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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

1. Submitting Entity & Address:

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3. Description of Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

The request addresses the the date time stamp appearing in the the capacity release datasets in the field called Posting Date/Time.

The time appearing in the field "Posting Date/Time" should be the the time that the completed Offer, Bid, Award, and Notice of Withdrawal (as applicable) first appeared on the Transportation Service Provider's Electronic Bulletin Board (EBB) as a completed activity (or reached the completed state, in the event there was no EBB involved in the transaction).

The proposed standard would allow the data requester to receive data and know when it was FIRST posted to the Electronic Bulletin Board. The standard would also eliminate duplicated data as the data requester, using the Upload of Request for Download dataset can specify a "date after" value and receive only those transactions which were first posted after a data requester specified date and time. This means that even if a transaction may be posted for a duration of time, the data requester need not continually receive such transactions in each subsequent download.

4. Use of the Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

GISB has determined that upon receiving an EDI request from the data requester for capacity release datasets, the transportation service provider would provide downloads of data posted after a data requester specified date and time. These downloads would contain data that was selected from the available information based upon a comparison of the data requester specified date and time and the date and time the information FIRST appeared on the Electronic Bulletin Board.

Specifically the reports would contain data that was posted to the Electronic Bulletin Board the first time and not as long as the information is available on the Electronic Bulletin Board. This would allow the data requester to receive the capacity release data once and not as long as the offer or award is effective.

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

As stated above, this would allow the data requester to receive capacity release data when it is FIRST posted and not while the offers or awards are effective.

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

Any costs associated with this proposed enhancement are minimal. The transportation service provider would use the posted date and time. If the FIRST posting date and time is early than the requested begin date and time, the data would not be sent in the response.

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

The change is minor and little or no testing will be required. Nevertheless, TransCapacity would certainly be willing to undertake testing with any other party.

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

N/A

10. Attachments

None.