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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:

TransCapacity requests a new dataset plus a new code value in the Upload of Request for Download (and response) datasets. These additions would be used to facilitate the transfer of Storage and Park/Loan balance information to Service Requesters. In other words, a Service Requester would be able to request, and receive a downloaded file, that contains that Service Requester's storage and/or park and loan balances, as applicable, on their contracts with the TSP.

The new dataset would be called "Storage/Park and Loan Balance Information" dataset, and the code value addition to the Data Sets Requested data element in the Upload of Request for Download dataset (and Response to Upload of Request dataset) could be called "Storage/Park and Loan Balances."

4. Use of the Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

The additional code value added to the "Data Sets Requested" data element would be used so that Service Requesters could request their storage and/or park and loan balances on contracts on the TSP. The same code value added to the "Response to Upload of Request" dataset would be used so that TSP's could respond correctly to the Upload of Request for Download for this dataset.

The "Storage/Park and Loan Balance Information" dataset would be the informational dataset downloaded in response to the request for parties' credit status and/or approved bidder status.

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

This request would allow a mechanism for Service Requesters to request, and TSP's to provide, the service requester's balance(s) on relevant storage and park and loan contracts on the TSP. It would allow these service requesters the ability to maintain this information in their own database(s).

This information is currently available on some pipeline EBBs. This mechanism would allow one mode of communications with the pipelines and allow service the requesters the ability to request, download, and maintain their contracts on these types of services.

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

The addition of a code value to the Data Sets Requested data element has a very small one-time cost only of mapping the new code value. No new data elements or other changes to these data sets are required.

As a new data sets, the Storage/Park and Loan Balance Information file would require a one-time mapping by sending and receiving parties. It should be noted however, that this data in general must exist somewhere in a TSP's computer system. This reduces implementation costs, as the data must only be formatted differently.

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.