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Gas Industry Standards Board Request for Clarification or Interpretation

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Standardize the reporting basis for BTU as 14.73 dry psia and 60 degrees F (101.325 kPa and 15 degrees C, and dry).

Standardize the reporting basis for gas volumes as cubic foot at standard conditions of 14.73 psia, 60 degrees F, and dry. For gas volumes reported in cubic meters, the standard conditions are 101.325 kPa, 15 degrees C, and dry.

Clarification or interpretation request:

Background ---

The Texas Natural Resources Code, Section 91.052, part (b) states, "The standard pressure base shall be 14.65 pounds per square inch absolute, and the standard temperature base shall be 60 degrees Fahrenheit (emphasis added). If the conditions of pressure and temperature differ from this standard, conversion of the volume from these conditions to the standard conditions shall be made in accordance with the ideal gas laws, corrected for deviation."

Section 91.057 states, "A person required to report volumes of gas under the laws of this state shall report the volumes in number of standard cubic feet calculated and determined under the provisions of this subchapter (emphasis added)."

Section 91.058, part (a) states,"Each sale, purchase, delivery, and receipt of gas by volume made in this state by, for, or on behalf of an oil and gas lease owner, royalty owner under a lease, or other mineral interest owner shall be made and the gas shall be measured, calculated, purchased, delivered, and accounted for on the basis of a standard cubic foot of gas as defined in this subchapter (emphasis added) and determined under this subchapter."

Question --

Is this GISB standard of 14.73 Dry consistent with Texas law, for use by Texas intrastate pipelines which are not under FERC jurisdiction?