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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 new data element called Capacity Release Cross Reference Contract be added to the data dictionary for the Invoice dataset (Standard 3.4.1) with usage code Sender's Option (SO). This data element is used in Transco's current invoicing process to tell the releasing party and the replacement party the contract number for other side of the capacity release transaction. When invoicing the replacement shipper, we send the contract from which capacity was released in this data element. When invoicing the releasing shipper, we send the contract to which capacity was released in this data element. Our ability to use this data element in EDI exchanges is necessary to maintain our current level of service.

We considered the use of the Associated Contract field for communicating this information. However, that idea was rejected, because the Capacity Release Cross Reference Contract is used on a different dataset and for a purpose different from the Associated Contract field. The Associated Contract is used in the Nomination and Scheduled Quantity datasets to indicate an alternate or additional contract number to use when a certain allocation result is obtained. By contrast, the Capacity Release Cross Reference Contract field is used only on the Invoice dataset for demand billing purposes when a capacity release has occurred. Therefore, we believe that the Associated Contract field is not appropriate for communicating this information.

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):

The proposed change will allow Transco to identify demand charges on the EDI Invoice with detail as full and complete as that which is currently shown on the paper invoice.

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

When this proposed enhancement is incorporated into the Standard, Transco and other pipelines who use similar reporting practices will be able to identify capacity release demand charges in conformance with current business practices.

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

For companies who already use this data element, the cost to utilize the data element is expected to be minor. For companies that are not currently using this data element, the cost is expected to be trivial, since the proposed usage of the data element is Sender's Option (SO).

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.