

# R97119

**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:**

Add a new GISB Business Practice Standard, as described below, to the Electronic Delivery Mechanism Related Standards describing the Transportation Service Provider's responsibility in terms of e-mailing of Operational Flow Orders (OFO's) and Critical Notices.

Proposed Standard 4.3.X:

"Transportation Service Providers should provide Operational Flow Orders and Critical Notices, at the recipient's option, either through Internet e-mail or by a direct notice to the recipient's Internet address, to all parties, or their agents, who have a contractual relationship with the Transportation Service Provider. For the purposes of this standard, a contractual relationship with the Transportation Service Provider would include contracts for the transportation of gas on, Operational Balancing Agreements with respect to interconnections with, and/or contracts for the operation of facilities directly connected to those operated by the subject Transportation Service Provider."

**4. Use of the Proposed Standard or Enhancement:**

As specified by the FERC, in its proposed Order No. 587-F, Critical Notices and Operational Flow Orders will be sent to parties, either via Internet e-mail or by a direct notice to the recipient's Internet address, as well as being posted on the transportation service provider's web page. This standard ascertains and defines exactly what parties have the right to receive these notices in this fashion. It will be used by both TSP's and potential recipients of these messages to determine the rights and responsibilities of both parties.

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

The benefits are two-fold. The standard language clearly defines those parties who have the right to have critical notices and OFO's sent to them via the Internet. In addition, the standard language, from the transportation service provider's point of view, limits who they are required to directly send this information to, namely; those with a contractual relationship with respect to those activities as defined in the proposed standard.

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

None. The standard does not define the obligation, only defines the parties to whom the obligation to send is owed.

**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**

N/A.

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

N/A.

**10. Attachments**

None.