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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

1. Submitting Entity & Address:

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3. Description of Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

Change the usage and definition of the Transaction Status Code “AE” in the 855 Quick Response transaction set. Currently, the status code “AE” acknowledges the entire transaction set and provides for detail and/or subdetail errors/warnings to be communicated. The status code “AE” also infers that the absence of a line item response equates to an accepted response. The definition of “AE” should change from “Acknowledge – With Exception Detail Only: Error(s) or warning(s) occurred in the transaction. Transaction has been acknowledged. Error(s) and warning(s) follow.” to “Acknowledge: Transaction has been acknowledged. All processed line items, i.e. sub-detail, to follow.”

4. Use of the Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

The usage of the Transaction Status Code “AE” in the 855 Quick Response transaction set would be utilized to identify the status of the line item nomination rather than the entire transaction set. When the status code “AE” is utilized in the 855 Quick Response transaction set, it will refer to only the data that is present in the transaction set. The inference that an absence of data equates to accepted data will be removed. The “AE” status code will cover responses to line item nominations that are accepted, as well as, those that have errors and/or warnings. Accepted nominations will be identified via the absence of the “PID” line. The “AE” status code will acknowledge the receipt of the transaction but will only correspond to processed nomination data.

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

Will eliminate ambiguities that are present when the "AE" status code is used. Will eliminate ambiguities present when determining whether or not to infer that a nomination line item has been processed and is accepted when there is no mention of the nomination line item in the 855 Quick Response transaction set. Will eliminate ambiguities inherent in parties differing implementations of what constitutes a transaction, i.e. a line item versus a transmittal of multiple line items.

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

Any costs associated with this proposed enhancement are extremely small and represent a "one-time" addition of a code value description. The request does not propose to increase the volume of data sent or require any significant additional processing. It involves only the addition of a code value to an existing data element.

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 willing to undertake testing with any other party.

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

The requested change itself is not in practice at this time as far as is known to TransCapacity.

10. Attachments

None.