



## Gas Industry Standards Board

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**Request for Initiation of a GISB Standard for Electronic Business Transactions  
or  
Request for Enhancement of a GISB Standard for Electronic Business Transactions**

**R99035**

**Date of Request:** May 12, 1999

**1. Submitting Entity & Address:**

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**2. Contact Person, Phone #, Fax #, Electronic Mailing Address:**

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**3. Description of Proposed Standard or Enhancement:**

Review and recommend changes to the existing body of EDM standards to support standards convergence across other standards setting groups, such as AIAG, UIG, and EDI-INT. The recommendations would be guided by a principle of backward compatibility with the existing GISB standards.

**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 recommended standards that would result from a review of the existing EDM standards in light of developments by other standards setting groups such as AIAG, UIG, and EDI-INT among others, would be implemented and used as the current EDM standards are used – namely, to promote electronic commerce and standard business practices in the natural gas industry.

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

As GISB standards converge with other industries' standards, particularly related industries' standards, companies who have interests in those industries realize tangible benefits by complying once with a set of standards that satisfy more than one industry's requirements. Service companies can provide services and products that support more than one industry for approximately the same cost as supporting only one industry.



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

Until the recommended modifications are known, it is unclear what the incremental specific costs are. However, if the recommended standard modifications are backward compatible, then there would be no incremental cost and actually the recommendations would protect investments already made in technology implemented.

**7. Description of Any Specific Legal or Other Considerations:**

It is important that GISB keep abreast of standards activities from other groups that may affect our membership, and possibly should be reflected in our standards.

**8. If This Proposed Standard or Enhancement Is Not Tested Yet, List trading Partners Willing to Test Standards or Enhancement (Corporations and contacts):**

The recommended standards would be forwarded to the Future Technology Task Force, who would prepare test plan, perform the testing and offer the test results to the Executive Committee when they consider the standards modifications recommended.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.