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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 contract data elements and bid rate data elements to allow the nomination of a
   “Super-Nom.” These data elements need to be repeating data elements that would allow
   any number of contracts and bid rates to be included on the nomination.

   These data elements should be mutually agreed. A bid rate must have a corresponding
   contract. However, it is not necessary to supply a bid rate with every contract.

   The example explained in “11. Abstract” uses four additional contracts and comes from
   functionality currently offered by Columbia Gas Transmission and Columbia Gulf
   Transmission. The four contracts are offshore, onshore, mainline, and distribution.

   These data elements are needed in the Nomination and Scheduled Quantity.

4. Use of Proposed Standard or Enhancement
   The new standard would allow a Service Requester to create one nomination for
   transporting gas from the wellhead to the citygate.

   Columbia Gas Transmission and Columbia Gulf Transmission would use the new data
   elements to reduce the number of nominations that a service requester needs to transport
   gas from the Gulf of Mexico to market.

5. Description of any Tangible or Intangible Benefits to the Use of Proposed Standard or
   Enhancement
   The data elements will provide a level of service that has been a part of Columbia’s
   nomination process since the implementation of Order 436. The “Super-Nom” will reduce
   the number of nominations required to transport gas.
6. Estimate of Incremental Specific Costs to Implement Proposed Standard or Enhancement
   None. These data elements would be used by TSPs that support a “Super-Nom.” These TSPs would already have this information. Therefore, no incremental costs would be incurred.

7. Description of any Specific Legal or Other Considerations:
   None.

8. If this Proposed Standard or Enhancement is not tested yet, list the Trading Partners willing to test Standard or Enhancement?
   The “Super-Nom” was a feature allowed when Gas*Flow maintained the EDI implementation guides. At that time, the trading partners were Columbia Gas Transmission, Columbia Gulf Transmission, Enron, and Gaslantic.

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

10. Attachments

11. Abstract
   The nomination screen on Columbia’s EBB contains Service Requester Contract, Associated Contract, and four other contracts with associated bid rates. By using these contracts/bid rates, a Service Requester can submit a single nomination that defines the path to transport gas from the Gulf of Mexico to a market in the northeast.

   When using the current GISB nomination data elements, a Service Requester must submit four nominations. With the additional contracts/bid rates on Columbia’s EBB, only one nomination is required.

   The four Columbia contracts/bid rates are:
   1. Offshore - Used to transport gas from offshore locations to onshore locations.
   2. Onshore - Used to transport gas from onshore locations to Rayne, Louisiana.
   3. Mainline - Used to transport gas from Rayne, Louisiana to Leach, Kentucky.
   4. Distribution - Used to transport gas from Leach, Kentucky to market.

   The elimination of these four contracts/bid rates would require a Service Requester to submit four nominations.