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North American Energy Standards Board

Request for Initiation of a NAESB Standard for Electronic Business Transactions or Enhancement of an Existing NAESB Standard for Electronic Business Transactions

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1. Submitting Entity & Address:

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3. Description of Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

Request two new data elements be added to the Request for Confirmation, Confirmation Response and Scheduled Quantity for Operator. The new data elements would be used at the same level as the Location Data and would be used to define a limit on the total amount of capacity that could be confirmed as delivery or receipt. This limit process is necessary to handle the instance when service requestors nominate transactions for both forwardhaul and displacement transactions. Because displacement transactions have the effect of increasing the total amount of forwardhaul capacity that can be scheduled, if the displacement transactions are reduced during the confirmation process, the remaining forwardhaul transactions may exceed the operational capacity. The proposed data elements would be used in the same manner as existing confirmation quantities so that, in the event of a mismatch during confirmations, the lesser-of rule would apply. The requester believes that this function could be accomplished on a Mutually Agreeable basis via EDI/EDM through the creation of new data elements.

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 proposed enhancement would be used on a Mutually Agreeable basis during the confirmation process in each nomination cycle. Any reductions in confirmed quantities that occur as a result of the application of the location-level quantity limit would also result in equivalent reductions in the individual transactions related to the reductions. A new code value should also be assigned to these reductions to indicate that the decrease was a result of a confirmation capacity limit. Such reductions and the related reason codes would be carried forward into the Scheduled Quantity documents. In the event that a confirmation response was returned to the Requestor but the lesser-of rule was not applied to the confirmed quantity, the understanding would be that the necessary transactions would be reduced pro rata to achieve the location capacity limit.

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

Implementation of the requested enhancements will result in more transactional gas being offered for confirmation but will also prevent inadvertent over-scheduling of facilities. The maximum amount of nominated gas will be confirmed without the disruptions related to the rescheduling of lower quantities in subsequent nomination cycles.

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

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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 (Corporations and contacts):

Any of the submitting entities are willing to test with any other party. Contact person is the same as listed on the first page of this request.

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

N/A.

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

N/A.