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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 a data element called the Payment Method Code be added to the Data Dictionary for the Payment Remittance (Standard 3.4.2) dataset to provide a means of communicating the method of payment employed. This data element is already incorporated in the dataset in the ANSI X12 mapping of the Payment Remittance dataset. However, the data element should be in the Data Dictionary, because there is a business purpose for it, and because certain other fields may be conditional on the value in this field.

This data element already carries a Usage Code of Mandatory (M) in the ANSI X12 portion of the Implementation Guide. When adding this data element to the Data Dictionary, the requirement should be no weaker. Therefore, Transco proposes that the data element be added to the Data Dictionary with Usage Code mandatory (M). This will cause no additional work for the back end systems supplying the data, since the data is already provided on a mandatory basis in the dataset.

This information is currently received in Transco's business practice. Most businesses need to determine the method of payment when comparing remittance statements to bank statements. This request merely formalizes that communication in the gas industry.

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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 sender of the Payment Remittance statement should use the new data element Payment Method Code to identify the means of payment used to satisfy his obligation.

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

When this proposed modification is incorporated into the Standard, GISB will be able to use this field as a conditional field, as suggested in the following table:

If Payment Method Code is:	Leads to Requirement of Field:
Check	Remittance Address
Wire Transfer	Bank and Bank Account Number (see next Transco request)
Automated Clearing House	Bank and Bank Account Number (see next Transco request)

Thus, the relevant data elements will be required based upon the type of payment method used. This approach to the required data elements on the Payment Remittance statement is in conformance with Transco's current business practices.

6. Estimate of Incremental Specific Costs to Implement Proposed Standard or Enhancement:
None.

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):
Unknown.

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

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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.