

**To:** Rae McQuade

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**RE:** TransCapacity's Supplemental Comments on the March 17, 1997 Proposed Standards Changes for inclusion in GISB Standards Commentary for April 10<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting

**R96123 Add a data element, Balancing Agreement, to the UPPD - Bidder Confirmation and UPPD - Bidder Confirmation Validation Capacity Release Data Sets.**

Note: These comments go to the "second" part of recommendation for R96123, the recommendation from BPS. Per the BPS minutes from the March 13, 1997 meeting, the Business Practices Subcommittee and Information Requirements Subcommittee recommendations should be separately considered for vote by the Executive Committee. These comments go to the BPS discussion of the recommendation, which is as follows:

**Discussion:** The Business Practices Subcommittee recommends that the UPPD bidder confirmation and validation process support designation of the associated contract by the bidder, that the recommendation is that it have a usage of mutually agreeable and that the business practice that it support is to enable the association of a replacement capacity contract with another contract for balancing or related purposes.

The motion was further to propose a new standard. The proposed standard would read as follows:

5.3.x The UPPD bidder confirmation and validation process should support the association of a replacement capacity contract with another contract for balancing or related purposes. The support for this process between parties should be on a mutually agreeable basis.

TransCapacity supports this recommendation.

The associated contract field has been added to the nominations and related data sets. It's description and usage allow it to be utilized for a number of different types of contracts and services. The utility of the associated contract field in the nomination and related datasets illustrates the value of adding this to the capacity release datasets. In this manner, the associated contract data, and hence data allowing the use of different services, will be available to service requesters and service providers in the relevant capacity release documents.

Wherever a transportation contract is specified in the capacity release documents, a mutually agreeable field for "associated contract" should be added. This implementation methodology could be accomplished by the Information Requirements Subcommittee.