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Gas Industry Standards Board
Request for Initiation of Standard for electronic Business Transaction
or
Enhancement of an Existing GISB Standard for Electronic Business Transactions

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3. Description of Proposed Standard or Enhancement

ECT requests that the Nomination Data Set be revised to accommodate sending only one common code at custody transfer locations where the transportation service provider knows the relationship between the Contract Identifier and the Identifier Code (e.g. pooling points, logical points).

The Upstream Identifier Code represents the upstream party to the transaction, while the Upstream Contract Identifier represents the contract of the upstream party. In many cases, the contract number alone is sufficient to identify the party. In other words, in the case of the Upstream ID and Upstream Contract Identifier, where the transportation service provider has the relationship between these present in its database, only the Upstream Contract Identifier would have to be sent. The transportation service provider could then use the contract identifier to identify the upstream party.

This, of course, would also apply in the case of Downstream ID and Downstream Contract Identifier.

4. Use of the Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

This would allow an EDI file to be accepted with one data element for validation instead of the current practice of sending the Up/Downstream Contract with the associated Up/Downstream Identifier Code at locations where the transportation service provider maintains the relationship between contracts and entities.

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

EDI nominations would be accepted and processed without the need for the Service Requester to keep a table of the contract/entity relationship that the TSP already maintains. Fewer EDI nomination errors would occur in the nomination process. It should be noted that this service is available on most EBBs today.

6. Estimated of Incremental Specific Costs to Implement proposed Standard or Enhancement:

Minor addition of a code value, if this is the implementation method chosen.

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:

ECT 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:

10. Attachments: None