

Proposed Clarification for Request C03004

Clarification Request:

In the data dictionary for G85RRFC and G850RQCF it is required that an Up/Dn identifier code be sent depending on the contractual flow indicator. At a pipeline interconnect the usual confirmation process is by Up/Dn contract identifier. Shouldn't the Up/Dn identifier code between two pipelines be a business conditional process? Here is one reason why. At an interconnect there could be several transactions. The transport contract may be communicated thru the chain but the entity may not due to confidentiality reasons. Please justify your position on this required element.

Clarification Response:

The Mandatory usage of Upstream and Downstream Identifiers (Entities) in the Confirmation process, specifically as used in documents G855RRFC and G850RQCF, dates back to GISB version 1.0. In requesting that NAESB "justify" it's position in requiring these data elements, C03004 states: "At a pipeline Interconnect the usual confirmation process is by Up/Dn contract identifier". The discussions for crafting version 1.0 and subsequent versions have repeatedly revealed that this assumption is incorrect. The industry as a whole has agreed that the Confirmation process requires, at a minimum, the use of Upstream and Downstream Identifiers. These discussions and the resulting votes have promulgated the Industry's wishes to specify thru NAESB a single method of confirmation for all facilities, whether a wellhead, interconnect, etc, as opposed to creating separate processes based on facility type. Subsequent standards have been adopted for other processes that rely on the mandatory usage of these identifiers.

With respect to interconnected parties coming to agreement not to use the Upstream and Downstream Identifier elements in their joint Confirmation process, NAESB recognizes the right for such parties to so agree to the extent that other standards, processes and agreements are not adversely affected, as is the case in any question of usage. Should one of the parties not agree to exclude the Upstream and Downstream Identifier elements in the Confirmation process, the standards will govern specifying mandatory usage of these elements.