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

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1. Submitting Entity & Address :

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3. Description of Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

GISB should further evaluate such standards as are necessary to ensure that the five postings in GISB Standard 4.3.6 version 1.1 are implemented by Transportation Service Providers in a consistent and user friendly manner including the development of common Web page structures, viewing formats, nomenclature, logon procedures, and download capabilities.

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):

This would insure that the Internet Web page information that Transportation Service Providers are to establish by August 1, 1997, are developed in a common, user friendly format, such that trading partners would be able to access information, such as critical notices, with a common set of instructions.

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

The main benefit for the industry is to avoid duplicating the customized approach that was taken by Transportation service Providers in designing their proprietary EBB's so that the Internet Web pages would instead have a common "look and feel".

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 Standard or Enhancement is Not Tested yet, list Trading Partners willing to test Standard or Enhancement (Corporations or Contacts):

N/A

9. If this proposed Standard or Enhancement is in use, who are the trading partners:

Not currently in use.

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

See GISB Standard 4.3.6