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C98006: **REQUEST:**

Current Standard No. 1.3.9 states in part, "Intra-day nominations should include an effective date and time." Intraday Standard No. 1.3.e states in part, "Where Transportation Service Providers support the processing of beginning effective time . . . ". Are these two standards in conflict in so much as in 1.3.9 Beginning Time is sender's option, but 1.3.e [GISB Standard No. 1.3.43, Version 1.3] says that the TSPs may or may not support Beginning Time? How can a data element be Sender's Option and Business Conditional at the same time?

RELATED STANDARDS:

1.3.9   All nominations, including intra-day nominations, should be based on a daily quantity; thus, an intra-day nominator need not submit an hourly nomination. Intra-day nominations should include an effective date and time.   The interconnected parties should agree on the hourly flows of the intra-day nomination, if not otherwise addressed in the transporter's contract or tariff.

1.3.43 Transportation Service Providers should determine the applicable nomination processing cycle based upon the receipt time and beginning effective day of the nomination. Where Transportation Service Providers support the processing of beginning effective time, the Transportation Service Provider should also use the beginning effective date and time in determining the applicable nomination processing cycle in lieu of using the nomination's receipt date and time to determine the processing cycle.

INTERPRETATION TEXT

GISB Standard 1.4.1 (the nomination data dictionary), which implemented (among other things) GISB Standard 1.3.9 in versions 1.0, 1.1, and 1.2, provided a default value for Beginning Time in a nomination as a convenience to parties submitting nominations. The wording of GISB Standard 1.3.9 states in relevant part 'Intra-day nominations should include an effective date and time.' For the purpose of this clarification 'effective' refers to the Beginning Time for the subject nomination and the use of the word 'should' means a mandatory use of such Beginning Time.   As GISB Standard 1.3.[e] was adopted subsequent to GISB Standard 1.3.9 and established a Business Conditional usage for Beginning Time for the purpose of determining the appropriate processing interval, there is no conflict between these standards. GISB Standard 1.2.2 with respect to Business Conditional means that the receiver of the document determines whether the process or particular information is required to be sent by the sender, and, for the convenience of the sender, GISB Standard 1.2.2 states in relevant part 'Business Conditional elements which are not supported/required by the receiver will be acknowledged in the response document with a warning code indicating that the data elements was [sic] ignored by the receiver.' Thus, GISB Standard 1.3.9, which makes provision of Beginning Time in an intraday nomination mandatory (so that it may be used as the interconnected parties see fit in determining hourly flows [see GISB Standard 7.3.5]), is not changed by GISB Standard 1.3.[e] but rather, the convenience feature of the earlier versions of the data dictionary are no longer applicable and have been adjusted as of GISB Standards Version 1.3 to reflect the Business Conditional formulation of the Beginning Time for the purpose of determining the processing interval during which the nomination would be processed. A nominating party which always sends a Beginning Time (consistent with the mandatory nature of Beginning Time in GISB Standard 1.3.9) in a nomination (including intraday nominations) will, when sending such to a Transportation Service

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Provider which employs such information to determine the processing cycle, receive the same business result as previously, and, when such information is provided to Transportation Service Provider which does not employ such information to determine the processing cycle, the nominating party would receive a warning that such information was ignored for the purpose of determining the processing cycle, (as such Transportation Service Provider employs the receipt time of the transaction and the Beginning Date, to determine the appropriate processing cycle), but otherwise the nominating party would receive the same business result as previously. In either case, the other purpose of providing a Beginning Time in an intraday nomination pursuant to GISB Standard 1.3.9 (i.e., to provide useful information to the interconnected parties) remains unchanged by the added usefulness to some Transportation Service Providers of using Beginning Time to determine the appropriate processing cycle.

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