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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

Date of Request: May 30, 1997

1. Submitting Entity & Address:

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3. Description of Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

Transco proposes that the data element Source Location be added to the Nomination Data Set with usage code "BC." This data element is used in Transco's current business practice as a key element on the transaction. Our ability to use this element in EDI exchanges is necessary to maintain our current level of service. This data element also should be added to the Request for Confirmation dataset, as we use the Source Location in the confirmation process to identify the origination of gas that flows on non-contiguous Transco laterals. It is also used to ensure correct invoicing of the transaction. The Source Location is a factor in determining the rate to charge for transporting gas, because gas that originated on a non-contiguous Transco lateral that has already been charged for movement in a zone will not be charged that zone's rate again when the gas moves on the mainline.

This data element conveys a <u>physical location</u> from which gas originated, not a <u>business party</u>; it tells where, not who, it came from. As such, this data is conveyed by using a PI DRN, *not the DUNS Number*. Transco does not use this information for title tracking transfer, and we would be opposed to having it handled as such.

The data element also needs to be added to all of the other GISB datasets that reflect transaction-level data. The affected datasets and corresponding usage codes for each are Nominations (BC), Request for Confirmation (BC), Confirmation Response (C), Scheduled Volume (C), Pre-Determined Allocation (C), Allocation Statement (C), Shipper Imbalance (C), and Invoice (C). The "C" usage code would be conditioned on the presence of the information in the nomination data set, and, for the PDA and Allocation Statement, on whether the data is shown at the detail level. Proposed Definition:

Source Location: The GISB Common Code designation of the physical location where gas originated.

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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):

The standard will allow Transco to complete the identification of a gas transaction and provide for correct billing.

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

When this proposed enhancement is incorporated into the Standard, Transco and other pipelines with similar business practices will be able to identify gas transactions in conformance with current business practices.

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

For companies who already use this data element, the cost to utilize this data element is expected to be minor. For companies who are not using this data element, the cost to implement is expected to be negligible, since the proposed usage is on the nomination data set is "BC."

- 7. Description of Any Specific Legal or Other Considerations: None.
- 8. If This Proposed Standard or Enhancement Is Not Tested Yet, List trading Partners Willing to Test Standards or Enhancement (Corporations and contacts):
- 9. If This Proposed Standard or Enhancement Is In Use, Who are the Trading Partners: Unknown.
- 10. Attachments (such as: further detailed proposals, transaction data descriptions, information flows, implementation guides, business process descriptions, examples of ASC ANSI X12 mapped transactions:

 None.