

C96022

REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION

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GISB Standard Number: 5.3.2

Clarification or Interpretation Request:

After reviewing numerous interstate pipeline tariff filings incorporating the GISB Standards, there are various interpretations in the industry regarding Standard Number 5.3.2. So that different business practices are not implemented, thereby diluting the benefits of standardization, GISB should clarify the timeline for capacity release posting and award. The ability to acquire release capacity on interconnected pipelines would be hindered if timelines are inconsistent.

Possible interpretation or clarification:

The implementation in proposed tariffs of this standard falls into one of three interpretations. For explanation purposes here, I will focus on the short-term release timeline and on the open season portion thereof. The long-term release and the award process follows the same three basic interpretations:

Implementation Pattern 1 - Offers are to be posted no later than 1:00 PM on the day before nominations are due for the earliest date of the capacity being released. Open season ends at 2:00 PM on the same day. The result is a minimum of a one hour open season specifically on the day before nominations are due. For example, a release covering November 15 through December 31 would need to be posted no later than 1:00 PM on November 13 and the open season would end at 2:00 PM on November 13. The offer could be posted earlier than 1:00 on November 13, if the releasing shipper so chooses.

Implementation Pattern 2 - Offers are to be posted no later than 1:00 PM at least one day prior to the day nominations are due and the open season would end at 2:00 PM on that same day. The effect is there is an open season from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM on any day, as long as it is at least the day before nominations. For example, this interpretation would allow a release for June 1 through August 31 to be posted from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM on February 4, only.

Implementation Pattern 3 - Offers are to be posted no later than 1:00 PM on the day before nominations are due and the open season can end no later than 2:00 PM on the day before nominations are due, as long as there is a minimum one-hour open season. For example, a release of capacity for June 1 through August 31 could be posted from 4:00 AM to 5:00 AM on February 4, only.

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MESSAGE :

Attached is a "Request for Clarification" regarding Standard 5.3.2.
I will also send the document via e mail. Please call me if you have any
questions. Thanks.

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Subj: Request For Interpretation
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Columbia Gas would like to withdraw four of its clarification requests. Three of the requests are actually modifications to the standards and will be resubmitted as such. The fourth item has already been resolved.

I was told these items are numbered C96007, C96009, C96010 and C96011.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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