August 11, 2015

To: OPRA Multicast Data Recipients

Subject: Implementation of new OPRA Expanded Message Header Formats - UPDATE

**What’s New:**

This notification is to inform all OPRA Data Recipients that OPRA will introduce new Expanded Message Header formats to support a new Transaction ID field which will be supported in the OPRA Multicast Output Message Header. This new Transaction ID field will allow Participants/OPRA to cross reference inbound transactions with their corresponding outbound transactions. The Multicast Output Transaction ID information is intended for SIP Internal Use Only. Data Recipients should ignore/disregard this field to the extent that they do not impact their normal data processing.

**What’s Changing:**

To accommodate the new Transaction ID field in outbound messages, the Block Header will be generated with a new Version number “5” and the Message Header will be expanding from a total of 4 bytes to 12 bytes and will include the following field modification:

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<tr>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Length</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Participant ID</td>
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<td>*Transaction ID</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td><strong>Total Length</strong></td>
<td>4</td>
<td><strong>Total Length</strong></td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
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</table>

**When is it Changing:** UPDATE

The OPRA new Expanded Message Headers are scheduled to be implemented as follows:

- October 19, 2015
**Industry Tests:**

Industry tests will take place on the following Saturday’s:

- September 19, 2015
- October 3, 2015
- October 17, 2015 (final before activation date)

Test data with the new Expanded Message Header will be disseminated over the OPRA Production lines.

**Implementation Details:**

- OPRA will support both the new Expanded Message Header formats and the old (current) Message Header formats for a transitional period allowing for a rapid fallback.
- **Data Recipients should be prepared to process both the new Expanded Message Header formats and the old (current) Message Header formats in the event of a fallback.**
- Data Recipients that are unable to process both old and new Message Header formats may cease to receive multicast data in the event of a fallback.

**Testing Schedule**

Replay files with test data including the new OPRA Expanded Message Header formats have been available since August 3rd. Test data will be disseminated Monday - Friday from 9:00 – 9:15 p.m. ET from the multicast Playback Test channels (**not** over Production channels).

To coordinate testing, and to **provide verbal or written confirmation of testing which is required by all Data Recipients**, please register in one of the following ways:

1. E-mail your name, organization name, phone number, and date of test request(s) to: CQS-CTS-OPRA@siac.com, or
2. Contact the Client Support Desk at 212-896-2830, Option 5.

**Indirect Data Recipients must contact their service provider to coordinate testing.**

**Documentation**

Please reference the latest OPRA Output Multicast Specifications, which may be obtained at the website: [www.opradata.com](http://www.opradata.com).