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for
Meeting of the
API SUBCOMMITTEE ON VALVES AND WELLHEAD EQUIPMENT
(API SC6)
at the
2008 Winter Meeting
of the
AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE
Houston Training and Conference Center (TIEC)
480 N. Sam Houston Pkwy. E. Suite 270
Houston, Texas 77060
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API Subcommittee 6  
Subcommittee on Valves and Wellhead Equipment  
Winter 2008 Meeting  
Agenda

Date: March 4, 2008  
Time: 9:00 to Noon  
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Items:

1. David Cole, Chairman, opened the meeting with introductions and safety comments (evacuation and gathering point). Sign-in sheet was circulated. See attachment 1. Chairman requested additional agenda items. Motion made, second, passed to accept agenda.

2. Motion was made, second, and passed to ratify the summer 2007 meeting minutes as written.

3. Review 2007 ballot outcomes. Ed Baniak explained the approved changes and discussed their incorporation.
   a. Changes to Annex O
   b. Adopt back of ISO 14313 (API Spec 6D)
   c. Correction to Errata 4 was noted. (“6BS” should be “6BX”).

4. Reports from task groups
   a. 20K Flanges (Shyam Patel). Shyam Patel reported on the 20K Flange Design Task Group. See attachment 2 (PowerPoint Presentation - 5 slides).
   b. Repair/Remanufacture (Sterling Lewis) - Gary Devlin reported for Sterling. He over viewed the issues and presented the current revised draft of Annex J proposed by the task group. A draft copy was presented and proposed for letter ballot. See attachment 3 (13 pages). It was clarified by Ed Baniak that the API Monogram would not be applied to repaired equipment. Objective is to make API SC6 as much like ISO 10423 as possible. It was recommended that ISO review the proposed draft and recommend changes to make it acceptable to all and report results at the June 2008 meeting. Motion was made and second to send this draft out for letter ballot as Annex J for a ballot and comments. Motion passed with 7 yes and 0 no.
   c. Castings vs. Forgings (Ries Langereis) - Alfred Kruijer reported on this issue. It was pointed out that it needs to be shown that
forgings are different from castings (vs. better than castings) in order for forgings to be specified. SC6 supports the requirement for forgings over castings. No action from the committee is necessary as this has previously been the position of subcommittee. Action for Ed Baniak to review Alfred’s report with API to determine if it meets the API requirement for documentation.

d. Pipeline Valves (Rick Faircloth) - Rick gave a status report. See attachment 4 (2 pages). Ed pointed out that acceptable technical comments will require re-balloting.

e. Subsurface Safety Valves (David Ott) - Austin Freeman reported on status of 14 series documents. Ed provide input on API participation

5. Items from the ISO task group - Ries Langereis and Alfred Kruijer reported on proposed changes in ISO 10423 See attachment 5 (PowerPoint Presentation – 11 slides). There was discussion on the need to specify PSL for ring gaskets and bolting. The subcommittee recommended that PSL not be specified or applicable to these products. There is a need to address the issue of API 6AV1. It is recommended that the document be reaffirmed and modified to be consistent with the requirements in API 6A. The chair will recommend a work group to address the issues. Eric Wehner (Cameron) volunteered himself or a Cameron representative to lead. Austin Freeman (Halliburton), Roy Benefield (FMC) and Shyam Patel (BP) also volunteered and were appointed. Motion was made and second to re-ballot affirmation of 6AV1. Motion passed. Motion was made and seconded to establish a work group to rationalize API 6AV1 and 6A with the intent to eliminate duplication of requirements and recommend a solution. Motion passed.

6. Actions/needs arising from changes to ASME Section 8, Div II (Ref. PowerPoint presentation [.pdf file] from 6/07 standards conference) - There was some discuss of John Fowler’s meeting, resulting in recommendation for a task group and that it needs to be a coordinated effort between all the API Subcommittees through the ECS.

7. Definitions of Pressure Ratings (Ref. Pressure Ratings for Subsea Equipment comments from Earl. Shanks) - Ed commented that this was more for 17D than 6A, but it needs to be confirmed how it impacts 6A.

8. Revision of TR-6AF and TR-6AF2 - Ed reported on revisions to these documents and on needs for clarification of what to do with the proposed revisions. Shyam Patel agreed to review this, to merge the documents and to report back to Ed. It was agreed that no ballot was needed, but they need to be reviewed for correctness.
9. ECS Reorganization Impact on SC6 - The chairman reported on this item. ECS is recommending that API 11IW be handled by SC6. There was some discussion.
   a. API Spec 11IW will come to SC6
   b. API RP 14H will remain in SC6
   c. API Spec 14A/14L and API RP 14B will go to SC19

10. Organize the June 2008 meeting (Calgary, Alberta, Canada) - The chair requested input on the meeting. It was requested that this meeting be scheduled so it does not conflict with SC6, SC17 and SC18 meetings.

11. Meeting adjourned at 12:36.