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Gas Industry Standards Board Request for Initiation of 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:

Adopt and publish as a GISB Standard the file format for downloads of a transportation service provider's Index of Customers as that specified by the FERC in Order No. 581 (Docket No. RM95-4-000, issued February 29, 1996).

The current GISB standard for download file format of that information contained on a TSP's web page (GISB Standard No. 4.3.6) is Hyper-text Markup Language (HTML) or Rich Text Format (RTF). However, in the case of the Index of Customers data, the FERC has ordered a specific file format be used (Reference Order No. 581, Docket No. RM95-4-000, issued February 29, 1996).

Modify GISB Standard No. 4.3.16 as follows:

"The documents identified in GISB Standard 4.3.6 should be made available in HTML or RTF format, except with respect to the Index of Customers document which may be displayed in HTML or RTF and which should be downloadable in a defined, tab delimited ASCII text file, with provisions for title information and footnote capability as set forth in Order No. 581, Docket No. RM95-4-000, issued February 29, 1996. (Reference "Appendix A, Instruction Manual for Electronic Filing of the Index of Customers" issued with the above referenced order.)"

Under this proposal, the file format specified by the FERC would become the GISB standardized file format for downloads of the Index of Customers.

4. Use of the Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

The proposed file format would be used as the GISB standard file format for downloads of Index of Customers data. Where such data is presented on a transportation service provider's web page under GISB Standard No. 4.3.6, the presentation of the data would be in HTML or RTF file formats at the option of the TSP.

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

The enhancement would bring the GISB standards into compliance with an existing FERC order. In addition, this would allow the same file format for Index of Customers to be available to data requesters regardless of the electronic modality used to download the file.

As noted, the specific file format requirement is reiterated in the FERC's proposal for Order No. 587-F and this enhancement would satisfy this new requirement.

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

Any incremental cost would be *de minimus*. This file format is already required to be filed with the FERC and made available for download on TSP's electronic bulletin boards. This request would only add require that this same file be available on TSP's web pages, as specified in existing GISB Standard No. 4.3.6.

No additional programming costs or re-mapping of data is required.

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 Standard or Enhancement

TransCapacity is willing and able to undertake testing with any party regarding this proposal.

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

N/A.

10. Attachments

None.