

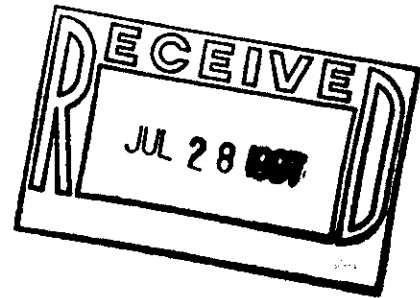
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**Gas Industry Standards Board
Request for Initiation of a GISB Standard for Electronic Business Transactions
or
Enhancement of an Existing GISB Standard for Electronic Business Transactions**

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3. Description of Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

Revise the usage code of the Capacity Type Indicator, contained in Standard 1.4.1 (Nominations), from Mutually Agreeable (MA) to Business Conditional (BC).

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 change of the usage code on the Capacity Type Indicator from Mutually Agreeable (MA) to Business Conditional (BC) is necessary for Texas Gas to maintain the service options currently offered today. Texas Gas's tariff provides that firm shippers shall have use of secondary receipt points located within the same zone as their primary receipt point and in zones downstream of their primary receipt point(s) but upstream of their primary delivery point. Texas Gas also allows its firm shippers to utilize their primary

receipt point capacity rights at the pooling points. This requires the availability of coding to allow:

1. The firm shipper to communicate to Texas Gas which of its capacity rights (primary or secondary, or both) it is intending to utilize, and when applicable, who they are authorizing to utilize that primary receipt point capacity on their behalf. We are utilizing the Upstream ID and Upstream Contract Identifier for the latter, but rely on the capacity type indicator for the former.
2. The Transportation Aggregation Pooling Service (TAPS) shipper to communicate to Texas Gas its intent to utilize a firm shippers primary receipt point capacity, to supply that firm shipper at the pooling point and to identify the firm shipper whose rights they are utilizing. Texas Gas utilizes the Downstream ID and Downstream Contract Identifier for the latter, but relies on the capacity type indicator for the former.
3. For the appropriate allocation of capacity based on the priority rights of all shippers at each receipt and delivery meter.

Texas Gas has historically utilized a capacity type indicator as part of its key to identify and confirm whether a transaction is valid for the contract, and where applicable, is authorized by the firm shipper. During the GISB Phase I process, Texas Gas recognized the MA designation on the Capacity Type Indicator data element would be a problem. Texas Gas had hoped it could address this need in its GISB compliance filing and be allowed to default to the lowest priority of service available under the contract if the nominating party did not supply us with the Capacity Type Indicator. This was rejected by the Commission.

Accordingly, to afford our firm shippers with the same service options we offered in the pre-GISB environment, Texas Gas must have the Capacity Type Indicator Usage Code changed from MA to BC.

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

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

7. Description of Any Specific Legal or Other Considerations:

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 :

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