RECOMMENDATION TO GISB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Requester: Tennessee Gas Pipeline	**Request No.: R98031**
ANR Pipeline	**R98035B**

1. Recommended Action:

___Accept as requested
___Accept as modified below
_X_ Decline

Effect of EC Vote to Accept Recommended Action:

___Change to Existing Practice
_X_ Status Quo

2. TYPE OF MAINTENANCE

Per Request:	**Per Recommendation:**
_X_ Initiation	___Initiation
___Modification	___Modification
___Interpretation	___Interpretation
___Withdrawal	___Withdrawal
___Principle (x.1.z)	___Principle (x.1.z)
___Definition (x.2.z)	___Definition (x.2.z)
___Business Practice Standard (x.3.z)	___Business Practice Standard (x.3.z)
_X_ Document (x.4.z)	___Document (x.4.z)
___Data Element (x.4.z)	___Data Element (x.4.z)
___Code Value (x.4.z)	___Code Value (x.4.z)
___X12 Implementation Guide	___X12 Implementation Guide
___Business Process Documentation	___Business Process Documentation

3. RECOMMENDATION

SUMMARY: * EII Task Force (11/2-4/98) –IR6. (R98031)
   * EII Task Force (11/20/98) –IR14. (R98035B)
   * No changes recommended. This request was declined by BPS on February 24, 2000.

TECHNICAL CHANGE LOG (all instructions to accomplish the recommendation)

Description of Change:
No Technical Changes required

4. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

a. **Description of Request:**

R98031: Develop an EDI dataset to allow Confirming Parties to elect to "Confirm by Exception" as provided for in 1.2.11 and 1.3.22. This would be classified as a "new transaction."

R98035B: ANR requests new transaction identifiers in the Request for Confirmation (G850RQCF) and the Confirmation Response (G855RRFC) datasets. This transaction identifier would be used to indicate when the above datasets are being used for pre-limit quantities.

Request for Confirmation (G850RQCF)
BEG02 segment Purchase Order Type Code
Add: Transaction Identifier Pre-Limit Quantities

Confirmation Response (G855RRFC)
BAK01 segment Transaction Set Purpose Code
Add: Transaction Identifier Pre-Limit Quantities

The above Transaction Identifiers would be Mutually Agreed. No additional data elements are required for the above datasets to accommodate pre-limit quantities.

b. **Description of Recommendation:**

EBB-Internet Implementation Task Force (November 2 - 4, 1998)
R98031: Ms. Langston described the request, and asked that the confirmation by exception function ("CBE") be supported both through EBB/EDM and EDI/EDM. Pipelines may implement this function differently.

The request described the development of an EDI dataset to allow Confirming Parties to elect to "Confirm by Exception" as provided for in GISB Standard No. 1.2.11 and 1.3.22. This would be classified as a "new transaction." The purpose of this data set is to provide the Confirming Parties using EDI the ability to agree to Confirmation by Exception. As stated in 1.2.11, "Confirmation by Exception (CBE) means that the Confirming Parties agree that one party deems that all requests at a location are confirmed by the other party (the CBE party) without response communication from that party. The CBE party can take exception to the request by so informing the other party within a mutually agreed upon time frame." When the Confirming Parties submit the Confirmation by Exception dataset, they are advising the Confirmation Requester of their desire to be confirmed for all quantities requested. Some of the data elements for request from confirming party:

Confirming Party (M)
Begin Date (M)
End Date (MA)
Location (MA)
All locations (MA)
Chart-time (MA)
Cycle 1 Intraday (MA)
Cycle 2 Intraday (MA)
Evening Cycle (MA)
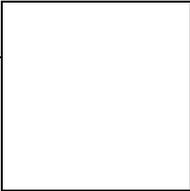
Hourlies (MA)
All Times (MA)
Service Requester (MA)

The above data elements allow the confirming party to specify the date the CBE is to start and they can submit an ending date if desired. If none is submitted, the CBE will remain in effect until they change it. The other data elements allow the Confirming Party to submit a CBE for a specific meter(s) for a specific time (chart-time, intraday, hourly) or combination of times as well as for a specific service requester. Should they want to submit a CBE for all locations and all times, that possibility is also included. The CBE's will be submitted for the next gas day; they cannot be submitted for an intraday for that gas day. Overlapping CBE's are allowed. Choosing CBE does not prevent the Confirming Party from submitting a Confirmation Response. The quick response back to the Confirming Party would be validation error messages: retroactive CBE's not allowed and Invalid location.

