

RECOMMENDATION TO GISB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Revised by the Executive Committee – July 15, 1999

Requester: TransCapacity Limited Partnership & Columbia Gulf Transmission

Request No.: R97119 & R98086 (Notices)

1. Recommended Action:

- Accept as requested
- Accept as modified below
- Decline

Effect of EC Vote to Accept Recommended Action:

- Change to Existing Practice
- Status Quo

2. TYPE OF MAINTENANCE

Per Request:

- Initiation
- Modification
- Interpretation
- Withdrawal

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- Data Element (x.4.z)
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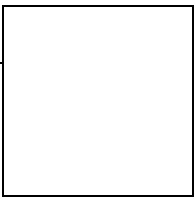
3. RECOMMENDATION

- SUMMARY:**
- * Delete one code value and add three code values for the Notice Type data element in the System-Wide Notices data set.
 - * Revise the language of the Technical Implementation of Business Process for System-Wide Notices and the Executive Summary in the Capacity Release Related Standards in the section on System Wide Notices.

CODE VALUES LOG (for addition, modification or deletion of code values)

Document Name and No.: System-Wide Notices, 5.4.16

Business Name	Usage	Code Value	Code Value Description	Code Value Definition
Notice Type	M	7	Press Release, Company News or Phone List	[no definition necessary]
		10	Intraday Bump	[no definition necessary]
		11	Phone List	[no definition necessary]
		12	Press Release or Company News	[no definition necessary]



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BUSINESS PROCESS DOCUMENTATION (for addition, modification or deletion of business process documentation language)

Standards Book: Capacity Release Related Standards Book, Technical Implementation of Business Process for System-Wide Notices (5.4.16).

Language:

* Revise the first paragraph as follows:

“A System-Wide Notice is a report from the transportation service provider to a data requester. System-Wide Notices communicate a variety of textual information relating to the transportation service provider. Examples include scheduled maintenance, operational flow orders, capacity restrictions, transportation service provider’s contact information, press releases, force majeure, and new or changed services. The **notice type** tells the receiver what type of notice it is. Although the system wide notices document also can be used to communicate intraday bumps to specific bumped service requesters, such intraday bump notices are confidential communications between the Transportation Service Provider and its service requester.”

* Add the following as the new fifth paragraph:

“Critical System-Wide Notices can also be sent via Internet e-mail. When sending critical System-Wide Notices via Internet e-mail, the Notice Type label used in the subject line (as outlined in GISB Standard [S5]) should be the Label that corresponds to the Notice Type per GISB Standard 4.3.29.”

* Make revisions as necessary to the data set name so that it appears as: “System-Wide Notices”.

Standards Book: Capacity Release Related Standards Book, Executive Summary, Section on System Wide Notices

Language:

* Add as the last sentence in the section on System Wide Notices:

“Although the system wide notices document also can be used to communicate intraday bumps to specific bumped service requesters, such intraday bump notices are confidential communications between the Transportation Service Provider and its service requester.”

TECHNICAL CHANGE LOG (all instructions to accomplish the recommendation)

Document Name and No.: System-Wide Notices (5.4.16)

Description of Change:
G840SWNT - System-Wide Notices (5.4.16)
X12 Mapping
Detail MIT segment (position 010): MIT01: delete code value “7 Press Release, Company News or Phone List”; add following code values “10 Intraday Bump”; “11 Phone List”; “12 Press Release or Company News”



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4. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

a. Description of Request:

R97119 – Add a new GISB Business Practice Standard to the Electronic Delivery Mechanism Related Standards describing the Transportation Service Provider’s responsibility in terms of e-mailing of Operational Flow Orders (OFOs) and Critical Notices.

R98086 – Establish a consistent manner to notify service requesters of intraday bumps as well as standardize Internet E-mail notification of Operational Flow Orders (OFO) and Critical Notices.

