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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

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1. Submitting Entity and Address:

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3. Description of Proposed Standard or Enhancement

Change the definition and condition of Allocation Rank Level so that it may be used with the "swing" Allocation Method.

4. Use of Proposed Standard or Enhancement

The "swing" Allocation Method may contain one or more "swing" line items (or contracts). The Allocation Rank Level will be used to determine the order in which the "swings" will take place.

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

The current implementation guide assumes that the "Swing" allocation method uses only one swing line item or contract. The definition approved by BPS states,
"One or more of the scheduled line items, or alternately a separate contract, is designated as the swing. All other scheduled line items are allocated the scheduled quantity. The line item(s) identified as swing are allocated the remaining difference between total quantity to be allocated and the quantities allocated to non-swing line items, in accordance with instructions provided with the PDA. If the swing line item(s) / contract(s) are not permitted to be allocated a quantity which would result in a negative number, the negative quantity is allocated to the remaining scheduled line items."

The above definition allows for multiple line items or contracts. A ranking method is necessary to indicate the order in which gas will be allocated to the line items.

6. Estimate of Incremental Specific Costs to Implement Proposed Standard or Enhancement
Pipelines that allow multiple line items already have a way to identify the ranking of each line item. Adding the same flexibility to EDI will not add any cost.
7. Description of any Specific Legal or Other Considerations:
8. If this Proposed Standard or Enhancement is not tested yet, list the Trading Partners willing to test Standard or Enhancement?
9. If this Proposed Standard or Enhancement is in use, who are the trading partners?
“Swing” contracts are currently ranked when service requesters use Columbia’s EBB.
10. Attachments
11. Abstract