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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

Date of Request: May 30, 1997

1. Submitting Entity & Address:

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3. Description of Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

Transco proposes that a Mutually Agreeable (MA) data element called Statement Type be added to the Imbalance Statement (Standard 2.4.3) to distinguish between Ending Imbalance Quantities that are not subject to cashout, and those Ending Imbalance Quantities that are subject to cashout.

The data element should in our view be at the same level of detail as the Ending Imbalance Quantity. Frequently, Transco has two (2) Ending Imbalance Quantities for a contract. The first Quantity represents the imbalance incurred prior to the institution of the cashout provisions, so these volumes are not subject to cashout; the second Quantity represents the imbalance incurred after the institution of the cashout provisions, so these volumes are subject to cashout.

The new data element should have two code values as follows:

- Subject to Cashout
- Not Subject to Cashout

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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):

Transco currently uses the Statement Types specified above to explain and communicate the nature of the Ending Imbalance Quantities presented on the Imbalance Statement. Our ability to use this data element in EDI exchanges is necessary to maintain our current level of service.

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

When this proposed modification is incorporated into the Standard, Transco and other pipelines who use similar accounting practices will be able to identify Ending Imbalance Quantities in conformance with current business practices.

6. Estimate of Incremental Specific Costs to Implement Proposed Standard or Enhancement:
None to minor.

7. Description of Any Specific Legal or Other Considerations:
None.

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

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

10. Attachments (such as: further detailed proposals, transaction data descriptions, information flows, implementation guides, business process descriptions, examples of ASC ANSI X12 mapped transactions):
None.