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Gas Industry Standards Board Request for Initiation of Standard for Electronic Business Transactions or

Enhancement of an Existing GISB Standard for Electronic Business Transactions

1. Submitting Entity & Address:

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3. Description of Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

TransCapacity requests a new dataset plus a new code value in the Upload of Request for Download (and response) datasets. These additions would be used to facilitate the transfer of fuel matrix information to and from trading partners, that is, a downloaded file containing the valid fuel matrix for transportation on the subject Transportation Service Provider.

The new dataset would be called "Fuel Matrix Information" and the code value addition to the Data Sets Requested data element in the Upload of Request for Download dataset (and Response to Upload of Request dataset) could be called "Fuel Matrix."

4. Use of the Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

The additional code value added to the "Data Sets Requested" data element would be used so that Service Requesters could request the fuel matrix for the TSP. The same code value added to the "Response to Upload of Request" dataset would be used so that TSP's could respond correctly to the Upload of Request for Download for this dataset.

The Fuel Matrix Information dataset would be the substantive dataset downloaded in response to the request for fuel matrix information.

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

GISB Standard No. 1.1.5 states: "The fuel process should be simpler."

GISB Standard No. 1.3.30 states: "For in-kind fuel reimbursement methods, Service Providers should provide, if applicable, a fuel matrix for receipt and delivery point combinations. The Service Requester should not be responsible for calculating and totaling fuel based on each zone or facility traversed."

In addition to supporting the above standards, this request would allow a mechanism for Service Requesters to request, and TSP's to provide, the referenced fuel matrix.

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

The addition of a code value to the Data Sets Requested data element has a very small one-time cost only of mapping the new code value. No new data elements or other changes to these data sets are required.

The Fuel Matrix Information dataset is a new dataset. As such, it would require a one-time mapping by sending and receiving parties. It should be noted however, that the data used to populate this dataset generally exists somewhere on a TSP's EBB already given the above standards.

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 Standard or Enhancement

TransCapacity is certainly willing and able to undertake testing with any party regarding this proposal.

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9. If This Proposed Standard or Enhancement Is In Use, Who are the Trading Partners:

N/A.

10. Attachments

None.