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Gas Industry Standards Board
Request for Initiation of a GISB Standard for Electronic Business Transactions
Or
Enhancement of an Existing GISB Standard for Electronic Business Transactions

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1. Submitting Entity & Address:

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3. Description of Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

El Paso Natural Gas requests that this code value be added to the list of Reduction Reasons for Standards 1.4.4 (Confirmation Response) and 1.4.5 (Scheduled Quantity).

Reduction Reason Code

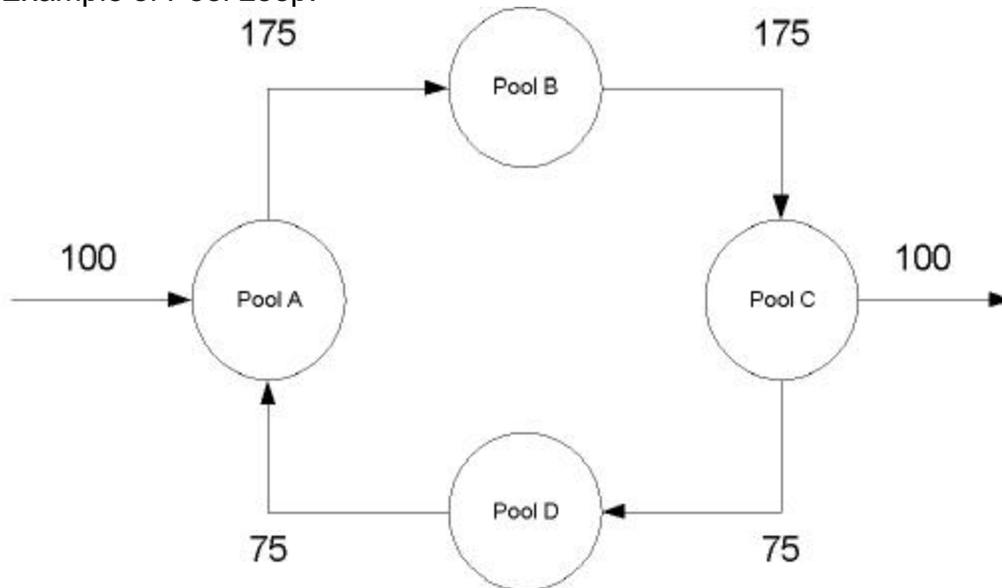
CODE VALUE DESCRIPTION	CODE VALUE DEFINITION
LPI	Loop in
LPO	Loop out

4. Use of Proposed Standard or Enhancement (include how the standard will be used, documentation on the description of the proposed standard, any existing documentation of the proposed standard, and required communication protocols):

El Paso's complex trading system enables poolers to sell packages of gas from pool to pool, sometimes resulting in the same package of gas being traded in a "loop." (See diagram below). Since this looped gas has no impact on the physical flow of the pipeline, it is automatically scheduled once the associated transactions have been balanced. Transactions involved in loops show reduction codes as LPO and LPI which indicate quantities of looped gas being removed and reinstated during processing.

Identifying, removing and reinstating gas traded in a loop provides two benefits. First, providing information to shippers regarding looped gas enables them to analyze their scheduling activity. Second, removing and reinstating loops during processing enables El Paso to process within GISB timelines; otherwise, the magnitude of iterations through looped transaction chains would result in a significant increase in processing time.

Example of Pool Loop:



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

The benefits include: a) letting customers know they are involved in a looped transaction; and b) saving time in processing.

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

Since this code is already in use by EPNG, there is no cost to implement.

7. Description of Any Specific Legal or Other Considerations: N/A

8. If This Proposed Standard or Enhancement Is Not Tested Yet, List Trading Partners Willing to Test Standard or Enhancement:

N/A

9. If This Proposed Standard or Enhancement Is In Use, Who are the Trading Partners:

Any customer pooling gas on El Paso and Mojave Pipelines is subject to these two reduction codes.

10. Attachments (such as: further detailed proposals, transaction data descriptions, information flows, implementation guides, business process descriptions, examples of ASC ANSI X12 mapped transactions):

N/A