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

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3. Description of Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

In Order 587-G, FERC stated that service requesters should be notified of intraday bumps through the Scheduled Quantities document and Internet E-mail. The following proposed standards are requested to establish a consistent manner to notify service requesters of such intraday bumps as well as standardize Internet E-mail notification of Operational Flow Orders (OFO) and Critical Notices.

Proposes Standards:

- Transportation Service Providers are only required to provide Service Requesters with notification of intraday bumps through the Scheduled Quantities document and Internet E-mail or URL (get specific language from the Order).
- Service Requesters (SR) should provide Transportation Service Providers with an Internet E-mail address to be used for intraday bump notifications. SRs will have the option of providing separate Internet E-mail addresses for bump notification, operational flow orders and other critical notices.
- Service Requesters should manage internal distribution of intraday bump notices, operational flow order notification and other critical notices.

- Intraday bump notifications should include the name of the Transportation Service Provider and the cycle in which the bump occurred. The subject line of the E-mail message should simply be “Bump” (not case sensitive) and not include any further text or characters.
- Operational Flow Order notifications should include the name of the Transportation Service Provider (TSP) and other information required by the TSP’s tariff. The subject line of the E-mail message should simply be “OFO” (not case sensitive) and not include any further text or characters.
- Critical Notice notifications should include the name of the Transportation Service Provider (TSP) and other information required by the TSP’s tariff. The subject line of the E-mail message should simply be “Critical Notice” (not case sensitive) and not include any further text or characters.

1. Use of the Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

The proposed standards are to be used for consistent notification of service requesters of bumps, operational flow orders and critical notices.

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

- By having the option to provide separate Internet E-mail addresses based on the type of notification, service requesters (SR) are then able to set up automated distribution (forwarding) to be used by the SR’s E-mail system. Internal distribution can be managed so all appropriate personnel can get timely notification of the bump or critical notice. Example on how this could be managed by the SR: Columbia Energy Services (CES) does business with both Columbia Gulf (CGT) and Columbia Gas Transmission (TCO) and has different personnel that are responsible for transactions on each pipeline. To manage the distribution of bump notices, CES sets up E-mail address `cgt_bump@columbiaenergyservices.com` for notices from CGT and `tco_bump@columbiaenergyservices.com` for notices from TCO. CES would then manage internal distribution of the bump notice using their E-mail software using the automatic forwarding feature and having a different distribution list for CGT and TCO.
- In the case of a Service Requester wanting to determine the type of notification by using the subject line instead of the address, the subject line would contain a standard text that would distinguish the type of notification.

1. Estimated Incremental Specific Costs to Implement Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

The cost to implement the proposed standards will be minimal since most service providers and service requesters already have Internet E-mail service and software that can be used to implement the standards.

2. Description of Any Specific Legal or Other Considerations:

FERC Order 587-G mandated Internet E-mail for intraday bump notices. In the interim, FERC has ordered many pipelines to use their existing inefficient and cumbersome OFO notification procedures.

3. If This Proposed Standard or Enhancement is Not Tested Yet, List Trading Partners Willing to Test Standard or Enhancement:

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

5. Attachments:

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