply should also be identified. Where a rate is applicable only with respect to the entire contract for a quantity and time period it should be reported as a contract level rate.

Discussion on the above motion. Members of the group felt that the proposed standard [X.3.1] from the July 25, 2000 meeting did not allow for the display of blended rates. Blended rates were described as a combination of reservation and usage.

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	0	0	1	1
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	4	2	0	0
Producers	0	0	1	1
Pipelines	14	2	0	0
Totals	18	4	2	2

Motion passes

Mr. Love made a **motion**, second by Mr. Griffith, to further amend the proposed standard (X.3.1). **Standard (X.3.1)**

With respect to reporting of firm service, Transportation Service Providers should communicate the Effective Rate, Maximum Tariff Rate, quantity(ies), Location Data, location zone and/or segment (where zone and/or segment are applicable) information to identify the pertinent terms & conditions of the contract.

- ~~receipt(s) under a contract,~~
- ~~delivery(ies) under a contract,~~
- ~~receipt(s) to delivery(ies) under a contract,~~
- ~~injection(s) under a contract,~~
- ~~withdrawal(s) under a contract, and~~
- ~~storage capacity(ies) under a contract.~~

In addition, these characterizations should be specified as to reservation and usage (or a blended rate, if applicable), and surcharge(s) (where such surcharge(s) are not otherwise included within specified reservation, usage or blended rate(s)). To the extent there are different such rates associated with different quantities or time periods, the quantities and time periods to which the distinct rates apply should also be identified. Where a rate is applicable only with respect to the entire contract for a quantity and time period it should be reported as a contract level rate.

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Discussion of motion: The participants felt that the extra language needs to be deleted as proposed in this motion, otherwise it added confusion to the standard.

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	4	2	0	0
Producers	0	0	1	1
Pipelines	15	2	0	0
Totals	20	5	1	1

Motion passes

Mr. Love made a **motion**, second by Ms. Hess, to send the following **instruction (#5) to Information Requirements** along with the four instructions from July 25, 2000 meeting:

- BPS instructs IR to provide clarity in the implementation guide that for each separate effective rate for a contract or for a time period within a contract, the rate should be reported at a level that reflects the contractual agreement. The reporting level for a rate may be at one or more levels, such as:
 - contract,
 - storage capacity(ies),
 - receipt(s),
 - delivery(ies),
 - receipt(s) to delivery(ies),
 - injection(s),
 - withdrawal(s).

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	4	2	0	0
Producers	1	1	0	0
Pipelines	13	2	0	0
Totals	19	6	0	0

Motion passes

Review of data elements proposed on July 25, 2000 and discussion of outstanding issues.

Firm Posting Requirements from Order 637	Proposed Data Elements to communicate the posting requirements.	Notes and/or instructions to Information Requirements
Full legal name & id of shipper receiving service under contract	Contract Holder Contract Holder Name	See IR instruction #8
Contract number	Service Requester Contract	See IR instruction #1. (Contract Type Negotiated y/n, on hold for later discussion)
Rate for each contract	Effective Rate Charged, Rate Form Type Code, Reservation Rate Basis, Rate Identification Code, Surcharge	See IR instruction #6.

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	<u>Identification Code</u>	
Maximum Rate	Maximum Tariff Rate, Rate/Form Type Code, Reservation Rate Basis, Rate Identification Code, Surcharge Identification Code	See IR instruction #6
Duration of Contract	Contract Begin Date & Time Contract End Date & Time	See IR instruction #3
Receipt Point/Delivery Point (Zones or Segments)	---	See IR instruction #7
Contract Quantity/Volumetric Quantity		
Special Terms & Condition	Special Terms & Miscellaneous Notes	See IR instruction #2
Affiliate relationship Pipeline & shipper	Affiliate Indicator	See IR instruction #4
TSP	Transportation Service Provider	
Posting Date/Time	Posting Date Posting Time	Refer to BPS minutes from Jan 20, 2000 for request R97110 modifications to definitions

Ms. Hess made a motion, second by Ms. Barnett, to send the following **instruction (#6) to IR**:

- Instruct IR to accommodate the Effective Rate and Maximum Tariff Rate for reporting of firm service in a manner consistent with the accommodation of rates and surcharges in the Capacity Release data sets.

Discussion of instruction: handle firm reporting of rates the same way it is reported in capacity release. (using the same data elements and codes)

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	5	2	0	0
Producers	1	1	0	0
Pipelines	12	2	0	0
Totals	19	6	0	0

Motion passes

Mr. Whatley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hess, to send the following instruction to IR (**IR instruction #7**):

- Instruct IR to accommodate the receipt and/or delivery points, zones and/or segments for reporting of firm service in a manner consistent with the accommodation of receipt and/or delivery points, zones and/or segments in the Capacity Release data sets.

Discussion on instruction:

Mr. Bass explained his position that the Capacity Release Data Sets are not currently consistent with the other data sets, such as allocations and invoicing, and there is a request moving through the GISB process on a different track. Ms. Davis expressed her belief that the Tennessee request was not in scope for this meeting. Question called.

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Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	3	2	0	0
Producers	1	1	0	0
Pipelines	10	1.82	1	.18
Totals	15	5.82	1	.18

Motion passes

The group reviewed the draft and red-lined minutes from the following meetings:

- June 30, 2000 a.m. conference call
- June 30, 2000 p.m. conference call
- July 7, 2000 face-to-face meeting
- July 13, 2000 face-to-face meeting

The minutes were adopted as modified and will be posted. The red-lined minutes for June 26, 2000 will be posted and review of the minutes will be added to the August 1 & 2, 2000 agenda.

Mr. Keisler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Davis, for BPS **instruction (#8) to IR**:

- BPS instructs IR to utilize Contract Holder Data as developed by EDD.

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	3	2	0	0
Producers	1	1	0	0
Pipelines	12	2	0	0
Totals	17	6	0	0

Motion passes

Mr. Keisler made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Bass, to adopt the following:

- **BPS instruction (#9) to IR:**
 - BPS instructs IR to utilize the definition of Award Rate as a basis for developing the definition for the Rate Charged if there is not a current GISB data element that would apply.
- **Modify proposed standard X.3.1** as follows:
 - With respect to reporting of firm service, Transportation Service Providers should communicate the ~~Effective Rate~~ **Charged**, Maximum Tariff Rate, quantity(ies), Location Data, location zone and/or segment (where zone and/or segment are applicable) information to identify the pertinent terms & conditions of the contract. In addition, these characterizations should be specified as to reservation and usage (or a blended rate, if applicable), and surcharge(s) (where such surcharge(s) are not otherwise included within specified reservation, usage or blended rate(s)). To the extent there are different such rates associated with different quantities or time periods, the quantities and time periods to which the distinct rates apply should also be identified. Where a rate is applicable only with respect to the entire contract for a quantity and time period it should be reported as a contract level rate.

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- **Modify BPS instructions #5** as follows:
 - 5) BPS instructs IR to provide clarity in the implementation guide that for each separate effective Rate Charged for a contract or for a time period within a contract, the rate should be reported at a level that reflects the contractual agreement. The reporting level for a rate may be at one or more levels, such as:
 - contract,
 - storage capacity(ies),
 - receipt(s),
 - delivery(ies),
 - receipt(s) to delivery(ies),
 - injection(s),
 - withdrawal(s).
- **Modify BPS instructions #6** as follows:
 - 6) BPS instructs IR to accommodate the Effective Rate Charged and Maximum Tariff Rate for reporting of firm service in a manner consistent with the accommodation of rates and surcharges in the Capacity Release data sets.

