REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OR INTERPRETATION

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GISB Standard #: 1.4.3. (Request for Confirmation) and 1.4.4. (Confirmation Response)

Clarification or interpretation request:
Since there are two parties involved in the confirmation process and each party has a perspective of the contractual flow at a location (to one party the transaction is a delivery which is a receipt to the other party), how should the following data elements be populated? Contractual Flow Indicator, Upstream Identifier Code, Upstream Contract Identifier, Downstream Identifier Code, Downstream Contract Identifier, Service Requester Contract.

Possible interpretations or clarifications, if known:
The most efficient way to process the Request for Confirmation and follow up with a Confirmation Response is to populate these fields with the same information provided in the Request for Confirmation. In effect, this information would always be populated from the perspective of the party creating the Request for Confirmation. The party creating the Confirmation Response would simply need to reduce quantities and provide a Reduction Reason Code if a reduction is necessary. This method would also mean the receiver of the Confirmation Response (the creator of the Request for Confirmation) would not have to perform any further interpretation that would be necessary if the data elements in question were populated from the perspective of the creator of the Confirmation Process.

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