

Entity Common Codes Straw Man

Definition: For the purposes of GISB standards, an Entity is defined as a person or organization with sufficient legal standing to enter into a contract or arrangement with another such person or organization for the purpose of conducting and/or coordinating natural gas transactions.

For the purposes of GISB Standards, the GISB Entity Common Code is an identifier which is associated with a specific Entity doing business with, or coordinating gas industry transactions with at least one Transportation Service Provider (TSP). Where it is clear that a specific Entity doing business with one TSP is the same specific Entity doing business with another TSP, the GISB Entity Common Code used by both TSP's should be the same for the specific Entity.

Straw Man Central GISB Entity Common Code Repository

Purpose: To provide a central repository of Entity names associated with GISB Entity Common Codes to be used by Entities conducting transactions with respect to Transportation Service Providers in the normal course of business with such Transportation Service Providers, and to associate such GISB Entity Common Code for each such Entity with a code used by at least one nationally recognized business credit reporting service and such other nationally recognized credit reporting services, if any, which agree to interact with the GISB Entity Common Code Assignor and provide such associated codes.

GISB should appoint a single Entity Common Code Assignor (ECCA)

TSP's should provide to the ECCA an electronic list of their business parties (Entities) with which they conduct or coordinate transactions and associated data (defined below). Such list should contain at least all the Entities which either conduct business on, coordinate transactions with, or are the subject of coordination activities with the TSP. A TSP may include Entities in addition to those with which it conducts, or which are the subject of, such activities, should it so desire.

The ECCA should assign a GISB Entity Common Code to each distinct such Entity and should associate such GISB Entity Common Code with at least the correct Headquarters D-U-N-S® Number for that Entity, and should interact with other business credit reporting service(s), if any, wishing to support the industry's desire for such financial information

The ECCA should publish a list, on a by TSP basis, of that TSP's valid records for Entities. Each record should contain the Entity name, GISB Entity Common Code, Headquarters D-U-N-S® Number, TSP proprietary code, and other business credit reporting code, if any, used by such other business credit

reporting service as agrees to interact with the ECCA and provide its code for such Entity.

The ECCA should endeavor to assign the same GISB Entity Common Code to an Entity it identifies as the same Entity based upon information it receives from the TSP's.

The length of the GISB Entity Common Code should not exceed 14 characters in order that existing datasets and applications can accommodate the code without modification.

The layout of the records provided to the ECCA by the TSP's should be as set forth below:

Field Name	Definition	Data Type	Usage/conditionality
TSP Common Code	The GISB Entity Common Code for the TSP	A/N	M When combined with the TSP proprietary code form the key
Entity Name	The name used by the TSP for the Entity	A/N	M
TSP Proprietary Code	The TSP's proprietary code for the Entity	A/N	M When combined with TSP Common Code forms the key
Phone Number	The phone number used by the TSP for this Entity	Numeric (10)	O Optional, may be provided by TSP if it chooses
Contact Name	The Contact Name used by the TSP for this Entity	A/N	O Optional, may he provided by the TSP if it chooses.
City	The city in which the Entity is located as contained in the records of the TSP	A/N	M
State	The state in which the Entity is located as contained in the records of the TSP.	A/N	M
TSP Effective Date	The date the TSP added this record to its system, or original submittal date	Date (YYYYMMDD)	M
TSP Update Date	The date the TSP made a change to data in a field other than a key field	Date (YYYYMMDD)	M
TSP Status Code	The status of the record from the point of view of the TSP - Inactive no longer used (3), Pending GISB Entity Common Code Assignment (2), GISB Entity Common Code adopted by TSP (1).	A/N	M

The record layout provided by the ECCA to the TSP's and posted in the Central Repository:

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TSP Common Code	The GISB Entity Common Code for the TSP	A/N	M When combined with the TSP proprietary code form the key
Entity Name	The name used by the TSP for the Entity	A/N	M
TSP Proprietary Code	The TSP's proprietary code for the Entity	A/N	M When combined with TSP Common Code forms the key
GISB Entity Common Code	The Entity Common Code assigned by the Entity Common Code Assignor to this Entity	Numeric	M
HQ DUNS	The Headquarters D-U-N-S® Number for this Entity	Alpha may contain leading zeros	C Conditional on there being a HQ DUNS or Single location DUNS for this Entity.
Business Credit Report Service 2 code	The code used by another business credit information service company	Alpha may contain letters and numbers, letters only, or numbers only with leading zeros a possibility	C Conditional on there being another business credit report service and there being a code from such service for this Entity
GISB ECCA Effective Date	The date this record was last updated by the ECCA	Date (YYYYMMDD)	M
TSP Effective Date	The date the TSP added this record to its system, or original submittal date	Date (YYYYMMDD)	M
TSP Update Date	The date the TSP made a change to data in a field other than a key field	Date (YYYYMMDD)	M
Status Code	The status of the record from the point of view of the ECCA - Inactive no longer used (3), GISB Entity Common Code adopted by TSP (1).	A/N (2)	M