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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

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3. Description of Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

Add a new GISB Business Practice Standard, as described below, to the Nominations Related Standards to enable service requesters to contract with third-party agents which agents would provide required fuel at appropriate points. In addition, add a required data element to the nominations related data sets to facilitate fuel nominations from third parties.

Proposed Standard 1.3.X:

"All Transportation Service Providers should allow service requesters that do not want to calculate fuel to contract with third-party agents to provide the required fuel at appropriate locations along the TSP's system. For the purpose of this standard, 'appropriate locations' has the same meaning as those locations within areas, which areas are defined by the TSP as the "same" areas for the purpose of cross contract balancing. Transportation service providers should interface with these third-party fuel service providers on a non-discriminatory basis and should accept fuel nominations from third-party fuel providers which nominations satisfy the service requester's fuel requirements."

In addition, add a data element, "Fuel Service Provider" to the nominations related data sets to indicate that a third party will be providing fuel for the nominated transportation activity. This data element would contain the common entity code of the third-party fuel service provider.

4. Use of the Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

This proposed business practice standard would codify the ability of service requesters to contract with third-party fuel service providers; while the additional data element in the nomination related data sets would implement the standard by enabling the identification of the third-party fuel service provider to the extent that one is being utilized by the service requester. In addition, the standard language clarifies that transportation service providers would accept related fuel nominations from service requester identified third-party fuel service providers.

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

Embodies the intent of the proposed FERC Order regarding third-party fuel service providers. The standard language clarifies the rights and responsibilities of the service requester, the transportation service provider, and the third-party fuel service provider. It further allows nominations of fuel by third-party fuel service providers.

The addition of the data element identifies the use and identity of the third-party fuel service provider in the transportation nomination, allowing "match-up" of transportation and related fuel nominations by the transportation service provider.

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

As this is the addition of a single data element, there is a small one-time cost only of mapping the new data element. No other changes are necessary to the nomination and related data sets. Trading partners using the GISB Electronic Delivery Mechanism will not incur any variable transmission costs in sending and/or receiving this information. 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.