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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:

This request entails a new standard whereby transportation service providers (TSP's) or their agents provide to the TSP's business parties an Agency Agreement whereby the business parties would appoint the TSP or the TSP's agent to act as agent for the business coordination purpose of collecting and disseminating business party identification codes. These business parties would include, but not be limited to, service requesters, interconnected service providers, information service providers, end-use customers, marketers, and producers.

Proposed text of the Agency designation language

[Note that the service provider should insert applicable business party name inside [brackets] identified below]

"[Business party] hereby appoints [subject service provider] to be its non-exclusive business party identifier code collection and dissemination agent ("Entity Code Agent") for [the business party] to collect from and disseminate to [the business party] on [the business party]'s behalf, for the purpose of facilitating mutual business party identification, with and among, other current and potential business parties and [the business party]; which business parties are engaged in (or facilitating the conduct of trade in) the natural gas business, of said business parties' and the [business party]'s identifier code(s), which business party identification codes are necessary to be used when conducting or coordinating trade on, with respect to [subject service provider], or, with [subject service provider] at an interconnection between [the subject service provider] and other service providers; via electronic means."

Proposed Standard 4.3.A

“Transportation Service Providers (TSPs) or their agents should provide an EDI download of all entity names, (plus, their associated identifiers, the date the particular record was last updated, and the effective date of the record) which are used in the nomination, confirmation and scheduling process to a requesting party’s designated site by the expiration of the next half hour next succeeding the receipt of the requesting party’s request. Half hour periods are on the quarter hour and the three-quarter hour periods.

Proposed Standard 4.4.A
Entity Identifier Cross Reference List

Business Name	Definition	U	Condition
Entity Name	The legal name used by the TSP for representing this entity	M	
Entity Identifier	The GISB Common Entity Code for the Entity Name used by this TSP for conducting electronic transactions	C	If present and available to TSP, this field would be populated.
Proprietary Entity Identifier	The proprietary code used by the TSP for the Entity Name	C	Must be present if Entity Common Code is not present. May be present (SO) in addition to Entity Common Code.
Update Date Time	The date that this record was last updated by the TSP	M	
Effective Date	The date on and after which transactions using this identifier will be accepted for processing.	M	

Proposed Standard 4.3.B

Upon receipt of an Upload of Request for Download of Entity Cross Reference List a TSP or its agent should send to the requester’s designated site the most up-to-date Entity Cross Reference List available pursuant to Standard No. [4.3.A].

Proposed Standard 4.3.C

“Parties should authorize the service provider to collect their Entity Name and associated Entity Identifier and to disseminate their Entity Name and associated Entity Identifier along with any and all other such names and identifiers collected by said service provider to any and all current and potential business parties and their agent(s) upon reasonable request of such current or potential business party. To ease administration by service providers, service providers are not required to determine which business parties may be a current or potential business party of any given business party. To further ease administration by service providers, a given provider may appoint any person to be its agent for the purposes of collection and dissemination of this information under the agency agreement.

“Service Providers should employ the code recommended by the GISB Common Codes task force as approved from time to time by the GISB Executive Committee where use of such code is available and applicable for the applicable Entity.”

4. Use of the Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

GISB has determined that D-U-N-S Numbers should be the common Entity Identifier used in electronic transactions. However, the administration and coordination of entities' identifiers has not been addressed. There is no "central repository" where parties can go to get another entity's common code number.

This proposed standard would allow TSP's to appoint a limited agent who would collect, administer and disseminate entity codes on behalf of a TSP.

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

Using the process described above, parties could determine "who's who" regarding entity identifiers on TSP's.

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

Costs associated with the adoption of the Agency designation language is minimal. As stated in the request, there would be *no specific compensation per business party identifier for the collection and dissemination of identifiers*, in this way there would be no breach of the contract with Dun & Bradstreet. Any costs outside of this exception should not be determined by GISB according to standard number 1.1.16.¹

7. Description of Any Specific Legal or Other Considerations:

The sole legal consideration to remain within the letter and spirit of the agreement with Dun & Bradstreet. This is accomplished as described in the body of this request.

8. If This Proposed Standard or Enhancement is Not Tested Yet, List Trading Partners Willing to Test Standard or Enhancement

Not applicable.

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

When this standard is in use, the trading partners would be TSP's, service requesters, interconnected service providers, information service providers, end-use customers, and producers, and potentially other business related trading partners.

10. Attachments

None.

¹ GISB Standard No. 1.1.16 reads: "Compensability of particular products or services should be determined by trading partners and/or regulatory agencies as applicable, but not by GISB."