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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:

The nomination deadline for the transition period from 1999 to the year 2000 for interstate pipelines should be change to follow the schedule below:

<u>Nomination Deadline</u>	<u>Gas Day</u>
December 27, 1999 - 11:30 am CST	December 28, 1999 - 9:00 am CST
December 28, 1999 - 11:30 am CST	December 29, 1999 - 9:00 am CST
December 28, 1999 - 11:30 am CST	December 30, 1999 - 9:00 am CST
December 28, 1999 - 11:30 am CST	December 31, 1999 - 9:00 am CST
December 29, 1999 - 11:30 am CST	January 1, 2000 - 9:00 am CST
December 30, 1999 - 11:30 am CST	January 2, 2000 - 9:00 am CST
December 31, 1999 - 11:30 am CST	January 3, 2000 - 9:00 am CST
January 3, 1999 - 11:30 am CST	January 4, 1999 - 9:00 am CST

The transition to the year 2000 brings with it many uncertainties about how hardware and software systems will react. In order to provide both customers and service providers an additional cushion to determine if the change to the millennium will impact the transmittal of nominations or the scheduling of pipelines, this one time only change to the nomination deadlines is being proposed.

The transition period from the 28th of December until January 3 would allow all nominating parties and service providers to prepare for the one day (January 1) that creates the most concern. By having all nominations that finish up the year be sent on the 28th of December, the industry can clear the decks for receiving the January 1st nominations on the 29th of December which gives everyone all afternoon of Wednesday, all day Thursday and Friday to deal with any issues that appeared with respect to January 1st (a Saturday) when the nominations were received on Wednesday.

Likewise, the same is true of nominations for Sunday the 2nd of January (to be received on Thursday the 30th of December) and for Monday the 3rd of January (to be received on Friday the 31st of December). By Monday, the 3rd of January, the normal nominations routine would be instituted.

Associated deadlines for confirmation, scheduling, and capacity release would also be adjusted to match this timeline. In particular, Transportation Service Providers would schedule the 29th, 30th, and 31st during the afternoon and evening of the 28th of December. Then, they would receive the nominations for the 1st of January on the 29th of December and go through the confirmations process for the 1st, during the afternoon and evening of the 29th. If and to the extent there were problems encountered, the next two days would be available to work them out.

With respect to Capacity Release in particular, contracts (awards) that would be scheduled to start between the December 29th, 1999 of and January 3rd, 2000 would be expected to have been communicated to the Transportation Service Provider by 9:00 am December 28th. After that time, no deals would accepted with start dates before January 3rd. On January 3rd, deals commencing on or after January 4th would again be accepted and the normal Capacity Release routine would again be instituted.

The requesters (Tennessee and TransCapacity) recognize that all parties should have tested and addressed all Y2K issues long before this date. Even so, this one time change will provide the industry and all stakeholders an additional cushion to address potential unforeseen issues.

The requesters do not anticipate that the Intraday nomination deadlines should be impacted by this proposal. The point is to have enough time to react to any issues which crop up with respect to the January 1st date.