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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

Date of Request: May 30, 1997

1. Submitting Entity & Address:

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3. Description of Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

Transco proposes that three (3) Mutually Agreeable (MA) data elements be added to the Imbalance Statement (Standard 2.4.3). These data elements are as follows:

- Shrinkage Gas Quantity
- Flash Gas Quantity
- Lost/Unaccounted for Gas Quantity

These data elements are similar to and at the same level of detail as the Fuel Quantity that currently exists on the Imbalance Statement . They represent additional types of quantities that explain the difference between received and delivered quantities. Accounting for gas quantities using these designations is a recognized accounting practice.

Definitions:

Shrinkage Gas Quantity - the reduction in the quantity of gas resulting from liquids extraction in gas plant processing.

Flash Gas Quantity - the quantity of gas released from liquid hydrocarbons as a result of an increase in temperature or a decrease in pressure.

Lost/Unaccounted for Gas Quantity - the quantity of gas lost or otherwise unaccounted for.

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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):

Transco currently uses the gas types specified above to explain and communicate differences between received and delivered volumes. Our ability to use these data elements in EDI exchanges is necessary to maintain our current level of service.

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

When this proposed modification is incorporated into the Standard, Transco and other pipelines who use similar accounting practices will be able to identify gas quantities in conformance with current business practices.

6. Estimate of Incremental Specific Costs to Implement Proposed Standard or Enhancement:
None.

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 Standards or Enhancement (Corporations and contacts):

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

10. Attachments (such as: further detailed proposals, transaction data descriptions, information flows, implementation guides, business process descriptions, examples of ASC ANSI X12 mapped transactions):
None.