

R99008
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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1. Submitting Entity & Address:

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3. Description of Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

New standard data sets, elements and/or code values are requested under the GISB Capacity Release Related Standards (5.4.X) to accomplish the reposting of an offer to release capacity subsequent to the close of an open season. It is believed that this function could be accomplished on a Mutually Agreeable basis via EDI/EDM through the creation or modification of ANSI X.12 EDI data sets and/or code values. For the Submitting Entities, this function is currently accomplished interactively on their proprietary EBBs. Submitting Entities propose to make this requested functionality available on their Customer Activities Web pages. Please refer to Attachment for detailed description of the requested functionality.

4. Use of Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

Please refer to Attachment for detailed description of the requested functionality.

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

Maximizes opportunity to release capacity while minimizing the effort needed by the releasing party to post the offers.

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

Costs of implementation should be those typically associated with the development, testing and mapping of new transaction sets/code values.

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 (Corporations and contacts):

Any of the Submitting Entities are willing to test with any other party. Contact person is the same as listed on first page of this request.

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

Not Applicable. For the Submitting Entities this feature is currently available only via their proprietary EBB systems.

10. Attachments:

Please refer to Attachment for detailed description of the requested functionality.

**Submitting Entities: Colorado Interstate Gas Company
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The Submitting Entities currently provide, via their proprietary EBBs, the ability for a Shipper who is releasing capacity, to choose a “Repost” option. By selecting this option, a releasing Shipper’s biddable offer is posted, and if the open season closes without receipt of a valid bid, the offer is immediately reposted for bidding in the subsequent open season. The repost function also adjusts the term of the release (moves the start date of the release), if necessary. This feature is applicable to “short term” releases subject to the GISB timelines (releases less than 5 months in duration). For releases subject to special terms and conditions (i.e., “non-standard” releases) this feature is only applicable if the release is for a term of one month or less.

Because the Submitting Entities’ capacity release systems automatically check for valid bids at the end of an open season and, if there are none, instantly reposts the offer, the releasing Shipper is not required to actively monitor the open season for valid bids. On the Submitting Entities’ systems, there is a 23-hour gap (for GISB timeline releases) before the next one-hour open season commences; sufficient time to manually resubmit another offer. However, for “non-standard” releases, the systems and the Submitting Entities’ tariffs prescribe a 24-hour open season starting at 1:00 p.m. CCT and ending the next business day at 1:00 p.m. CCT. If, for these “non-standard” releases, the Shipper were to determine at the end of an open season that there were no valid bids received, it would be too late to have another offer open at the instant the first offer closes without risking an over-release of capacity.

The repost function is provided by the Submitting Entities as a customer service to maximize the opportunity to release capacity while at the same time minimizing effort needed to release the capacity. Shippers posting biddable release offers have widely endorsed and extensively used this feature.

The Submitting Entities believe that the requested functionality should be offered on Mutually Agreeable basis.