

# R98049

## 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 credit status and approved bidder information to and from trading partners, that is, a downloaded file containing the credit and/or approved bidder status for potential replacement shippers on the subject Transportation Service Provider.

The new dataset would be called "Credit Status 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 "Credit Status."

#### 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 credit status (and/or approved bidder status) of potential replacement shippers on 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 Credit Status Information dataset would be the informational dataset downloaded in response to the request for parties' credit status and/or approved bidder status.

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

This request would allow a mechanism for Service Requesters to request, and TSP's to provide, the credit status and/or approved bidders status of parties and entities who would be potential replacement shippers on the TSP's system. It would ease the capacity release process whereby pre-arranged deals are concerned, as parties would be able to ascertain a pre-arranged bidder status prior to uploading the pre-arranged deal to the pipeline.

While not guaranteeing that the pre-arranged deal would succeed, this step would remove one impediment from the successful culmination of the deal.

**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.

As a new data sets, the Credit Status Information file would require a one-time mapping by sending and receiving parties. It should be noted however, that this data in general must exist somewhere in a TSP's computer system. This reduces implementation costs, as the data must only be formatted differently.

**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.