



RECOMMENDATION TO GISB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Requester: Reliant Energy

Request No.: R99034

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

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3. RECOMMENDATION

The EII Subcommittee recommends declining the request.

4. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

a. Description of Request:

Develop EDI X.12 dataset standards for electronic contracting between TSP and Shipper via the Internet. Services to include are transportation and storage services, Contracts to include are Request For Services, Transportation Service Agreements, Rate Agreements, and Confirmations. This standard will allow parties to submit data from one party's system electronically to the other party system without human intervention. Electronic contracting will enable parties to agree and contract through the Internet eliminating paper documents. The standards allow parties to electronically (through EDI) submit requests and confirmations from one system to another. This will allow the contracting process to shorten in terms of time.



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b. Description of Recommendation:

EII Task Force

MOTION:

Develop standards for electronic contracting per request no. R99034.

Action:

The motion failed with one vote in favor and 20 in opposition.

c. Business Purpose:

To provide an EBB function for electronic contracting.

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

Please refer to the EII minutes dated June 4, 1999 and the transcripts available from Ak/Ret Reporting. The following concept was adopted which provides an explanation for the denial of the request.

"... denial of request no. R99034 based on the concept previously adopted:

Electronic contracting for transportation services is not well suited for EDI/EDM or FF/EDM processing. Transportation Service Providers (TSP) should be allowed to offer this process via EBB/EDM in a manner that best suits the TSP's business practices along with meeting the requirements of GISB Standard No. 4.3.42.