

**RECOMMENDATION TO GISB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC)
As Amended by the EC on August 24, 2000**

**Requester: Part of the R98041 request
Sent to Interpretations From BPS**

Request No.: C00003

1. Recommended Action:

- Accept as requested
- Accept as modified below
- Decline

Effect of EC Vote to Accept Recommended Action:

- Change to Existing Practice
- Status Quo

2. TYPE OF MAINTENANCE

Per Request:

- Initiation
- Modification
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3. RECOMMENDATION

INTERPRETATIONS LANGUAGE:

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4. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

a. Description of Request:

1. Submitting Entity and Address:
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2. Contact Person
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3. Description of Proposed Standard or Enhancement
Add contract data elements and bid rate data elements to allow the nomination of a “Super-Nom.”
These data elements need to be repeating data elements that would allow any number of contracts
and bid rates to be included on the nomination.

These data elements should be mutually agreed. A bid rate must have a corresponding contract.
However, it is not necessary to supply a bid rate with every contract.

The example explained in “11. Abstract” uses four additional contracts and comes from
functionality currently offered by Columbia Gas Transmission and Columbia Gulf Transmission.
The four contracts are offshore, onshore, mainline, and distribution.

These data elements are needed in the Nomination and Scheduled Quantity.

4. Use of Proposed Standard or Enhancement
The new standard would allow a Service Requester to create one nomination for transporting gas
from the wellhead to the citygate.

Columbia Gas Transmission and Columbia Gulf Transmission would use the new data elements to
reduce the number of nominations that a service requester needs to transport gas from the Gulf of
Mexico to market.

5. Description of any Tangible or Intangible Benefits to the Use of Proposed Standard or
Enhancement
The data elements will provide a level of service that has been a part of Columbia’s nomination
process since the implementation of Order 436. The “Super-Nom” will reduce the number of
nominations required to transport gas.

6. Estimate of Incremental Specific Costs to Implement Proposed Standard or Enhancement
None. These data elements would be used by TSPs that support a “Super-Nom.” These TSPs
would already have this information. Therefore, no incremental costs would be incurred.

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7. Description of any Specific Legal or Other Considerations:
None.
8. If this Proposed Standard or Enhancement is not tested yet, list the Trading Partners willing to test Standard or Enhancement?
The “Super-Nom” was a feature allowed when Gas*Flow maintained the EDI implementation guides. At that time, the trading partners were Columbia Gas Transmission, Columbia Gulf Transmission, Enron, and Gaslantic.
9. If this Proposed Standard or Enhancement is in use, who are the trading partners?
10. Attachments
11. Abstract
The nomination screen on Columbia’s EBB contains Service Requester Contract, Associated Contract, and four other contracts with associated bid rates. By using these contracts/bid rates, a Service Requester can submit a single nomination that defines the path to transport gas from the Gulf of Mexico to a market in the northeast.
- When using the current GISB nomination data elements, a Service Requester must submit four nominations. With the additional contracts/bid rates on Columbia’s EBB, only one nomination is required.
- The four Columbia contracts/bid rates are:
1. Offshore - Used to transport gas from offshore locations to onshore locations.
 2. Onshore - Used to transport gas from onshore locations to Rayne, Louisiana.
 3. Mainline - Used to transport gas from Rayne, Louisiana to Leach, Kentucky.
 4. Distribution - Used to transport gas from Leach, Kentucky to market.
- The elimination of these four contracts/bid rates would require a Service Requester to submit four nominations.

b. Description of Recommendation:

Interpretations Subcommittee (June 1, 2000)

- C. **C00003** Transfer of portion of R98041 from BPS to Interpretations Subcommittee
2. A. **R98041/C00003** Transfer of Request from BPS.

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Given this interpretation of the last sentence of GISB Standard 1.1.3, the infrastructure does exist for a Service Requester to send multiple Transportation Service Provider (TSP) nominations to a party receiving multiple TSP nominations for retransmission to the applicable TSPs.

Lastly, a Transportation Service Provider (TSP) which permits (but does not require) a Service Requester to submit a nomination or nominations which traverse multiple TSPs (including those TSPs in the same corporate family) is exceeding the GISB standard.”

Moved by Greg Lander and seconded by Mark Scheel. Vote was recorded as Vote 1 on the Attendance list passed.

After the vote passed there was discussion as to what to do next. The recommendation was made to send the C00003 portion to the GISB Office to be sent out for industry comment and forwarded to the EC and to send the R98041 portion (the same text) to BPS as an answer to its request to Interpretations. The BPS could then decide to process the R98041 portion or to await EC and membership action.

Interpretations Subcommittee (May 26, 2000)

B. R98041/C00003 Transfer of Request from BPS.

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Mr. Lander stated the history of the issue and referred participants to the record from EII, IR and the BPS. Mr. Lander stated his view of the matter. In his opinion, the infrastructure does exist, as is, and it should be considered exceeding the standard for a TSP to permit multiple TSP nominations on one screen as long as the service requester is not required to submit a multiple pipeline nomination in one line item or screen. Bill Griffith said that in his opinion the infrastructure exists. He also stated that in his opinion, the wording of GISB Standard 1.1.3 could be improved. He summed up his view by stating that the TSP and shippers should be permitted but not required to effectuate multiple TSP nominations in one place. Paul Love stated that one of the key considerations in the initial drafting of the standard was that the support for “super-nominations” be there but that it was not required of the TSP. He stated that there was concern at that time that a TSP might have to receive nominations from shippers for a number of TSP’s and then have to figure out how to get them all separated and distributed.

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The above, proposed, interpretation was discussed. There was general agreement that it would form the basis for the vote on interpretation request R98041/C00003 to be scheduled for the next Interpretations Subcommittee meeting.

c. Business Purpose:

d. Commentary/Rationale of Subcommittee(s)/Task Force(s):