1. Recommended Action:  
   ___ Accept as requested 
   ___ Accept as modified below 
   ___ Decline  

Effect of EC Vote to Accept Recommended Action:  
   ___ Change to Existing Practice 
   ___ Status Quo 

2. TYPE OF MAINTENANCE  

Per Request:  
___ Initiation 
___ Modification 
___ Interpretation 
___ Withdrawal  

Per Recommendation:  
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___ Principle (x.1.z) 
___ Definition (x.2.z) 
___ Business Practice Standard (x.3.z) 
___ Document (x.4.z) 
___ Data Element (x.4.z) 
___ Code Value (x.4.z) 
___ X12 Implementation Guide 
___ Business Process Documentation 

3. RECOMMENDATION  

The BPS Subcommittee recommends modifying GSB Standard 1.3.24:  

When used, Package ID should be:  
   a) supported for nominating and scheduling;  
   b) mutually agreed between the applicable parties for allocations and imbalance reporting;  
   c) supported for invoicing (sales and purchase); and,  
   d) mutually agreed for transport invoicing.  

4. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION  

a. Description of Request:  

Make conforming changes to Standards 2.4.4 (Imbalance Report) and 3.4.1 (Invoicing) so that the field “Package ID” reflects “Conditional” usage (rather than the current “Mutually Agreeable”), making it consistent with the requirements of newly modified standard 1.3.24, which states:  
   “When used, Package ID should be supported for nominating, scheduling, allocating, and invoicing (sales and purchase), and not required for transport invoicing.”
Data Element  Proposed Condition
Package ID  For both 2.4.4 and 3.4.1, change to be “Conditional”, where if the Package ID is used in the nomination, it is mandatory in the Imbalance Reporting (2.4.4) and the Invoice Statement (3.4.1).

The package ID is used during the nomination process to distinguish different sales and purchase transactions that share identical pathing data. Aside from imparting additional control over the gas flow (via more granular priorities), the main goal is to make the allocation data (Imbalance Reporting) at least as precise as the nominations that generated them.

b. Description of Recommendation:

BPS Subcommittee
MOTION:
Adopt the above modified language for 1.3.24
The motion passed unanimously.

c. Business Purpose:

This is in effect declining the request.

d. Commentary/Rationale of Subcommittee(s)/Task Force(s):

Please refer to the BPS minutes dated March 11, 1999.