Discussion on motion:

Different opinions were expressed on the use of Effective Rate. One proposal was to just say rates and use a qualifier to achieve the unit rate charged as currently implemented in GISB Capacity Release data sets. A second proposal was to use unit rate as implemented in the GISB Invoicing data sets. A third proposal was to use contract rate. There was not consensus on any of these points. A fourth proposal was to use rate element instead of Effective Rate to reduce this confusion. This proposal seemed to garner the most support. Mr. Keisler and Mr. Bass agreed to modify their motion to use Rate Charged instead of Effective Rate. Some participants expressed the concern that this modification would create a need to review and possibly modify the standards and instruction passed in the July 25, 2000 meeting and earlier today.

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	5	2	0	0
Producers	0	0	1	1
Pipelines	9	2	0	0
Totals	15	5	1	1

Motion passes

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Discussion on Contract Quantity for Firm Service Reporting:

Question was asked, "in the Index of Customers, the Capacity Held is used. Will it work here?" There was not consensus that this element was equivalent to contract quantity. There seemed to be consensus that the posting requirement was for contract quantity, not for volume transported.

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Maximum Offer Quantity Contract, from the Offer Download, was reviewed for a possible definition by the participants. A suggestion was made to define the quantity as being reported as “the total transportation capacity under the specified contract.” A lengthy discussion on the use of the terms ‘transportation’ or ‘service’ occurred. The concern was to craft a definition that would apply to firm transportation and firm storage service. Mr. Aschbrenner proposed using Contract Quantity, defined as quantity of service specified under the contract. Discussion focused on terms recognized by FERC, such as in the Index of Customers, for maximum daily quantity and total capacity. Mr. Scheel requested the definition be *the total capacity held under the specified contract*.

The applicable section on the electronic format requirements from Order 637-A on Index of Customers was reviewed.

Mr. Whatley suggested the use of an indicator to specify when the quantity is contract or location. A second suggestion, by Ms. Van Pelt, was to craft an instruction to IR to handle the quantity. Mr. Scheel would like the instruction to also use the Index of Customers to clarify the information needed. Ms. Van Pelt voiced her concern that this is a FERC requirement not a GISB Standard or data set. There was a general reluctance to send a business document to an information group. The conflict was resolved by specifying the data requirements in the instruction to IR.

Ms. Davis made the following motion , second by Mr. Aschbrenner:

Motion

BPS Instruction to IR (#10):

BPS instructs IR to accommodate the reporting of Contract Quantity to reflect:

- the maximum daily contract quantity for a firm transportation service contract and
- the maximum storage quantity for a firm storage service contract.

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	5	2	0	0
Producers	1	1	0	0
Pipelines	11	2	0	0
Totals	18	6	0	0

Motion passes unanimously

Mr. Keisler made the following motion, second by Ms. Hess:

Motion

Revise proposed standard X.3.1 as follows:

- With respect to reporting of firm service, Transportation Service Providers should communicate the Rate Charged, Maximum Tariff Rate, quantity(ies), and location ~~Location Data, location zone and/or segment (where zone and/or segment are applicable)~~ information to identify the pertinent terms & conditions of the contract. In addition, these characterizations should be specified as to reservation and usage (or a blended rate, if applicable), and surcharge(s) (where such surcharge(s) are not otherwise included within specified reservation, usage or blended rate(s)). To the extent there are different such rates associated with different quantities or time periods, the quantities and time periods to which the distinct rates apply should also be identified. Where a rate is applicable only with respect to the entire contract for a quantity and time period it should be reported as a contract level rate.

Discussion on Motion: Location data should be lower case, it is not a data element

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Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	4	2	0	0
Producers	1	1	0	0
Pipelines	9	2	0	0
Totals	15	6	0	0

Motion passes unanimously

From parking lot: Should the indication regarding negotiated rates (from Section 284.13 (b)(1)(vii) of FERC’s regulations) be reflected in Special Terms or via a data element? A suggestion was made to add an indicator for negotiated rates.

Ms. Davis made the following motion, second by Ms. Hess:;

Motion

BPS Instruction to IR (#11):

- BPS instructs IR to accommodate the indication of whether the contract is a negotiated rate contract.

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	5	2	0	0
Producers	1	1	0	0
Pipelines	9	2	0	0
Totals	16	6	0	0

Motion passes unanimously

Discussion of data element usage in Firm Service Reporting versus Interruptible Service Reporting:

Mr. Young suggested at this point to move to interruptible service reporting prior to development of usage for firm service reporting. Others asserted that usage was applicable to the data and should be completed before leaving firm service reporting. Consensus was to move to interruptible service reporting and handle usage for capacity release, firm service and interruptible service after the data element development for all three was completed.

A review of the proposed data elements for firm service reporting was completed to determine which elements would be applicable for interruptible service reporting.

Ms. Hess made the following motion, second by Mr. Whatley:

Motion

Modify proposed BPS Instruction #6 to IR as follows:

- 6) BPS instructs IR to accommodate the Rate Charged and Maximum Tariff Rate **for reporting of firm service** in a manner consistent with the accommodation of rates and surcharges in the Capacity Release data sets.

No discussion on the motion.

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
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End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	4	2	0	0
Producers	1	1	0	0
Pipelines	8	2	0	0
Totals	14	6	0	0

Motion passes unanimously

Mr. Whatley made the following motion, second by Ms. Hess:

Motion:

Modify proposed BPS Instruction #7 to IR as follows:

7) Instruct IR to accommodate the receipt and/or delivery points, zones and/or segments ~~for reporting of firm service~~ in a manner consistent with the accommodation of receipt and/or delivery points, zones and/or segments in the Capacity Release data sets.

No discussion on the motion.

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	5	2	0	0
Producers	1	1	0	0
Pipelines	9	2	0	0
Totals	16	6	0	0

Motion passes unanimously

Discussion of Quantity of gas a shipper is entitled to transport:

It was determined that Contract Quantity, as used in IR instruction #10, would not be appropriate for interruptible service reporting. One suggestion was to use Scheduled Quantity. Concerns were raised that this information would not be available at the required posting time of first nomination.

Mr. Young made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Aschbrenner:

Motion

BPS Instruction to IR

- BPS instructs IR to accommodate the reporting of Interruptible Quantity to reflect the quantity of gas the service requester is entitled to transport.

Discussion on motion:

Concerns were voiced over the use of “entitled” and the different meanings for entitled. This issue requires more consideration. The topic could be parked until tomorrow or next week. A second thought was to continue with this discussion and if problems are brought forward later, address the problem then. Mr. Aschbrenner suggested having shippers bring forward work papers on what they would like to see reported. Mr. Scheel stated that you could report MDQ when the contract has one and N/A when the interruptible contract does not have a MDQ. Ms. LeCureaux suggested the data element should be a vehicle used to report quantity and the individual service providers could determine what would be reported.

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Mr. Young and Mr. Aschbrenner agreed to **withdraw the motion** so that parties could research the possible implementations.

Discussion on special details pertaining to the agreement:

Does BPS instruction #2 still apply? Instruction #2 in the context of rate still applies.

Discussion on including Contract Number:

Should Contract Number be reported? One opinion, do not report it, because it is not required as there is not a comparable need for contract number in IT reporting as there is in FT reporting. There was consensus on this point. Further, Posting Date and Posting Time will give shippers a benchmark for comparison of Interruptible Service. It was discussed that there is not a duration date in all interruptible contracts.

This concluded the discussion of interruptible service reporting. Next steps? Complete a side by side comparison of the three sets of data sets, firm, interruptible and capacity release. As an alternate the group could move to usage codes.

Mr. Whatley made the observation that the proposed data elements for firm and interruptible are similar and could be provided by the same data set. If there is consensus, then it would be possible to go through the elements and create usage once.

The group agreed that, as originally formatted at the July 7, 2000 meeting, the capacity release reporting would be a separate data set. Firm and interruptible would be reported separately. Usage determinations were made for the proposed data elements for firm and interruptible reporting. (See attachment to August 1-2, 2000 minutes.)

