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Request for Initiation of a GISB Standard for Electronic Business Transactions
or
Enhancement of an Existing GISB Standard for Electronic Business Transactions

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1. Submitting Entity and Address:

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3. Description of Proposed Standard or Enhancement

Modify the usage or condition of Associated Contract in the PDA and Allocation Statement.

4. Use of Proposed Standard or Enhancement

When used for storage balancing, the Associated Contract may be used to allocate gas at a level of detail equal to the nomination line item.

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

The current condition states "Mandatory when submitted in the nomination and Associated Contract is not used for storage balancing." This implies that an Associated Contract that is used for storage cannot be in the PDA or Allocation Statement. Since a storage contract may be part of the allocation process, it is necessary to allow an Associated Contract that is used for storage balancing to be in the PDA and Allocation Statement.

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

I see no incremental costs. Companies that provide allocations at this level of detail already have their systems developed. The others are not required to make any changes. Allowing this type of allocation via EDI would save money. Without the modification, some PDA's using the Associated Contract would have to be done by telephone.

7. Description of any Specific Legal or Other Considerations:

8. If this Proposed Standard or Enhancement is not tested yet, list the Trading Partners willing to test Standard or Enhancement?

Columbia Gas has not yet established Trading Partners for testing this modification.