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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 three (3) data elements be added to the PDA (Standard 2.4.1) and Allocation Statement (Standard 2.4.4) datasets. These data elements are part of the transaction key as defined in Standard 1.3.27. Accordingly, they need to be available in the PDA and Allocation Statement datasets to describe transactions unambiguously (in a multi-level allocation system, to describe transactions at the detail level unambiguously). The data elements and their suggested usage codes are as follows:

-Receipt Location   C (conditional) on Statement Type, Model Type, Quantity Type Indicator
-Delivery Location   C (conditional) on Statement Type, Model Type, Quantity Type Indicator
-Transaction Type   C (conditional) on Statement Type

For a <u>pathed</u> pipeline, both the receipt location and the delivery location are needed to describe the transaction. Both of these fields are part of the transaction key, so both must be provided to describe a transaction at the detail level. Since we have multiple levels of allocation, higher level (summarized) transactions will not need the full key. But transactions at the detail level need to be described using all of the data elements in the transaction key.

Transco uses the Transaction Type to distinguish payback transactions from normal transactions, and it is a part of Transco's transaction key. A shipper could have two transactions that were identical except that one was a payback transaction and one was a normal transaction, so the Transaction Type is needed for transactions at the detail level.

4. Use of Proposed Standard or Enhancement (include how the standard will be used,

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documentation on the description of the proposed standard, any existing documentation of the proposed standard, and required communication protocols):
Transco currently allows parties who send PDA information to us to use the three (3) data fields above to identify the transaction for which they are sending PDA parameters. Transco currently sends the data fields above on Allocation Statements to identify detail level transactions which have been allocated. Our ability to exchange these data elements in EDI 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 will be able to identify gas transactions on the PDA and the Allocation Statement in conformance with current business practices.

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

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):
Unknown

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.