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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:

Add a new business practice standard and an associated data element to the Nomination and Scheduled Quantity datasets.

Proposed Business Practice Standard 1.3.X:

"If provided, the 'Cross Contract Rank Indicator' would be used in conjunction with the Delivery Rank and Receipt Rank to apply the service requester supplied rankings at the specified location(s). If the indicator is set to "No" in any nomination at a location, all delivery and/or receipt ranks supplied by the service requester would be applied *within* the applicable contract(s) at the specified location(s). If the indicator is set to "Yes" in all nominations at a location, all delivery and/or receipt ranks supplied by the service requester would be applied *across* all of the service requester's contracts at the specified location(s)."

Data Element:

Add a data element called "Cross Contract Rank Indicator" to the Nomination and Scheduled Quantity datasets. This data element would be defined as follows: "Indicates whether the service requester supplied Delivery Rank and/or Receipt Rank apply across all of the service requester's contracts at the applicable location."

This would be an "On/Off" indicator and would have a usage of Sender's Option (SO) in the nomination data set, with relevant conditionality in the related datasets (i.e., Conditional, mandatory if present in the nomination).

4. Use of the Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

This proposed enhancement would be used in the cited nomination and related data sets to effectuate "Cross Contract Ranking" as specified by the FERC in Order No. 587-F.

If provided, the indicator would be used in conjunction with the Delivery Rank and Receipt Rank to apply the service requester supplied rankings at the specified location(s). If the indicator is set to "No" in any nomination at a location, all delivery and/or receipt ranks supplied by the service requester would be applied within the applicable contract(s) at the specified location(s). If the indicator is set to "Yes" in all nominations at a location,

all delivery and/or receipt ranks supplied by the service requester would be applied across all of the service requester's contracts at the specified location(s).

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

The addition of this data element will allow service requesters to specify, via the nomination data set, whether the supplied ranks are to be ranked across the shipper's contract(s) at the applicable specified location(s). The ability of shippers to perform this activity is specified by the FERC in its Order No. 587-F. This enhancement will allow GISB to have standards which allow for the implementation of this requirement via EDI.

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

As this is the addition of a single data element, there is a small one-time cost only of mapping the new data element. No other changes are necessary to the nomination and related data sets. Trading partners using the GISB Electronic Delivery Mechanism will not incur any variable transmission costs in sending and/or receiving this information. The cost to implement is therefore very small and represents a "one-time" only cost.

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 certainly 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.