Action: 105 The data elements should accommodate confirmation by exception. If a Transportation Service Provider chooses to support confirmation by exception, the GISB standard data sets should accommodate it. The motion carried unanimously.

IR6 The request was transferred to Information Requirements Subcommittee for implementation.

EBB-Internet Implementation Task Force (November 20, 1998)--(IR14)
R98035: ANR requests new transaction identifiers in the Request for Confirmation (G850RQCF) and the Confirmation Response (G855RRFC) datasets. This transaction identifier would be used to indicate when the above datasets are being used for pre-limit quantities.

IR14 Instruct Information Requirements Subcommittee to accommodate the pre-limit quantities in the to be developed Confirmation By Exception dataset.
Vote: Passes unanimously.

Information Requirements Subcommittee (October 12 - 3, 1999)
R98035: IR split the request into 'A' (add pre-limit quantity code value to the Request for Confirmation and Confirmation Response) and 'B' (add pre-limit quantity to the yet to be developed Confirmation by Exception data set per R98031). IR will address 'A' now and put 'B' on hold until we do R98031.

In the confirmation process, the requester receives the Request For Confirmation (RFC) and sends the Confirmation Response (CR) back. The pre-limit quantity is sent to the requester in the RFC and they use it in the confirmation process. The pre-limit quantity can be set for as long as a year. The requester uses the pre-limit quantity where they do passive confirmations (i.e., confirmation by exception). Per the requester, when the RFC is used to transmit pre-limit quantities, all of the required fields in the RFC are populated. The quantity field is used for the pre-limit quantity. The requester wants an indicator in the header to show that the entire document is not being used for confirmation purposes; it is being used for setting pre-limit quantities. IR is also questioning whether this is appropriate for EDI because the information may only be transmitted once a year. The requester currently provides the ability to submit on-line.

MOTION:
Send the following issues to BPS:

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1. How does the pre-limit quantity differ from a confirmation quantity that is sent for a date range, where the date range is longer than a confirmation cycle? (See Interpretation 7.3.26)

2. In light of its infrequent use, should the pre-limit quantity be included in an EDI transaction set?

3. If the pre-limit quantity is included in an EDI transaction set, should we add a GISB data element in the Request For Confirmation for the ANSI data element 'purchase order type code' (BEG02)? If so, the code value descriptions could be 'Request for Confirmation' and 'Pre-limit Quantity'.

4. If the pre-limit quantity is included in an EDI transaction set, should we add a GISB data element in the Confirmation Response for the ANSI data element 'transaction set purpose code' (BAK01)? If so, the code value descriptions could be 'Confirmation Response' and 'Pre-limit Quantity Response'.

Sense of the Room: October 12 - 13, 1999   _6_ In Favor   _0_ Opposed

Information Requirements Subcommittee (January 10 - 12, 2000)
Discussion: A draft data dictionary for the Confirmation by Exception Election transaction set was presented by Jim Keisler. This draft data dictionary was reviewed and changes were made.

The question arose as to the usage of the Confirmation by Exception Election transaction set. If IR creates a new transaction set for Confirmation by Exception Election, then if pipelines perform confirmations by exception, are they required to utilize this new transaction set?

Potential Questions to Business Practices Subcommittee:
1)   Is the business practice of turning the confirmation by exception on/off election via an EBB used widely and frequently enough to justify an EDI implementation?
2)   If an EDI implementation is necessary, then is the sending of the confirmation by exception on/off election a mutually agreed business practice?

Questions to Business Practices Subcommittee regarding R98031:
Standard # 105 states: "The data elements should accommodate confirmation by exception. If a Transportation Service Provider chooses to support confirmation by exception, the GISB standard data sets should accommodate it."