Following a review of the progress made since July 7, 2000 it was observed that GISB Standards 4.3.21 and 4.3.22 should be reviewed for possible modifications for inclusion of transactional reporting.

Ms. Hess made the following motion, second by Mr. Keisler:

Motion:

Retract the proposed modifications to GISB Standard 4.3.21.

Discussion:

It was determined through discussion that the proposed modification, from July 7, 2000 BPS meeting, to GISB Standard 4.3.21 is in conflict with 4.3.6. To resolve the conflict, consensus was to strike the changes in Standard 4.3.21.

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	5	2	0	0
Producers	0	0	0	0
Pipelines	7	2	0	0
Totals	13	5	0	0

Motion passes unanimously

Mr. Young made the following motion, second by Mr. Whatley::

Motion

BPS instruction to IR (#12) (as modified during the discussion)

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- BPS instructs IR to accommodate reporting of firm and interruptible service in a single data set to the extent possible. The reporting of released capacity will be accommodated in the Award Download data set as modified by BPS.

Discussion:

Ms. Hess offered an amendment to the motion, which was accepted by Mr. Young and Mr. Whatley. The modifications to the Award Download data set were proposed by BPS during the July 7, 2000 meeting.

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	0	0	1	1
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	5	2	0	0
Producers	0	0	1	1
Pipelines	8	2	0	0
Totals	13	4	2	2

Motion passes

A question was raised as to the reason the two segments voted No. It was noted that they are not required to respond. One participant questioned whether the group had missed something and possibly needed to readdress any aspects of the instruction to IR. The responses from these segments were not the same. Concerns centered on two issues:

- (1) possible loss of detail in reporting; and,
- (2) the use of separate data sets to report "the same information".

GISB protocol issues were discussed about. In response to issue (1) above, Ms. Hess indicated that there would not be a loss of detail that is reported. The data would merely be combined into one data set. To further explain issue (2) above, Ms. Phillips stated she has a problem with putting segment/participants on the spot to defend their position following a vote, but would give her reason this time only. She said that taking the path of separate data set development could result in non-comparable data between the three (capacity release contracts, firm contracts, and interruptible contracts).

Concerns were raised that this vote raises a flag that the EC may reject the data sets and whether the data set development should go forward. Another concern was raised that this instruction places restrictions on IR, limiting the number of changes to the Capacity Release data set and how to go forward with developing firm and interruptible reporting. Mr. Young suggested a compromise, go back through the FERC Order and determine the requirements for capacity release reporting and compare to the firm and interruptible reporting requirements.

A review of the firm service reporting requirements for capacity either sold by the pipeline or through capacity release, as given in FERC Order 637, was made. (See attachment to BPS August 1-2, 2000 minutes)

The issue of whether there should be an indication that the pipeline is the seller of the capacity was sent to the parking lot of issues.

Discussion centered on what and how capacity seller should be reported, y/n indicator, TSP or releasing shipper name, seller of capacity, or other method. Discussion on certain of the data requirements for capacity release reporting from FERC Order 637, 637-A and 637-B are as follows: (For a complete list of data elements, see attachment to BPS August 1-2, 2000 minutes)

Contract Holder and *Contract Holder Name* are associated with Service Requester Contract and Rate Charged.

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Releaser Company Code and *Releaser Company Name* are associated Releaser Contract Number.

The rate charged under each contract: the meeting participants determined that the rate charged should be reported in the replacement shipper’s contract. The releasing shipper’s rate would be reported under firm service reporting)

Maximum comparable rate - participants decided not to list as a separate data element as it is the same as maximum rate.

Negotiated Rate Indicator -participants reviewed the element and determined it did not apply to capacity release.

Contract Quantity/Volumetric Quantity

- What does the term “volumetric quantity” mean? Some participants feel the quantity type is tariff/contract driven. The discussion continued to address the questions, “do you need two quantity fields?” “can you use one field for reporting quantity?” A second area of discussion was what is volumetric. Volumetric, is it MCF? And you have a quantity type indicator. The discussion pursued this point for volumetric releases and the ability to have a one to one comparison. Mr. Whatley asserted that the field should just be quantity. A single field use to report for contract quantity or volumetric quantity. Consensus developed for single data element, Contract Quantity.

Affiliate relationship – releasing shipper and replacement shipper OR pipeline and shipper

- The question was raised, who is the shipper in the latter pair? Consensus was this was referring to the replacement shipper, who is the contract holder.

The question, “what about recallable quantities?” was asked. Participants felt this was not addressed in the reporting requirements in Order 637 et al.

Mr. Whatley made the following motion, second by Mr. Scheel

Motion:

BPS instruction to IR (#13)

- BPS instructs IR to provide clarity in the implementation guide that the date element, Releaser Contract Number, identifies the contract issued by the Transportation Service Provider to the releasing shipper.

Discussion:

Concerns were raised that this is unnecessary information, others felt it provided clarity for developers. Discussion expanded to include BPS instruction to IR #1. Mr. Scheel asked for clarification on contract holder so as to distinguish between the shipper and the replacement shipper when the data element Contract Holder is used.

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	5	2	0	0
Producers	1	1	0	0
Pipelines	6	2	0	0
Totals	13	6	0	0

Motion passes unanimously

Mr. Whatley made the following motion, second by Mr. Scheel:

Motion

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Modify BPS instruction to IR #10 as follows:

BPS instruction to IR (#10)

BPS instructs IR to accommodate the reporting of Contract Quantity to reflect:
 the maximum daily contract quantity for a firm transportation service contract,~~and~~
 the maximum storage quantity for a firm storage service contract, and,
the contract quantity or the volumetric quantity under a volumetric release for capacity release.

Discussion:

Some participants expressed their position that this modification was not necessary since the use of a single contract had been decided. Mr. Whatley agreed to **withdraw his motion**.

Ms. Davis made the following motion, second by Mr. Gwilliam:

Motion

BPS instruction to IR (#14)

BPS instructs IR to accommodate communication of the existence or lack of an affiliate relationship between the contract holder and the releasing shipper for capacity release reporting only.

No discussion on the motion.

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	5	2	0	0
Producers	1	1	0	0
Pipelines	7	2	0	0
Totals	14	6	0	0

Motion passes unanimously

Discussion on BPS’s proposed changes to the Award Download data set. Should the data elements, Award Contract Number and Master Contract Indicator, be added to the capacity release reporting requirements? Some participants voiced the opinion that these data elements would not be needed if a new data set was developed for capacity release reporting.

Mr. Whatley made the following motion, second by Ms. Hess:

Motion:

Rescind the proposed addition of the data elements, Award Contract Number, Releaser Contract Number, and Added To Master Contract Indicator to the Award Download data set and to rescind BPS instruction to IR #12.

Discussion:

Mr. Gwilliam asked what is the effect on pipelines that have master contracts? Consensus was a pipeline experiencing an implementation problem would submit a request to GISB to modify the applicable standard.

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	4	2	0	0

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Producers	1	1	0	0
Pipelines	5	2	0	0
Totals	11	6	0	0

Motion passes unanimously

From the parking lot: Pipeline is seller of capacity – firm

Ms. Hess made the following motion, seconded by Ms. Stubblefield:

Motion

BPS instruction to IR (#15)

BPS instructs IR to accommodate the indication that the pipeline is the seller of transportation capacity for reporting of firm service.

Discussion:

Mr. Scheel asked if this would require a modification to GISB Standard 4.3.23 to include capacity release under transactional reporting? Consideration on this question was deferred.

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	3	2	0	0
Producers	0	0	0	0
Pipelines	6	2	0	0
Totals	10	5	0	0

Motion passes unanimously

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Discussion of Interruptible Service Reporting, Contract Quantity:

The meeting opened with a review of the interruptible service reporting requirements as stated in FERC Order 637-A for contract quantity. Discussion ensued on when an interruptible contract has rights and/or entitlements. Many felt that interruptible does not have an entitlement prior to scheduling of its nomination. The issue of “posting prior to first nomination” was reiterated. Discussion of “entitled to transport” and “eligible to transport” raised many different opinions for implementation scenarios. Some requested the use of “eligible to nominate.”

