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REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OR INTERPRETATION

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GISB Standard Number(s): 1.3.1, 5.3.2, and 5.4.X

Clarification or interpretation request:

Request clarification related to the use of only central clock time values in the date/time data elements for all Capacity Release related datasets (e.g. Offers, Bids, Awards, Upload to Pipeline of Prearranged Deal, UPPD Validation, Bidder Confirmation, Final Disposition, Operational Available, Unsubscribed FT, and Critical Notices). Should all time values be provided as central clock time?

Possible Interpretations or Clarifications, if Known:

Yes, all values contained within date/time data elements should be central clock time values. GISB Standards version 1.2 et. seq. removed the time zone qualifier for all date/time data elements. GISB Standard 5.3.2 expresses that the time deadlines in Capacity Release data sets should be in central clock time. GISB business standards universally express that central clock time should be used. There are no longer any time zone qualifiers within the datasets and therefore only time values which are central clock time should be present. In addition, GISB Standard 1.3.1 expresses that the standard time for gas day should be expressed in central clock time (e.g., 9 a.m. - 9 a.m. CT).

The Problem:

Some Transportation Service Providers are sending time values in their local time in their EDI documents. They are not sending central clock time values. In addition, they are also sending a time zone qualifier which is no longer supported in the GISB EDI standards which has the effect of making data interpretation ambiguous. Worse, it requires a Transportation Service Provider specific exception handling process to accept the time zone qualifier and then Transportation Service Provider specific data manipulation through coding to convert the time value that is presented to that of the GISB Standards, namely central clock time.