

# R98008

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

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1. Submitting Entity and Address:

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3. Description of Proposed Standard or Enhancement

Add the data elements Offer Number and Replacement Shipper's Contract Number to the Invoice.

4. Use of Proposed Standard or Enhancement

These data elements would be used to accurately identify Capacity Release information on an invoice. The Replacement Shipper's Contract Number is used when identifying Capacity Release credits. The Offer Number is used for Capacity Release charges and credits. The usage would be "Sender's Option" or "Mutually Agreed".

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

This information will allow the payer to check the invoice and ensure that Capacity Releases have been invoiced correctly.

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

I see no incremental costs. Companies that provide this information already have their systems developed. The others are not required to make any changes. It is necessary to report this information on an invoice. If the means is not provided within the GISB standards, we would be forced to provide paper invoices to customers having Capacity Release.

7. Description of any Specific Legal or Other Considerations:

Paper invoices would still be necessary if this information is not allowed.

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

9. If this Proposed Standard or Enhancement is in use, who are the trading partners?

Enron Capital and Trade Resources receives an EDI invoice. However, they also receive a paper invoice. The EDI invoice can be tied to the paper invoice using the line number. Once the paper invoice is discontinued, ECT will no longer have access to the Offer Number or the Replacement Shipper's Contract Number.

10. Attachments

11. Abstract