

## **COLUMBIA GAS TRANSMISSION CORPORATION**

### **Work Paper on Electronic Contracting**

#### **Motion:**

Electronic Contracting for transportation services is not well suited for EDI/EDM or FF/EDM processing. Transportation Service Providers (TSP) should be allowed to offer this process on their Internet EBB in a manner that best suits the TSP's business practices.

#### **Reason for Motion:**

Other than Capacity Release, Service Requesters (SR) do not request new transportation contracts with sufficient frequency for them to invest in developing the processes to create, send, receive and process EDI or flat files. TSP's should not have to create EDI systems for processes it is unlikely that SRs will themselves invest in an EDI system. Further, contracting for transportation service processes can be very different from one TSP to another. Developing EDI/EDM and FF/EDM standards will be time consuming. GISB has other issues that add more value to the industry and should not focus its time and energy developing EDI/EDM and FF/EDM standards for a process that these standards will not be used anyway.