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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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3. Description of Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

Summary:

This request is to modify the GISB procedures for development and implementation of new datasets for the specific purpose of expediting the completion and adoption of the Imbalance Trading transaction sets. The objective is to provide a complete, fully staffed work product of Imbalance Trading transaction sets no later than September 15, 2000

Explanation:

The Imbalance Trading transactions are a group of 8 new transaction sets used to post and conduct the imbalance trade. The process of trading imbalances and the use of these transaction sets is new to most companies in the industry. This process needs to be put into limited use before the large investment of time to create X12 transaction sets is made. This will enable 3 things:

- 1 A quicker implementation time for pipelines by bringing up the process only on EBBs.
- 2 The ability to receive the functionality sooner by shippers.
- 3 The ability to finetune the transaction sets in one medium first.

In order to accomplish this, there are several adjustments to the current procedures for development and implementation that need to be modified. This request is for the modification to apply only to the Imbalance Trading transaction sets. Any other transaction sets should be considered on a case by case basis.

Timeline:

Now	Submit Request
ASAP	Triage Subcommittee meets to determine status of request
By 7/31	Executive Committee phone call to discuss / vote on Triage recommendation.
By 8/18	Expedited Data Development submits proposed transaction sets for comment. Shortened comment period to two weeks.
9/1	Executive Committee meeting via phone to discuss / vote on recommended transaction set implementations.
<i>If a positive vote is received by the Executive Committee:</i>	
9/1	Ballot is sent out for ratification - shortened ratification period of 2 weeks
9/15	Ratification of transaction sets is complete.

Modifications:

- 1 Develop EBB implementation instructions for Imbalance Trading.
 - 2 Consider Imbalance Trading to be fully staffed and ready for publication without EDI implementations.
 - 3 Place the EDI implementation instructions for Imbalance Trading on the Technical Subcommittee work log with a priority of 'low'.
 - 4 Modify the standard data dictionary format for the Imbalance Trading transaction sets to include a column for 'Data Attributes'. This column will provide the necessary information for parties to implement the process without the attribute information that is usually provided in the EDI implementation instructions. The attribute column will include a) level (header, detail, sub-detail, etc.), b) element type (numeric, alphanumeric, integer, date), c) element size (field length), d) reference to code values list if applicable.
 - 5 Add a statement in the Technical Implementation of Business Process for each transaction set stating that no EDI equivalent for this dataset is being developed at this time and that the technical implementation is available only via EBB/EDM. This statement would be removed, of course, once the EDI implementation instructions are complete.
 - 6 The subcommittee responsible for completing all of the staff work for the implementation will be the Expedited Data Development subcommittee.
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4. **Use of Proposed Standard or Enhancement (include how the standard will be used, documentation on the description of the proposed standard, any existing documentation of the proposed standard, and required communication protocols):**
 5. **Description of Tangible or Intangible Benefits to the Use of the Proposed Standard or Enhancement:**
 6. **Estimate of Incremental Specific Costs to Implement Proposed Standard or Enhancement:**
 7. **Description of Any Specific Legal or Other Considerations:**

8. **If This Proposed Standard or Enhancement Is Not Tested Yet, List Trading Partners Willing to Test Standards or Enhancement (Corporation and contacts):**
9. **If This Proposed Standard or Enhancement Is in Use, Who are the Trading Partners:**
10. **Attachments:**