

Request for Initiation of a GISB Standard for Electronic Business Transactions
or
Request for Enhancement of a 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:

El Paso is requesting 3 new transaction types be added to the list of valid codes for Nominations, Quick Response, and Scheduled Volumes for Shippers. This codes will be defined as follows:

Trans Type	Definition
80	<i>Contract Demand Limit Overrun Fronthaul</i>
81	<i>Contract Demand Limit Overrun Backhaul</i>
82	<i>Contract Demand Limit Overrun Shorthaul</i>

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):

In the GISB standards, special transaction types are provided for shippers requesting transportation for more than the quantity specified on their contract. This transaction type is called 'MDQ Overrun.'

El Paso has written firm transportation contracts that allow shippers to allocate their volume entitlement on a single contract to multiple primary delivery points. When capacity is allocated, these point specific entitlements, which are called "Contract Demand Limits" must be compared to the nominations. Confirmed nominations up to the 'CDL' amount are scheduled as firm primary service. That same shipper may, however, nominate volumes in excess of the CDL for transportation to that point as

an alternate delivery point. These volumes are identified as a CDL Overrun and are accorded a lower priority.

El Paso has determined that there is no way, within the currently defined GISB transaction types, that a customer can identify which nomination is for delivery on a primary point basis and which is the requested overrun quantity. The existing MDQ Overrun transaction cannot be used for this purpose since it applies at a contract, not delivery point level..

Adding 3 new transaction types to the GISB matrix is the best way El Paso has identified to resolve this problem. It avoids adding a new field to the GISB standard data sets and provides a mechanism that will clearly identify the two types of transactions.

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

Addition of these transaction types will allow El Paso to continue to honor existing contractual commitments without requesting that a new field be added to the standard data sets.

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

n/a

7. Description of Any Specific Legal or Other Considerations:

Absent some change to the standard data set, it will not allow El Paso to honor its contractual commitments. This is the simplest change we have been able to identify.

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

El Paso and the affected customers will be the only ones required to implement and test these transaction types.

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

n/a

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