Motion:

Ms. Van Pelt made a motion, second by Ms. Davis, to send the following instruction to IR (#16).

- BPS instructs IR to accommodate the reporting of interruptible quantity for the reporting of interruptible services as the quantity that the Service Requester is entitled to transport.

Discussion:

Ms. Van Pelt stated that the CMS pipelines had contract quantities on IT contracts and that quantity would be posted. Other pipeline representative explained that their companies had different contract implementations. Mr. Scheel stated his support of Ms. Van Pelt’s interpretation of the requirements in the Order and his concern that there would not be consistent implementation by all pipelines. Mr. Griffith suggested the use of what a shipper is entitled

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to nominate. Mr. Payne and Mr. Scheel asked the motion maker to modify the instruction by replacing ‘transport’ with ‘nominate’. Ms. Van Pelt and Ms. Davis agreed to modify the proposed instruction.

Modified Motion:

BPS instruction to IR (#16).

- BPS instructs IR to accommodate the reporting of interruptible quantity for the reporting of interruptible services as the quantity that the Service Requester is entitled to nominate.

Ms. Phillips asked the motion makers to consider the following modification to the proposed instruction to allow for different contracting practices and reporting implementations by the transportation service providers:

BPS instructs IR to accommodate the reporting of interruptible quantity for the reporting of interruptible services as the quantity that the Service Requester is eligible to nominate. **Transportation Service Provider is willing to transport.**

The motion makers declined the modification. Ms. Van Pelt clarified that her motion is for a single quantity, this is in place of Contract Quantity, not in addition to Contract Quantity.

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	6	2	0	0
Producers	0	0	1	1
Pipelines	10	2	0	0
Totals	17	5	1	1

Motion passes

Mr. Keisler made the following motion, second by Ms. Hess.

Motion:

Modify BPS instruction to IR #10 as follows:

BPS instruction to IR (#10)

BPS instructs IR to accommodate the reporting of Contract Quantity for the reporting of firm and capacity release services to reflect:

- the maximum daily contract quantity for a firm transportation service contract and
- the maximum storage quantity for a firm storage service contract.

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	6	2	0	0
Producers	0	0	0	0
Pipelines	9	2	0	0
Totals	16	5	0	0

Motion passes unanimously

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A discussion ensued on what the usage should be for the Interruptible Quantity data element. After discussion, the consensus was that it should be Sender’s Option.

Discussion on Contract Number:

Mr. Whatley offered his opinion that Service Requester Contract should be added to the list of reporting requirements for interruptible service with a usage of Sender’s Option.

Mr. Keisler made the following motion, second by Ms. Hess.

Motion:

Approve the “Combined Table for Firm and Interruptible Services and Capacity Release” and adopt the following BPS instruction to IR #17:

BPS instructs IR to utilize the “Combined Table for Firm and Interruptible Services and Capacity Release” as a basis for the development of the reporting of firm service, interruptible service, and capacity release.

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	4	1.6	1	.4
Producers	0	0	1	1
Pipelines	11	2	0	0
Totals	16	4.6	2	1.4

Motion passes

c. Business Purpose:

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

Attachment to the BPS Minutes
Combined Table for Firm and Interruptible Services and Capacity Release
As of August 9, 2000

Firm Posting Requirements from Order 637, et al	Interruptible Posting Requirements from Order 637, et al	Capacity Release Posting Requirements from Order 637, et al	Proposed Data Elements to communicate the posting requirements. (existing/proposed)	Notes and/or instructions to Information Requirements	Usage Firm Reporting	Usage Interruptible Reporting	Usage Capacity Release Reporting
Full legal name & id of shipper receiving service under contract	Full legal name & id of shipper receiving service	Full legal name & id of the shipper receiving service under the contract	<i>Contract Holder</i> <i>Contract Holder</i> <i>Name</i>	See IR instruction #8	M	M	M
		Full legal name & id of the releasing shipper	Releaser Company Code Releaser Company Name				M
Contract number		Contract Number (shipper receiving service)	Service Requester Contract	See IR instruction #1.	M	SO	M
Rate for each contract	Rate charged	Rate charged under each contract (Service Requester Contract)	<i>Rate Charged</i>	See IR instruction #2, #5, #6, and #9.	M	M	M
Maximum Rate	Maximum rate	Maximum Rate	Maximum Tariff Rate	See IR instruction #6	M	M	M
Whether the contract is a negotiated rate contract			<i>Negotiated Rate Indicator</i>	See IR instruction #11	M	nu	nu
Duration of Contract		Duration of Contract	<i>Contract Begin Date & Time</i> <i>Contract End Date & Time</i>	See IR instruction #3	M	nu	M
Receipt Point/Delivery Point (Zones or Segments)	Receipt Point/Delivery Point (Zones or Segments)	Receipt Point/Delivery Point (Zones or Segments)	See IR instruction #7	See IR instruction #7	M	M	M
Contract Quantity		Contract Quantity/volumetric quantity	<i>Contract Quantity</i>	See IR instruction #10 (firm and capacity release)	M	nu	M

Firm Posting Requirements from Order 637, et al	Interruptible Posting Requirements from Order 637, et al	Capacity Release Posting Requirements from Order 637, et al	Proposed Data Elements to communicate the posting requirements. (existing/proposed)	Notes and/or instructions to Information Requirements	Usage Firm Reporting	Usage Interruptible Reporting	Usage Capacity Release Reporting
	Quantity of gas a shipper is entitled to transport		<i>Interruptible Quantity</i>	See IR instruction #16 (interruptible)	nu	SO	nu
Special Terms & Condition	Special details pertaining to the agreement	Special Terms & Conditions	Special Terms & Miscellaneous Notes	See IR instruction #2	SO	SO	SO
Affiliate relationship Pipeline & shipper	Affiliate relationship Pipeline & Shipper	Affiliate relationship Releasing shipper & replacement shipper pipeline & shipper	<i>Affiliate Indicator</i>	See IR instruction #4 (firm and interruptible) See IR instruction #4 and #14 (capacity release)	M	M	M
			Transportation Service Provider Transportation Service Provider Name		M	M	M
			Posting Date Posting Time	Refer to BPS minutes from Jan 20, 2000 for request R97110 modifications to definitions	M	M	M

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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

- 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

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

SUMMARY: Modify GISB Standard No. 4.3.23.

STANDARDS LANGUAGE:

Proposed revision to GISB Standard No. 4.3.23:

The subcategories and labels for the categories of Informational Postings should be as follows:

CATEGORIES

- Affiliated Marketer Info.
- Capacity
- Index of Customers
- Notices
- Tariff

SUBCATEGORIES

- Capacity Allocation Log (when applicable)
- Discount Offers
 - Operationally Available
- Unsubscribed
- Critical
- Non-Critical
- Title Page
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4. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

a. Description of Request:

Accommodate visual display of web pages for FT and IT reporting.

b. Description of Recommendation:

Business Practices Subcommittee, July 7, 2000

It was agreed to stop work on the list of data elements at this point, with the understanding that we would start the next meeting by returning to it. The group then moved on to the issues raised by the pipelines, starting with visual display. The discussion began with a review of GISB Std 4.3.42. There was a consensus that no changes to the standard were necessary. It was also determined that this information should be displayed in the Informational Postings, where all other FERC required postings are located.

Review of GISB Standards 4.3.18, 4.3.21 and 4.3.23.

