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Request for Initiation of a GISB Standard for Electronic Business Transactions

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Enhancement of an Existing GISB Standard for Electronic Business Transactions

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To properly implement the GISB standards, Columbia Gas needs clarification of the following items.

Standards

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1. Clarify standard 1.3.12. The Schedule Quantity transactions that are sent at 4:30 PM and at the end of the gas day will contain all intra-day nominations that have been processed prior to transmittal. Confirmation will occur within four hours of receipt of any intra-day nomination per the standard 1.3.10. Does this satisfy standard 1.3.12? Or does an additional scheduled quantity transaction need to be sent? If so, when?

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2. What is the purpose of ending time? Standard 1.3.9 states that all nominations "should be based on a daily quantity". The data element time seems to contradict this standard. Are we supposed to ignore the ending time? What about beginning time? For example, if an original nom of 24 Dth were to be processed with a begin time of noon and an end time of 2:00 PM, is the hourly flow to be calculated such that 12 Dth flow from noon to 1:00 and from 1:00 to 2:00 with all other hourly flows are equal to zero? Or is the hourly flow equal to 1 Dth for all 24 hours?

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3. Standard 2.3.15 indicates that allocations are either daily or monthly. Why is time a data element? Is GISB anticipating hourly allocations in the future? If so, until that time we assume defaulting the time to 9:00 AM is acceptable, and in the future, standard 2.3.15 will be modified.