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

1. Submitting Entity & Address:

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3. Description of Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

TransCapacity proposes to add a data element to the 865 Scheduled Quantity document. This mandatory data element would be called "Scheduled Quantity Statement Type" and would contain code values indicating whether the Scheduled Quantity document represents the "day before" scheduled quantity, or in fact the "day after flow" Scheduled Quantity document.

4. Use of the Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

GISB Standard No. 1.3.3 states that "In addition to making scheduled quantities information available by 4:30 PM, at the end of each day transportation service providers should also make available to shippers information containing scheduled quantities, including scheduled intra-day nominations and any other scheduling changes.

This request would allow differentiation by the receiver of these two types of Scheduled Quantity documents by inclusion of a code indicating which type of statement it is.

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

Currently, the 865 Scheduled Quantity document data set does not have an indicator to distinguish a day after flow scheduled quantity document from a regular (day before flow) Scheduled Quantity document. Adding a status indicator to the data set that indicates which type of scheduled quantity document is being sent will alleviate any confusion on the receiver's end of determining which type of scheduled quantity document is being sent. Without this code, the result of the transmission could well be ambiguous.

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

Any costs associated with this proposed enhancement are minimal. Both types of documents must be sent under current GISB standards. The addition of the data element would be a one-time update to the Scheduled Quantity EDI maps. The cost and time to send the additional few bytes is negligible.

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

The change is minor and relatively little testing will be required. Nevertheless, TransCapacity would certainly be willing to undertake testing with any other party.

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

Not applicable.

10. Attachments

None.