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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:

The request is to add a new code value to the existing data element 'Transaction Status Code' in the Nomination Quick Response (QR). This code would indicate that the QR is a 'Partial Response - details for processed nominations follow.'

This code would be sent in the QR to indicate that some of the nomination line items sent in a discrete transaction had been processed. These line items would be returned in the QR with the relevant status codes (including error and/or warning codes). It would further indicate that additional nomination line items sent in the nomination transaction are undergoing processing, and another separate QR would be sent later indicating the status of those line items.

Note that this request is not proposing any change to GISB Standard No. 1.3.2 regarding the nomination process timelines.

4. Use of the Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

This code would be used in the Nomination QR to indicate the case where some of the nomination line items in a nomination document have been processed, whereby others were undergoing processing and another QR as to the status of these line items would be sent later.

The use of this code would allow receiver's of nominations to indicate the case above in the QR, providing an additional level of information to the originator of the nomination.

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

The goal is to allow the receiver's of nominations to generate and send out quick responses as soon as possible after receipt of a nomination document. Take the case where a nomination transaction had 100 line items, of which 99 could be easily processed but one may require some additional processing or verification. Currently, there is no way to send a response regarding the status of the 99 "processed" nominations without waiting for processing of the 100'th. This proposed code would allow a QR to be sent out for the 99 without waiting for the 100'th. An additional QR would then be sent out for the 100'th line item when it's processing was complete.

The example above may occur where deal types or associated contracts require verification, or in other cases where processing of a particular nomination (or group of nominations) takes longer, involves more contract level checking or point level checking and as a result would otherwise "hold up" the QR for the processed nominations. This new code would allow communication to the originator of the nomination that the included detail transactions are either valid and/or have relevant error or warning codes.

In this way, the customer gets information sooner rather than later. The customer is never worse off, since he gets the processed information sooner, and as to the nomination(s) that required additional processing and/or verification, he receives the QR at same time he would have received it anyway, without this code.

It is also true that receiving the detail is more informative than not receiving the detail and that with use of this code value as part of the standard all transmissions of QR's containing this code value would contain this would contain details.

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

Any costs associated with this proposed additional code are minimal. The request does not propose to increase the volume of data sent, and requires only a small amount of additional processing on the TSP and shipper's part. No re-mapping of either the Nomination or Nomination QR is required, this is an additional code value only.

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

TransCapacity is willing and able to undertake testing with any party regarding this proposal.

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

Not applicable.

10. Attachments

None.