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b. Description of Recommendation:

Executive Committee

[See the minutes of the May 20, 1999 meeting for the standards adopted by the EC, and the voting record.]

Information Requirements Subcommittee (April 13 – 14, 1999)

IR agreed to send the following issues to the Notices Task Force:

1. The definition of Electronic Notice Delivery in “D1” identifies Internet E-mail and EDI as the mechanisms of delivery for electronic delivery of notices. “S1” states that the affected party can choose the Electronic Notice Delivery mechanism, which is defined in “D1”. Therefore, what is the intent of the portion of “S6” which states “... method of notification chosen by the affected party (EDI/EDM, EBB/EDM, E-mail or FF/EDM)”? Does this allow the affected party to choose from the four mechanisms listed? This list implies that TSPs are required to support all four mechanisms.

If the affected party is allowed to choose between Internet E-mail and EDI, there will be no changes to the System-Wide Notices data dictionary.

If the affected party is allowed to choose between the four mechanisms listed in the parenthetical in “S6”, abbreviations and usages for EBB and Flat File will be developed for the data elements in the System-Wide Notices data dictionary.

2. Do “S2” and “S6” affect the current request / response GISB EDI process for OFOs and critical notices? Currently, a requester can obtain all system-wide notices via an for System-Wide Notices. With the exception of intraday bumps, when a party requests a download of System-Wide Notices via an Upload of Request for Download of Posted Datasets, will all OFOs and critical notices be included in the response?
3. Should there be a new data element indicating the intent of “S7”? If a data element is to be added, we need to clarify the intent. Does it apply to a particular transaction(s), cycle or the entire gas day? Or does it apply to all of the transactions included in the message text?

If the Notices Task Force does not intend for a data element to be added, then the intent of “S7” does not affect IR’s implementation.

There was no objection to sending these issues to the Notices Task Force.

Notices Task Force (April 23, 1999)

On April 23, 1999, the Notices Task Force met to discuss the questions submitted from Information Requirements on April 16. The following is the reply from the Notices Task Force:

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Response of the Task Force to Question 1:

Comment to EC to amend S6 prior to vote:

Transportation Service Providers (TSPs) may offer notification mechanisms in addition to those referenced in GISB Standard [S1] (e.g., EBB/EDM, FF/EDM). TSPs should include at least the same level of information for notification of an intraday bump, operational flow order or other critical notice regardless of the method of notification. [Jim Keisler – Motion Maker, Jim Buccigross – Second. Passed unanimously.]

Instruction to IR: IR does not need to make modifications to the System-Wide Notices data set to support E-mail, EBB/EDM or FF/EDM as a result of the work of the Notices Task Force.

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Response of the Task Force to Question 2:

Note for Minutes: The work of the Notices Task Force does not propose changes to any existing practice of sending OFOs and critical notices in response to an upload of request for System Wide Notices.

Question 3: Should there be a new data element indicating the intent of “S7”? If a data element is to be added, we need to clarify the intent. Does it apply to a particular transaction(s), cycle or the entire gas day? Or does it apply to all of the transactions included in the message text?

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Response of the Task Force to Question 3:

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Instructions to IR: Regarding S7, the intent of the Notices Task Force is for the penalty indicator to be included in the body of the E-mail or Notice Text. No additional data element is necessary.

Information Requirements Subcommittee

MOTION:

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Sense of the Room: May 17 – 18, 1999 14 In Favor 0 Opposed

Segment Check (if applicable):

In Favor: ___ End-Users ___ LDCs ___ Pipelines ___ Producers ___ Services
Opposed: ___ End-Users ___ LDCs ___ Pipelines ___ Producers ___ Services

Technical Subcommittee

Sense of the Room: June 1, 1999 6 In Favor 0 Opposed

Segment Check (if applicable):

In Favor: ___ End-Users ___ LDCs ___ Pipelines ___ Producers ___ Services
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c. Business Purpose:

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

IR implemented the standards per instructions from the Notices Task Force.