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Gas Industry Standards Board

Request for Initiation of a GISB Standard for Electronic Business Transactions

or

Enhancement of an Existing GISB Standard for Electronic Business Transactions

Date of Request: 12/17/97

1. Submitting Entities & Addresses:

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3. Description of Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

Add a data element to Confirmation transactions pursuant to GISB Standard 1.4.4 which will provide the “available capacity” at the interconnect point level. This would be a “mutually agreeable” data element.

Frequently, certain receipt points into an LDC’s pipeline system may become constrained due to shippers’ nominations exceeding “available capacity” at such receipt points. Further, since state regulatory prohibitions may prevent the LDC’s from cutting the shippers’ nominations on the interconnecting TSPs to fit within the LDC’s “available capacity,” the LDC must communicate its take away capacity to the interconnecting TSPs so that these TSPs may then make the determinations as to which gas supplies flow from their systems to the LDC’s system. This “available capacity” is provided daily with original confirmations and with each intraday process.

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 “Available Capacity” data set element will be used to provide more specific information to the TSPs in order for them to allocate capacity at constrained delivery points, if restrained by the ability of the interconnecting LDC to receive all of the gas quantities nominated at those points. The data set element will also maintain the level of information being received currently.

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

The information provided by this data set element will allow the TSPs to allocate capacity in a timely manner, as necessary, at constrained delivery points into an LDC’s system.

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

None

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):

Not Applicable.

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

El Paso Natural Gas Company
Pacific Gas & Electric Company
Mojave Pipeline Operating Company
Transwestern Pipeline Company

10. Attachments (such as: further detailed proposals, transaction data descriptions, information flows, implementation guides, business process descriptions, examples of ASC ANSI X.12 mapped transactions):

None.