- No changes are necessary to Std 4.3.18
- Add a category below "Tariff" in 4.3.21 entitled "Transactional Reporting"
- Add the category "Transactional Reporting" with its subcategories "Firm" and "Interruptible" to Std 4.3.23

Ms. Corcoran made the following motion, seconded by Ms. Hopkins:

Motion:

Modify GISB Standard. Nos. 4.3.21 and 4.3.23 (as proposed above) and in addition there would be no changes to GISB Standard Nos. 4.3.18, 4.3.22 and 4.3.42.

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	4	2	0	0
Producers	1	1	0	0
Pipelines	10	2	0	0
Totals	16	6	0	0

The motion passed unanimously on a balanced vote.

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Ms. Van Pelt made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Love:

Motion:

There is no requirement for a summary page(s) for Transactional Reporting.

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	1	1	0	0
Producers	1	1	0	0
Pipelines	9	2	0	0
Totals	12	5	0	0

The motion passed unanimously on a balanced vote.

Mr. Love made the following motion, seconded by Ms. Hess:

Motion:

There should be no required ordering of the contents of the Transactional Reporting Web pages.

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	0	0	0	0
Producers	0	0	1	1
Pipelines	9	2	0	0
Totals	10	3	1	1

The motion passed on a balanced vote.

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Following a review of the progress made since July 7, 2000 it was observed that GISB Standards 4.3.21 and 4.3.22 should be reviewed for possible modifications for inclusion of transactional reporting.

Ms. Hess made the following motion, second by Mr. Keisler:

Motion:

Retract the proposed modifications to GISB Standard 4.3.21.

Discussion:

It was determined through discussion that the proposed modification, from July 7, 2000 BPS meeting, to GISB Standard 4.3.21 is in conflict with 4.3.6. To resolve the conflict, consensus was to strike the changes in Standard 4.3.21.

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	5	2	0	0
Producers	0	0	0	0
Pipelines	7	2	0	0
Totals	13	5	0	0

Motion passes unanimously



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c. Business Purpose:

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

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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
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- Withdrawal

Per Recommendation:

- Initiation
- Modification
- Interpretation
- Withdrawal

- Principle (x.1.z)
- Definition (x.2.z)
- Business Practice Standard (x.3.z)
- Document (x.4.z)
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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)
- X12 Implementation Guide
- Business Process Documentation

3. RECOMMENDATION

SUMMARY: Send instructions to Information Requirements.

INSTRUCTIONS TO INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS:

BPS instructs IR to require affiliate information between the releasing shipper and the replacement shipper to be provided to the TSP in the Offer Upload (applicable only to prearranged deals) and the Bid Upload.

4. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

a. Description of Request:

Review the method for collecting information on the releasing shipper's relationship to the acquiring shipper.

b. Description of Recommendation:

Business Practices Subcommittee, June 30, 2000 a.m. conference call

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Discussion:

- 1) The issues identified were: How to obtain the information on the affiliate relationship between the releasing shipper and the acquiring shipper, if any, in the offer, bid, and award processes, and how to communicate that information.
- 2) How does the acquiring shipper know that he is affiliated with the releasing shipper in the offer process?

When and how does the relationship between the acquiring shipper and releasing shipper become known and communicated?
- 3) Determine if it is necessary to identify the relationship between the acquiring shipper and the TSP and the releasing shipper and the TSP in the Capacity Release processes.

The first issue identified was how an acquiring shipper would advise a TSP as to how it is related to a releasing shipper.

There was discussion as to whether it was appropriate to identify the relationship between the acquiring shipper and the TSP and the relationship between the releasing shipper and the TSP. Some participants said that the affiliate informational was already posted by the pipeline in the Information Postings and it was not necessary to get the information in the Offer Upload. Some participants asked, what the outcome should be if the releasing shipper or acquiring shipper did not report the affiliation or reported it incorrectly.

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Mr. Keisler made the following motion, second by Ms. Davis.

Motion:

BPS instruction to IR #18

- BPS instructs IR to require affiliate information between the releasing shipper and the replacement shipper to be provided to the TSP in the Offer Upload (applicable only to prearranged deals) and the Bid Upload.

Discussion:

Some participants expressed their view that the Order only requires the reporting of affiliate relationships between the TSP and the shipper and between the releasing shipper and the replacement shipper. The TSP should know who its affiliates are. Therefore only the relationship between the releasing shipper and the replacement shipper needs to be communicated to the TSP. There was consensus that the affiliate information should be mandatory.

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	4	2	0	0
Producers	1	1	0	0
Pipelines	9	2	0	0
Totals	15	6	0	0

Motion passes unanimously.



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c. Business Purpose:

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

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BPS Order 637 Priority Action Item 1 (Priority 6)

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

- 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

Per Recommendation:

- Initiation
- Modification
- Interpretation
- Withdrawal

- Principle (x.1.z)
- Definition (x.2.z)
- Business Practice Standard (x.3.z)
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3. RECOMMENDATION

SUMMARY: Modify GISB Standard No. 5.3.2.

STANDARDS LANGUAGE:

Proposed revision to GISB Standard No. 5.3.2:

5.3.2 For short-term *biddable* releases (less than 5 months):

- ~~Offers~~ should be tendered by 1:00 P.M. on the *Business dDay* before *timely* nominations ~~for short-term releases (less than 5 months);~~
- open season ends no later than 2:00 P.M. on the *Business dDay* before *timely* nominations are due (evaluation period begins at 2:00 P.M. during which contingency is eliminated, determination of best bid is made, and ties are broken);
- evaluation period ends at 3:15 P.M.;
- match or award is communicated by 3:15 P.M.;
- match response by 4:00 P.M.;
- award posting by 5:00 P.M.;
- ~~posting of pre-arranged deals not subject to bid by 9 A.M. the day of nominations;~~
- contract tendered with contract # by 10:00 A.M.; contract executed; *timely* nomination possible for next day gas flow. (Central Clock Time)

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For longer term *biddable* releases (five months or more):

- offers should be tendered by 1:00 P.M. four ~~Business Days~~ before award ~~for long-term releases~~;
- open season ends no later than 2:00 P.M. on the ~~Business Day~~ before *timely* nominations are due (open season is three ~~Business Days~~);
- evaluation period begins at 2:00 P.M. during which contingency is eliminated, determination of best bid is made, and ties are broken;
- evaluation period ends at 3:15 P.M.;
- match or award is communicated by 3:15 P.M.;
- match response by 4:00 P.M.;
- award posting by 5:00 P.M.;
- ~~posting of pre-arranged deals not subject to bid by 9 A.M. the day of nominations;~~
- contract tendered with contract # by 10:00 A.M.; contract executed; *timely* nomination possible for next day gas flow. (Central Clock Time)

For non-biddable releases:

Timely Cycle

- ~~posting of pre-arranged deals not subject to bid are due by 9:30 A.M. on a Business Day;~~
- ~~contract tendered with contract # by 10:30 A.M.; contract executed; nomination possible for Timely Cycle.~~

Evening Cycle

- ~~posting of pre-arranged deals not subject to bid are due by 4:00 P.M. on a Business Day;~~
- ~~contract tendered with contract # by 5:00 P.M.; contract executed; nomination possible for Evening Cycle.~~

Intraday 1 Cycle

- ~~posting of pre-arranged deals not subject to bid are due by 8:00 A.M. on a Business Day;~~
- ~~contract tendered with contract # by 9:00 A.M.; contract executed; nomination possible for Intraday 1 Cycle.~~

Intraday 2 Cycle

- ~~posting of pre-arranged deals not subject to bid are due by 3:00 P.M. on a Business Day;~~
- ~~contract tendered with contract # by 4:00 P.M.; contract executed; nomination possible for Intraday 2 Cycle. (Central Clock Time)~~

4. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

a. Description of Request:

Review timelines for modifications including accommodation of intraday or partial day capacity releases (Affects GISB Standard No. 5.3.2 and related interpretations).

