

OEB GDAR EBT Standards Working Group – Transport Protocol Subgroup

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Minutes for May 15, 2006 – Draft

ATTENDEES:

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Parmjeet Kaur	Enbridge
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Dennis Alexander	Union Gas
Tom Stark	ExtenSys
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Scott Atkins	SPI
Ron Savage	SavageData
Barb Robertson	OEB

NEW BUSINESS

Item	Discussion	Action Items
1. Draft March 3, 2006 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted 	
2. Review Results of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All tests passed with following exceptions: DE/Kitchener passed, but with non-critical format discrepancies 	Where problems are identified, parties will continue to investigate

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Connectivity Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DE/Union – Fail – Union unable to post document to DE site (as at April 25) 	source and correct Union can open up testing weekly (with notice)
3. Hubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GDAR EBT Standards Document describes the roles of points and hubs (Section 1.1) Requirement states “All points and hubs serving the Ontario retail gas marketplace will participate in market testing using a set of tests mutually agreed upon by the Market Participants.” Hub is identical to a point, should be no difference between how a point talks to a hub, and then how the hub talks to another point (other than difference in timing, i.e., 24/7) Existing spoke to hub transport may be able to be used “as is” 	
4. Comments on draft protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments/revisions added to ver 0.3 and ver 0.4 were reviewed and accepted Additional changes identified <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 4.6.4.1.1 NOTE (wording re unique filename) Section 4.7.1 – delete (and revise numbering) Appendix A & B – changes to examples 	Tom Stark will make revisions to document
5. SOAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Becoming standard for all communication Very flexible, simple architecture Would facilitate communication through a hub, but would require re-engineering of technology Concern that incorporating at this stage will require additional time and re-testing which the current schedule will not permit Agreement to defer possible introduction to future date 	
6. Test Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scope of testing – complete protocol document, i.e. ending with Functional Acknowledgement (for example, receive an Enrol STR and send a FA) 	Scott to send “strawman” test plan

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott Atkins, SPi, offered to prepare “strawman” test plan for review and comment • Plan will be finalized at next meeting • Parties opinions with regard to timing ranged from as soon as possible to just before market testing, i.e. first step of market testing • Date will be discussed at next meeting 	
NEXT MEETING		
		Action Items & Prime
1. Time and place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, July 6 at 9:00 am • OEB, 2300 Yonge Street, 24th Floor (Meeting Room 2402) 	
2. Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review test results from previous connectivity test, if required • Review changes to Draft Protocol • Review and approve Transport Protocol System Test • Determine date for Transport Protocol System Test 	