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REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OR INTERPRETATION

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GISB Standard Number(s):   5.4.1, 5.4.2, and 5.4.3 and associated EDI Implementation Guide instructions
Clarification is requested as to the intended meanings of the Transaction Set Purpose Codes "original" and "change" as used in the Offer, Bid and Award Data Sets. The present definition of the Transaction Set Purpose Code in the Implementation Guide states that the code "denotes the status of an Offer, Bid or Award".

Clarification or interpretation request:

When a Transportation Service Provider has posted a particular Offer, Bid, or Award (as identified by its "number") and then any one or more of the values, contained within: a) the quantity(ies) data elements, b) rate data elements, c) any of the date/time elements (i.e., effective begin/end dates, award dates, bidding period dates, etc.), d) location data elements, or e) data elements containing codes for the parties to that Offer, Bid or Award, is different in a subsequent posting of information on that Offer, Bid, or Award, shouldn't the Transaction Set Purpose Code be the code associated with "change" (Offer) or "resubmission" (Award)?

Possible interpretations or clarifications, if Known:

Yes, it should be denoted as a "change" (Offer or Bid) or resubmission, (Award). In the GISB Implementation Guides, the possible values (i.e., code values) which can populate the Transaction Set Purpose data element for both the Offer and Bid datasets are as follows: "BQT*00*", or "BQT*04*". For both the Offer and Award data sets the "00" denotes a status of "original" and the "04" denotes a status of "change".

Likewise, in the GISB Implementation Guides, the possible values (i.e., code values) which can populate the Transaction Set Purpose data element for the Award dataset are as follows: "BQR*06*", or "BQR*15*". For the Bid data set the "06" denotes a status of "confirmation" and the "15" denotes a "resubmission".

It is misleading and not clear to communicate information concerning a posted capacity release transaction within a 5.4.X data set with a Transaction Set Purpose code value of "original" (or "confirmation" as applicable) but to actually have changed pertinent information within that transaction from that which was previously posted. As a result, when there is a change to a value within a significant data element (i.e., a quantity, type of quantity, rate, rate form, rate basis, date/time, minimum criteria, location, or party) for a particular Offer, Bid, or Award the code value within the Transaction Set Purpose data element should be "change" or resubmission respectively.

The Problem:

Some Transportation Service Providers are sending transaction sets with changed data but not identifying the fact that the Transaction set has in fact changed. The "00" or "original" transaction set code value is in the Transaction Set Purpose field even though there has been a change to one or more of the following data elements: a quantity amount in a field, the award rate and/or award type, a location, a party's code, or the value of a date/time element have been changed. This makes the information ambiguous and unreliable. When there is a change it should be identified.