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b. Description of Recommendation:

Business Practices Subcommittee, June 30, 2000 p.m. conference call

Capacity release standards and related interpretations were identified followed by a review of each on a one by one basis. The standards identified were:

- 5.3.2
- 5.3.6
- 5.3.7

The related interpretations identified were:

- 7.3.2
- 7.3.15
- 7.3.3
- 7.3.44
- 7.3.45

In addition, the proposed response to C99003 was identified for review. This proposed response is pending adoption by the Executive Committee.

Standard 5.3.2 was reviewed.

Issues Identified:

Are the last two bullets of the short term section of 5.3.2 still appropriate in light of the intraday release language of FERC?

Is a new section of 5.3.2 needed to deal with intraday pre-arranged releases?

Is there any requirement that an intraday release be only for the balance of the first day?

Is there a need to be clear that the duration of the release is what determines the bidding requirement and not the intraday nature of the first day of the release?

Is there a need for an "end" to the current longer term releases section of 5.3.2 at a period less than a year (i.e., greater than or equal to five months and less than a year), then a third category added for those releases whose duration is equal to or greater than a year?

Discussion:

This issue was identified because the thought was that there was no longer a waiver of bidding for deals less than a year, as there was no longer a maximum rate for deals less than a year. This may be an issue because for deals that are greater than 31 days in duration and less than a year in duration there is no longer a non-biddable status. All these deals have to be posted for open bidding. There is no longer the greater than five months non-biddable prearranged deals at max rate exemption from bidding.

Additional Issues:

Is there a need to rearrange the structure of 5.3.2 to take account of intra day, 31 days or less, greater than 31 days to five months, then five months to a year and over a year?

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Discussion:

There needs to be careful review of any possible new language to ensure that there are not any loopholes in any possible new language.

Interpretation 7.3.2 was reviewed.

It was agreed that there were no issues identified within Interpretation 7.3.2

Interpretation 7.3.15 was reviewed.

It was agreed that there were no issues identified within Interpretation 7.3.15

Interpretation 7.3.3 was reviewed.

It was agreed that there were no issues identified within Interpretation 7.3.3

Interpretation 7.3.44 was reviewed.

It was agreed that there were no issues identified within Interpretation 7.3.44

Standard 5.3.6 was reviewed

The issue identified was whether an intra day release can be recalled.

Standard 5.3.7 was reviewed.

The issue identified was whether an intra day release can be recalled.

Interpretation 7.3.45 was reviewed.

It was agreed that there were no issues identified within Interpretation 7.3.45.

The proposed response in C99003 was reviewed. It consists of a proposed interpretation and a proposed revision to GISB Std. 5.3.24

- Text below of the proposed interpretation

A Service Requester may have its offer posted for review either immediately or at another specified time and if not specified then, at the Transportation Service Provider's option, the offer can be posted for review either immediately or at the next occurrence of 1:00 p.m. on a business day. GISB has no requirement that bidding upon such posting be available prior to the next occurrence of 1:00 p.m. on a business day. Neither is there any prohibition on bidding occurring upon a posting provided that bidding upon such posting continue to be available through at least the next occurrence of 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on a business day or the longer period where such offer is a long term offer.

It was agreed that there were no issues identified within the proposed for interpretation C99003.

- Proposed revised Standard 5.3.24 was reviewed. Text of the proposed revised standard follows:

5.3.24 Capacity release facilitator should post offers and bids, including prearranged deals, upon receipt. A releasing shipper may request a later posting time for posting of such offer, and the capacity release service facilitator should support such request insofar as it comports with the standard Capacity Release timeline specified in GISB Standard No. 5.3.2.

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It was agreed that there were no issues identified within proposed revised Standard 5.3.24.

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Discussion:

Review issues identified with GISB Standard 5.3.2 from the minutes of June 30, 2000:

- *Are the last two bullets of the short-term section of 5.3.2 still appropriate in light of the intraday release language of FERC?*
- *Is a new section of 5.3.2 needed to deal with intraday pre-arranged releases?*

What actions are necessary to achieve comparability of nomination rights between firm service purchased from the TSP and firm service purchased through capacity release? Discussion began with prearranged deals not subject to bidding and extended to biddable releases. Some participants requested a standardized process to address the issue of nominations in each of the four nomination cycles for both types of releases. There was not consensus on the issue of intraday biddable deals. A suggestion was made to continue the discussion; addressing non-biddable releases separate from biddable releases.

Prearranged Deals not subject to bidding

Mr. Fava explained one approach for prearranged deals, notification to TSP 1 hour and 45 minutes prior to each nomination cycle. The TSP processes the deal and provides the replacement shipper with a contract in an hour or less; the replacement shipper then has 45 minutes to submit a nomination. Other TSP representatives offered a different solution, in which the TSP processes the prearranged deal in an hour and makes the contract available for the next nomination cycle. The releasing and replacement shippers would be responsible to submit their prearranged deal to the TSP with sufficient time to submit a nomination in the nomination cycle to achieve the needed service, taking into account the one hour processing time for contracting by the TSP.

Development of a strawman (as modified during the discussion):

Cycle	Prearranged non/bid deal due to TSP (Posted)	Contract Due	Noms Leave Control of Nominator	Noms Received by TSP	Gas Flow (Nom Effective)
Timely	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	11:45 AM	9:00 AM next day
Evening	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	6:15 PM	9:00 AM next day
Intraday 1	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:15 AM	5:00 PM same day
Intraday 2	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	5:15 PM	9:00 PM same day

Some participants expressed the desire to have a one hour turn around. Others expressed concerns that this could require a 24 by 7 capacity release desk. Mr. Young asked if the strawman allowed time for contract execution? Mr. Payne asked if the strawman should include a column for deal posting time? It was determined that the column labeled "Prearranged non/bid deal due to TSP" was the deal posting time.

Mr. Fava made the following motion, second by Mr. Young:

Motion:

Adopt the above strawman as the timeline for processing prearranged deals not subject to bidding.

Discussion on motion:

Mr. Scheel requested the column labeled "Contract Due" should be changed to "contract tendered and executed" to mirror the language in GISB Standard 5.3.2. Others pointed to the FERC Order stating execution of contract should not inhibit the ability to nominate. Mr. Payne expressed his belief that there should be additional time in the

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strawman to allow replacement shippers the ability to process the contract and communicate with its parties once the contract is received from the TSP. Mr. Whatley asked if the motion makers would modify the strawman to allow an additional 30 minutes in the posted time. Mr. Fava and Mr. Young agreed to the change.

Mr. Whatley then requested the strawman include a clarification that the contract is available for nomination when received by the replacement shipper be included in the "Contract Due" column. In response, some participants expressed their concern that the business practices in regards to nomination and contract execution vary between companies and this was not the arena to address those contract execution practices. Mr. Whatley explained he needs to receive a contract that is useful, in other words, be able to nominate. Mr. Young expressed his understanding of the language in FERC Order 637-A that the hour is for issuance of the contract and does not require execution of the contract. Mr. Young feels the phrase "contract executed" in GISB Standard 5.3.2 should be included in any proposal to modify this standard.

Mr. Young offered the following language for the group's consideration:

For prearrange deals the following timeline shall govern the processing of contracts based upon when prearranged/non-biddable releases are submitted to the TSP. Contracts may be executed in a variety of ways; however, contracts should be executed no later than the time of nominations.

Discussion on "the time of nomination" versus "before gas flow" did not achieve consensus in the group.

