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

R97072

Date of Request: 5/2/97

1. Submitting Entity & Address:

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2. Contact Person, Phone #, Fax #, Electronic Mailing Address:

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3. Description of Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

Add a data element for a Force Balance Flag to the nominations
transactions.

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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):

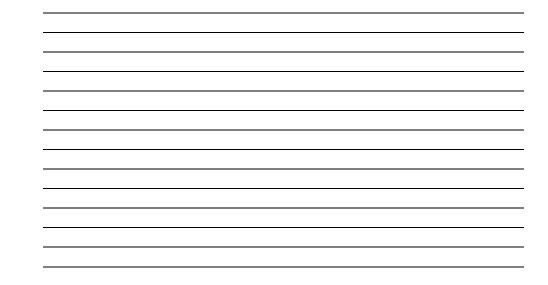
Customers on Southern Natural's family of pipelines have the ability to tell the pipeline in the nomination form if they want the contract to be force balanced even on days when the pipeline would otherwise choose to leave the contract out of balance because the pipeline has adequate room to absorb the imbalance on the contract.

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

Insures that customers who nominate through EDI will also be able to tell the pipeline they want to be force balanced.

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



7. Description of Any Specific Legal or Other Considerations:



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8. If this Proposed Standard or Enhancement is not tested yet, list trading partners willing to test standard or enhancement (corporations and contacts):

9. If this Proposed Standard or Enhancement is in Use, Who are the Trading Partners:

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

