

R97118

Gas Industry Standards Board Request for Initiation of 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:

In order to facilitate the use of the nomination related data sets for the transferring of imbalances (See Request No. R97117 for standard related language), add two new codes to the Transaction Type data element to delineate nominations of imbalance trades across contracts in the Nomination and nomination related data sets.

The proposed transaction type codes would be called "Imbalance Transfer - Out" and "Imbalance Transfer - In." These codes would be defined as follows:

Imbalance Transfer - Out: Describes a transaction where a service requester is transferring an imbalance to another service requester or service requester's contract.

Imbalance Transfer - In: Describes a transaction where a service requester is receiving an imbalance transfer from another service requester or service requester's contract.

No other changes to the nominations related datasets would be required as there are current existing data elements which contain the other required information.

4. Use of the Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

The proposed transaction type codes would be used by service requesters to nominate transfers (trades) of imbalances between themselves and other service requesters or service requester's contracts. These code value would implement "Cross Contract Balancing" as specified in FERC Order No. 587-F.

As to implementation issues to be included in the Technical Implementation of Business Practices discussion in the Technical Implementation Guides:

- 1) In the nominations submitted by the buying and selling Service Requesters, the same location code (pool or zone identifier) would be placed in both the receipt and delivery locations;
- 2) The service requester nominating the transfer of (sale of) the positive imbalance would, in their nomination to the TSP, be identified in both the existing Upstream Identifier Code and the Service Requester data elements; and, the service requester which is receiving (buying) the positive imbalance would (in the selling service requester's nomination to the TSP) be identified in the existing Downstream Identifier Code data element; and,

- 3) The Service Requester nominating the receipt (purchase) of another service requester's transfer (sale) of a positive imbalance, would, in their nomination to the TSP, be identified in both the Downstream Identifier Code and the Service Requester data elements; and, the Service Requester selling the positive imbalance would (in the buying service requester's nomination) be identified in the existing Upstream Identifier Code data element.
- 4) The existing Upstream Contract Identifier and Downstream Contract Identifier, which are business conditional (BC) data elements, would follow the current protocol governing inclusion of this information in the nomination and scheduled quantity data sets.

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

This enhancement will enable service requesters to nominate transfers (trades) of imbalances across Service Requesters or Service Requester contracts. The proposed implementation design utilizes existing datasets and involves the addition of a code value to an existing data element only, requiring very little programming cost to implement.

TransCapacity believes this is the simplest and most elegant solution in effectuating the transfer of imbalances.

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

As this is an addition of a code value only to an existing data element, there is a very small one-time cost only of mapping the new code value. No new data elements or other changes to the nomination and related data sets are required. In addition, trading partners using the GISB Electronic Delivery Mechanism will not incur any variable transmission costs in sending and/or receiving the data set. The cost to implement is therefore very small and represents a "one-time" only cost.

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 certainly 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:

N/A.

10. Attachments

None.