Mr. Whatley proposed the following language for addition to GISB Standard 5.3.2 for the group's consideration:

Timely Cycle

- posting of pre-arranged deals not subject to bid by 9:30 A.M. the day of nominations
- contract tendered with contract # by 10:30 A.M.; contract executed; nomination possible for next day gas flow at 9:00 A.M. (Central Clock Time)

Evening Cycle

- posting of pre-arranged deals not subject to bid by 4:00 P.M. the day of nominations
- contract tendered with contract # by 5:00 P.M.; contract executed; nomination possible for next day gas flow at 9:00 A.M. (Central Clock Time)

Intraday 1 Cycle

- posting of pre-arranged deals not subject to bid by 8:00 A.M. the day of nominations
- contract tendered with contract # by 9:00 A.M.; contract executed; nomination possible for same day gas flow at 5:00 P.M. (Central Clock Time)

Intraday 2 Cycle

- posting of pre-arranged deals not subject to bid by 3:00 P.M. the day of nominations
- contract tendered with contract # by 4:00 P.M.; contract executed; nomination possible for same day gas flow at 9:00 P.M. (Central Clock Time)

Revised motion:

Mr. Fava and Mr. Young agreed to modify their motion as follows:

Adopt the following modifications to GISB Standard 5.3.2.

For short-term releases (less than 5 months):

- Offers should be tendered by 1:00 P.M. on the day before nominations for short-term releases (less than 5 months);
- open season ends no later than 2 P.M. on the day before nominations are due (evaluation period begins at 2 P.M. during which contingency is eliminated, determination of best bid is made, and ties are broken);

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- evaluation period ends at 3:15 P.M.;
- match or award is communicated by 3:15 P.M.
- match response by 4 P.M.;
- award posting by 5 P.M.;
- ~~Posting of pre-arranged deals not subject to bid by 9 A.M. the day of nominations;~~
- contract tendered with contract # by 10 A.M.; contract executed; nomination possible for next day gas flow. (Central Clock Time)

For longer term releases (five months or more):

- offers should be tendered by 1:00 P.M. four business days before award for long-term releases;
- open season ends no later than 2 P.M. on the day before nominations are due (open season is three business days)
- evaluation period begins at 2 P.M. during which contingency is eliminated, determination of best bid is made, and ties are broken;
- evaluation period ends at 3:15 P.M.;
- match or award is communicated by 3:15 P.M.;
- match response by 4 P.M.;
- award posting by 5 P.M.;
- ~~Posting of pre-arranged deals not subject to bid by 9 A.M. the day of nominations;~~
- contract tendered with contract # by 10 A.M.; contract executed; nomination possible for next day gas flow. (Central Clock Time)

For non-biddable releases:

Timely Cycle

- posting of pre-arranged deals not subject to bid are due by 9:30 A.M.
- contract tendered with contract # by 10:30 A.M.; contract executed; nomination possible for Timely cycle.

Evening Cycle

- posting of pre-arranged deals not subject to bid are due by 4:00 P.M.
- contract tendered with contract # by 5:00 P.M.; contract executed; nomination possible for Evening cycle.

Intraday 1 Cycle

- posting of pre-arranged deals not subject to bid are due by 8:00 A.M.
- contract tendered with contract # by 9:00 A.M.; contract executed; nomination possible for Intraday 1 cycle.

Intraday 2 Cycle

- posting of pre-arranged deals not subject to bid are due by 3:00 P.M.
- contract tendered with contract # by 4:00 P.M.; contract executed; nomination possible for Intraday 2 cycle. (Central Clock Time)

Discussion on revised motion:

The group had a lengthy discussion on availability of contract for nomination, what it means and how to convey this point in a standard.

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Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	0	0	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	4	2	0	0
Producers	0	0	0	0
Pipelines	9	2	0	0
Totals	13	4	0	0

Motion passes

Discussion on biddable releases and scheduling equality with firm service:

Mr. Scheel offered the following modifications to proposed Standard 5.3.2 (above) as a possible way to address biddable releases.

- If a TSP is able to post the award by 5 P.M., can they also provide the contract contemporaneous with the award posting?
 - Mr. Young suggested the contract be provided at 9:00 A.M. the morning following the award.
- On longer-term releases it is four business days before award, can this time be reduced to two or three?
 - Mr. Scheel stated a desire to tighten up the timeline.
- Do we want to define short term and long term to make the rules comparable?

It was pointed out for Mr. Scheel’s first proposed change, there may need to be time for the TSP to be able to process the contract between the time when the award is posted and when the contract is available. In response to Mr. Scheel’s second proposed modification, it was pointed out that the bidding period was an issue for those parties evaluating the offers and bids. Due to the long term nature of these deals, these parties had previously wanted this amount of time in order to do their evaluations. Further, some participants expressed their continued concern that treasury for credit approval and contract desk for producing the contract will not be staffed 24 X 7 or after 5:00 P.M.

After some discussion and reiteration of issues, participants are asked to take these issues back to their office and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Discussion on issues identified during the June 30, 2000 afternoon conference call:

- *Is there any requirement that an intraday release be only for the balance of the first day?*

The sense of the room was there is not a requirement that an intraday release be only for the balance of the first day. There was no objection.

- *Is there a need to be clear that the duration of the release is what determines the bidding requirement and not the intraday nature of the first day of the release?*

The sense of the room was the duration of the release determines the bidding requirements. There was no objection.

- *Is there a need for an “end” to the current longer term releases section of 5.3.2 at a period less than a year (i.e., greater than or equal to five months and less than a year), then a third category added for those releases whose duration is equal to or greater than a year?*

Discussion (from the June 30 minutes):

This issue was identified because the thought was that there was no longer a waiver of bidding for deals less than a year, as there was no longer a maximum rate for deals less than a year. This may be an issue because for deals that are greater than 31 days in duration and less than a year in duration there is no longer a non-

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biddable status. All these deals have to be posted for open bidding. There is no longer the greater than five months non-biddable prearranged deals at max rate exemption from bidding.

What is the amount of time that is reasonable to analyze an offer and determine what an acceptable bid would be? One participant responded that the open season requirements do not require changes. GISB Standard 5.3.2 defines the open season; it does not address what is biddable or non-biddable.

The sense of the room was there is not a need for an “end” to the current longer-term release section of 5.3.2 at a period less than a year. There was no objection.

The sense of the room was a third category should not be added for those releases whose duration is equal to or greater than a year. There was no objection.

- *Is there a need to rearrange the structure of 5.3.2 to take account of intraday, 31 days or less, greater than 31 days to five months, then five months to a year and over a year?*

The sense of the room was no change in the structure of 5.3.2 is required. There was no objection.

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- *The issue identified was whether an intraday release can be recalled.*

The sense of the room was upon the review of GISB Standards 5.3.6 and 5.3.7 no changes are required. Specifically, there is no need to eliminate the prohibition on partial day recalls. There was no objection.

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Mr. Scheel made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Whatley:

Motion:

Modify GISB Standard No. 5.3.2 as follows (which includes modification made by BPS on 8/9/2000):

5.3.2 For short-term releases (less than 5 months):

- Offers should be tendered by 1:00 P.M. on the day before nominations
- open season ends no later than 2 P.M. on the day before nominations are due (evaluation period begins at 2 P.M. during which contingency is eliminated, determination of best bid is made, and ties are broken);
- evaluation period ends at 3:15 P.M.;
- match or award is communicated by 3:15 P.M.;
- match response by 4 P.M.;
- award posting by 5 P.M.;
- contract tendered with contract # by ~~10~~9 A.M.; contract executed; nomination possible for next day gas flow. (Central Clock Time)

For longer term releases (five months or more):

- offers should be tendered by 1:00 P.M. four business days before award for long-term releases;
- open season ends no later than 2 P.M. on the day before nominations are due (open season is three business days)

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- evaluation period begins at 2 P.M. during which contingency is eliminated, determination of best bid is made, and ties are broken;
- evaluation period ends at 3:15 P.M.;
- match or award is communicated by 3:15 P.M.;
- match response by 4 P.M.;
- award posting by 5 P.M.;
- contract tendered with contract # by ~~10~~9 A.M.; contract executed; nomination possible for next day gas flow. (Central Clock Time)

For non-biddable releases:

Timely Cycle

- posting of pre-arranged deals not subject to bid are due by 9:30 A.M.
- contract tendered with contract # by 10:30 A.M.; contract executed; nomination possible for Timely cycle.