In regards to **Standard #105**, an analysis by Information Requirements of the current Confirmation transaction sets indicates that those transaction sets do accommodate the business practice of confirmation by exception. However, IR has the following question:

Is the business practice of sending the election to initiate or terminate confirmation by exception suitable for EDI?

Motion: Send this question to the Business Practices Subcommittee.

Sense of the Room: 9 In favor   1 Opposed

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Questions to Business Practices Subcommittee regarding R98035B:
The Business Practices Subcommittee (BPS) at their November 18, 1999 meeting declined **R98035A**. BPS decided that the business practice of sending pre-limit quantities should not be standardized. IR noted in its November 2, 1999 memo that pre-limit quantities are sent infrequently. EII, however, indicated that a pre-limit quantity should be accommodated in the to be developed Confirmation by Exception Election data set.

Since BPS indicated in its response to **R98035A** that pre-limit quantities should not be standardized, should IR address pre-limit quantities pursuant to **R98035B**?

Note: Pursuant to instructions from EII, IR is processing **R98035B** in conjunction with **R98031**.

Motion: Send this question to the Business Practices Subcommittee.

        Sense of the Room: 6 In favor   0 Opposed

Business Practices Subcommittee (February 17, 2000)
The IR questions were presented. Mr. Keisler further explained the issues and responded to questions from the group. Mr. Lander asked if anyone remembered the discussion and/or additional details regarding the discussion of this request at the EBB Internet Implementation Task Force (EIITF). Mr. Keisler noted that he did not remember any detailed discussion, that it was passed to IR with little discussion. Others who had attended the EIITF meetings agreed with this assessment. Mr. Griffith noted that he did not believe that this practice required a dataset, and that it was both infrequent and could be handled between the parties in the trading partner agreement. Mr. Lander voiced his agreement for this approach and while this item was only up for discussion (and not vote), noted that he would propose that BPS decline the request. This would therefore not require development of a standardized EDI dataset. He noted there seemed to be no need to standardize the process of election of confirmation by exception (CBE), therefore there was no need for a standardized dataset. No one on the phone cried out for the need for such a dataset and had no stated objection to the proposals.
Mr. Aschbrenner noted that in EIITF many pipelines submitted requests since they were currently providing services on their EBBs, thus they wanted to make sure they submitted requests for datasets, whether they really believed there was a compelling need for the datasets or not.
Ms. LeCureaux, representing one of the requesters, had no objection to the proposed declining of this request.
Mr. Lander noted that no one objected to the declination of the request but noted that it should not be dispositive of a similar request in the future.
Mr. Keisler asked whether the proposed disposition would also apply to IR's second question, that is, would it also decline R98035B?
Mr. Lander noted that it was his assumption that both would be declined and whatever language adopted by the BPS should be precise in accomplishing this. There was no disagreement voiced.
It will be put on the next agenda for discussion and possible vote.

Business Practices Subcommittee (February 24, 2000)
Motion BPS recommends that request numbers R98031 and R98035B be declined.
Discussion Mr. Scheel asked some questions regarding whether a pre-limit quantity could be accommodated on a mutually agreeable basis. Others believed that Mr. Scheel's point was moot given that

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R98035A, which dealt specifically with pre-limit quantities had already been dealt with. These instant requests dealt with its use in Confirmation by Exception dataset and/or standardizing its use in EDI. Discussion ended, a vote was taken.

Action The motion passed unanimously. See voting record for specifics.

> **Sense of the Room:** 　　　(February 24, 2000)　　 _11_ In Favor　　　　 _0_ Opposed
> **Segment Check** (if applicable):
> In Favor :　　　___End-Users　___LDCs　_7_ Pipelines　_1_ Producers　_3_ Services
> Opposed:　　　___End-Users　___LDCs　___Pipelines　___Producers　___Services

Technical Subcommittee
No technical changes required

> **Sense of the Room:**　　　April 20, 2000　　　 _3_ In Favor　　　 _0_ Opposed

c. Business Purpose:

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