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Gas Industry Standards Board
Request for Initiation of a GISB Standard for Electronic Business Transactions
or
Enhancement of an Existing GISB Standard for Electronic Business Transactions

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1. Submitting Entity & Address:
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3. Description of Proposed Standard or Enhancement:
   Make the REDUCTION REASON CODES between the Confirmation Response and the Scheduled Quantity data sets consistent.

4. Use of Proposed Standard or Enhancement (include how the standard will be used, documentation on the description of the proposed standard, any existing documentation of the proposed standard, and required communication protocols):

   When scheduled quantities are sent to the nominating and confirming parties, reduction reason codes are included on the X12 files, the proprietary files and the proprietary reports. With the current standard codes, the nominating party and the confirming party may receive different ‘reasons’ on their reports for the same scheduling action. For example, a GSIB Confirmation Response will display a ‘CAP’ reduction code (Table A - Reduction Reason Codes), but the GISB Scheduled Quantity for the shipper will display a ‘PCC’ reduction code (Table A - SI 1000/234 Pairs).
Stamping different reason codes on the same transaction confuses trading partners when they compare reported quantities. This also impacts the TSP’s ability to communicate their customers.

5. Description of Any Tangible or Intangible Benefits to the Use of the Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

Being able to communicate the same reason code to all parties involved in a transaction, the shipper and the supplier, simplifies the business process and enables parties to manage their business because information is consistent.

That is the way El Paso is doing business now and our customers expect the reason codes to be consistent in the future.

6. Estimate of Incremental Specific Costs to Implement Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

N/A

7. Description of Any Specific Legal or Other Considerations:

N/A

8. If This Proposed Standard or Enhancement Is Not Tested Yet, List Trading Partners Willing to Test Standard or Enhancement (Corporations and contacts):

N/A

9. If This Proposed Standard or Enhancement Is In Use, Who are the Trading Partners:

N/A

10. Attachments (such as: further detailed proposals, transaction data descriptions, information flows, implementation guides, business process descriptions, examples of ASC ANSI X12 mapped transactions):