Evening Cycle

- posting of pre-arranged deals not subject to bid are due by 4:00 P.M.
- contract tendered with contract # by 5:00 P.M.; contract executed; nomination possible for Evening cycle.

Intraday 1 Cycle

- posting of pre-arranged deals not subject to bid are due by 8:00 A.M.
- contract tendered with contract # by 9:00 A.M.; contract executed; nomination possible for Intraday 1 cycle

Intraday 2 Cycle

- posting of pre-arranged deals not subject to bid are due by 3:00 P.M.
- contract tendered with contract # by 4:00 P.M.; contract executed; nomination possible for Intraday 2 cycle. (Central Clock Time)

Discussion:

There was discussion and disagreement as to whether Order 637 gives direction to biddable deals, in addition to pre-arranged capacity release deals. It was discussed by some that biddable deals was out of scope of GISB's work for Order 637. It was discussed by others that to the extent scheduling equality can be offered, the order does not preclude parties to give scheduling equality to biddable as well as pre-arranged capacity releases. There was further discussion that this issue may not be ripe for standards development.

Ms. Hopkins reported that the Enron pipelines reviewed the order again (since the last meeting) and they feel the Commission did not mean to include biddable deals at this time.

Mr. Whatley observed that we ought to at least address the timelines in 5.3.2 so that they refer to the time and date that gas flows and not the time and date of nomination. In response, some felt that now is probably not the time to clean up the standards.

Mr. Scheel stated that even though it is his opinion that Order 637 does address scheduling equality for biddable deals, in light of the feeling by some participants that the FERC did not give direction to scheduling equality for biddable deals, he agreed to withdraw his motion and wait for further direction from the FERC.

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Motion withdrawn

Mr. Whatley made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Scheel:

Motion:

Modify GISB Standard No. 5.3.2 as follows:

5.3.2 For short-term biddable releases (less than 5 months):

- ~~Offers~~ offers should be tendered by 1:00 P.M. on the Business dDay before timely nominations ~~for short-term releases (less than 5 months);~~
- open season ends no later than 2:00 P.M. on the Business dDay before timely nominations are due (evaluation period begins at 2:00 P.M. during which contingency is eliminated, determination of best bid is made, and ties are broken);
- evaluation period ends at 3:15 P.M.;
- match or award is communicated by 3:15 P.M.;
- match response by 4:00 P.M.;
- award posting by 5:00 P.M.;
- contract tendered with contract # by 10:00 A.M.; contract executed; timely nomination possible for next day gas flow. (Central Clock Time)

For longer term biddable releases (five months or more):

- offers should be tendered by 1:00 P.M. four ~~bBusiness dDays~~ Business dDays before award ~~for long-term releases;~~
- open season ends no later than 2:00 P.M. on the Business dDay before timely nominations are due (open season is three ~~bBusiness dDays~~ Business dDays);
- evaluation period begins at 2:00 P.M. during which contingency is eliminated, determination of best bid is made, and ties are broken;
- evaluation period ends at 3:15 P.M.;
- match or award is communicated by 3:15 P.M.;
- match response by 4:00 P.M.;
- award posting by 5:00 P.M.;
- contract tendered with contract # by 10:00 A.M.; contract executed; timely nomination possible for next day gas flow. (Central Clock Time)

For non-biddable releases:

Timely Cycle

- posting of pre-arranged deals not subject to bid are due by 9:30 A.M. on a Business Day;
- contract tendered with contract # by 10:30 A.M.; contract executed; nomination possible for Timely eCycle.

Evening Cycle

- posting of pre-arranged deals not subject to bid are due by 4:00 P.M. on a Business Day;
- contract tendered with contract # by 5:00 P.M.; contract executed; nomination possible for Evening eCycle.

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Intraday 1 Cycle

- posting of pre-arranged deals not subject to bid are due by 8:00 A.M. on a Business Day;
- contract tendered with contract # by 9:00 A.M.; contract executed; nomination possible for Intraday 1 eCycle.

Intraday 2 Cycle

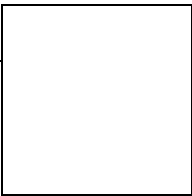
- posting of pre-arranged deals not subject to bid are due by 3:00 P.M. on a Business Day;
- contract tendered with contract # by 4:00 P.M.; contract executed; nomination possible for Intraday 2 eCycle. (Central Clock Time)

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	0	0	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	4	2	0	0
Producers	0	0	0	0
Pipelines	10	2	0	0
Totals	14	4	0	0

Motion passes unanimously

c. Business Purpose:

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



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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

- 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

Per Recommendation:

- Initiation
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- X12 Implementation Guide
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3. RECOMMENDATION

SUMMARY: Modify GISB Standard No. 4.3.16 and delete GISB Standard No. 4.3.35.

STANDARDS LANGUAGE:

GISB Standard No. 4.3.16:

The documents identified in GISB Standard 4.3.6 should be made available in HTML or RTF format, except with respect to the Index of Customers document which may be displayed in HTML or RTF and which should be downloadable in a defined, tab-delimited ASCII text file, with provisions for title information and footnote capability, as set forth in Code of Federal Regulations Part 284, Section 223. (Reference Order Number 637581, Docket No. RM98-10-000RM 95-4-000, issued February 29, 20001996, "Appendix A, Instruction Manual for Electronic Filing of the Index of Customers" issued *pursuant to* with the above referenced order.)

GISB Standard No. 4.3.35:

The header information should be displayed at the top before the columnar information. The column headings for the posting of "Index of Customers" should be displayed as follows:

- _____ Rate Schedule
- _____ Customer
- _____ Contract Effective Date

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- _____ Contract Termination Date
- _____ Maximum Daily Quantity
- _____ Rollover Period
- _____ Footnotes (when applicable)

~~These columns should appear in this order from left to right. The data should be sorted in ascending order by rate schedule and then by customer name within rate schedule. Footnote text should be displayed below the columnar information.~~

4. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

a. Description of Request:

Correctly reflect the FERC order reference and section number (GISB Standard No. 4.3.16) and data element ordering (GISB Standard No. 4.3.35).

b. Description of Recommendation:

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Review Index of Customer for discussion and possible vote:

Correctly reflect the FERC order reference and section number (GISB Standard No. 4.3.16) and data element ordering (GISB Standard No. 4.3.35).

On June 29, 2000, in Docket RM98-10, the FERC issued the new format for the Index of Firm Customers. There was discussion on the possible changes to GISB Standards 4.3.16 and 4.3.35 as a result of this order.

Ms. Davis made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Love:

Motion:

Modify GISB Standard 4.3.16 as follows:

The documents identified in GISB Standard 4.3.6 should be made available in HTML or RTF format, except with respect to the Index of Customers document which may be displayed in HTML or RTF and which should be downloadable in a defined, tab-delimited ASCII text file, with provisions for title information and footnote capability, as set forth in Code of Federal Regulations Part 284, Section 223. (Reference Order Number 637581, Docket No. RM98-10-000RM95-4-000, issued February 29, 20001996, "Appendix A, Instruction Manual for Electronic Filing of the Index of Customers" issued pursuant to ~~with~~ the above referenced order.)

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	3	2	0	0
Producers	1	1	0	0
Pipelines	10	2	0	0
Totals	15	6	0	0

The motion passed unanimously on a balanced vote.

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Mr. Love made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Buccigross:

Motion:

Delete GISB Standard 4.3.35.

Segments	Vote For	Balanced For	Vote Against	Balanced Against
End Users	1	1	0	0
LDCs	0	0	0	0
Services	3	2	0	0
Producers	1	1	0	0
Pipelines	10	2	0	0
Totals	15	6	0	0

The motion passed unanimously on a balanced vote.

c. Business Purpose:

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