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Request For Clarification Or Interpretation

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GISB Standard Number: 5.3.26: Releasing shipper has choice to specify dollars and cents or percents of maximum tariff rate in the denomination of bids and all transportation service providers should support this. Once the choice is made by the releasing shipper, the bids should comport with the choice.

Clarification or interpretation request:

A releasing shipper can opt to have bids be sent in as either Absolute Dollars and Cents or as a Percentage of Maximum Tariff Rate.

In the case that a shipper chooses to accept bids in *either* format, and the transportation service provider *elects* to support this practice by calculating the best bid regardless of how received, does this meet the applicable standard?

Possible interpretations or clarifications, if known:

Yes. This seems to be exceeding the standard. Since the releasing shipper has the right to specify either dollars or percentage, where supported by the TSP, the releasing shipper should have the right to specify both.

In other words, a code for 'both' should be a viable option in the capacity release 'Firm Transportation and Storage - Offer' dataset, (GISB Standard No. 5.4.1). The use of the code would be subject to whether the TSP chooses to support this practice.