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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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3. Description of Proposed Standard or Enhancement
   Add a non-textual data element that will tie the offers of a Not-Stand-alone Offer
together. This data element is needed in the UPPD data sets and the data sets being
created for Non-Prearranged Deals.

4. Use of Proposed Standard or Enhancement
   The data element will provide the means necessary to create an automated procedure for
   joining Not-Stand-alone Offers.

5. Description of any Tangible or Intangible Benefits to the Use of Proposed Standard or Enhancement
   Currently, Not-Stand-alone Offers are identified with an indicator and text. The text
   explanation requires manual intervention to insure that all the parts of a Not-Stand-alone
   Offer are kept together.

   The new data element will eliminate this manual processing.

6. Estimate of Incremental Specific Costs to Implement Proposed Standard or Enhancement
   Some cost can be expected. However, the cost of implementation would be less than the
   cost of manual processing. Therefore, the incremental cost should be considered as no
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?
   Columbia Gas Transmission and Columbia Gulf Transmission are willing to test the
   enhancement.