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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

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3. Description of Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

Add a 'Move to Cycle' data item to both nomination and confirmation transactions which will enable customers to automatically renominate or reconfirm the quantity on a transaction in subsequent cycles that was reduced during processing in the previous cycle.

For example, on the Timely Nomination a customer nominates 5,000 dth but during processing, this transaction is reduced to zero. Currently, in order to renominate the 5,000 on the subsequent cycle, the customer must resubmit the transaction as an intraday transaction. The new data item will enable the customer to indicate as part of the first nomination or confirmation (by entering a Y(Yes) in the Move to Next Cycle Field) that he or she desires any reductions to the transaction to be renominated or reconfirmed in the subsequent cycle. If all the suppliers and markets also indicated they wanted their reductions to be renominated in the subsequent cycle, all transactions would be present for the next cycle, relieving customers of having to resend their intraday transactions.

Note: This is an optional (mutually agreeable) feature. It provides customers a choice: 1.) to try to renominate or reconfirm the same transaction again or 2.) seek alternative supplies or markets on a later cycle.

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 intent of moving the reduced volumes to the next cycle is to maintain the nominated or confirmed quantity as equal to the customer's original nominated or confirmed quantity prior to

processing. This means that all quantities reduced in processing are moved to the next cycle. Any adds or updates should not be moved to the next cycle.

The nominated or confirmed quantity for a new cycle would therefore be equal to the scheduled quantity from the close of the previous cycle plus any quantities reduced during processing in the previous cycle. The new quantity after the move would be considered as a nominated or confirmed quantity for that cycle, not a scheduled quantity, since no balancing processes have yet been run against it.

If an upstream or downstream operator submits a Y(Yes) or an N(No) in the Move to Cycle Field on the confirmation, this is considered an explicit confirmation for that cycle (RTC or CR).

Changes to the Move to Cycle Field after the timely cycle will not be reflected in subsequent days.

Example 1:

On the Timely Nomination Cycle a shipper requests 5,000 dth. During processing 1,000 dth are cut.

Timely

Nominated	5,000
Reduced	-1,000
Scheduled	4,000

On the Evening Cycle, the 1,000 dth which were reduced would be restored.

Evening

Move to Cycle	1,000
New Nominated	5,000

If, for the Evening Cycle, the shipper decides to reduce their nomination by 1,000, and another 1,000 is reduced during processing:

Evening

Nominated	5,000
Update	-1,000
Reduction	-1,000
Scheduled	3,000

...Only the 1,000 which was reduced during processing is moved to the Intraday 1 Nomination cycle. Updates are not moved to the next cycle. This would serve to show that the customer had changed the original nomination.

Intraday 1

Move to Cycle	1,000
New Nominated	4,000

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

Keeping up with a 4-cycle schedule has proved a hardship for customers 1.) managing many transactions for each delivery date and 2.) working in small shops where it is difficult to man all shifts. This would enable all parties to take advantage of the additional opportunities for nominating and confirming gas after the timely cycle has been processed.

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

n/a

7. Description of Any Specific Legal or Other Considerations:

n/a

8. If This Proposed Standard or Enhancement Is Not Tested Yet, List Trading Partners Willing to Test Standard or Enhancement (Corporations and contacts):

n/a

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):

<p>Move to Next Cycle</p>	<p>Usage: Optional Instructs the Service Provider whether to automatically move any quantities reduced in processing to the next cycle for the same delivery date. A 'Y' instructs the Service Provider to move reduced quantities to the next cycle. An 'N' instructs the Service Provider to not move the reduced quantity to the next intraday cycle. The default value is 'N' and will be used if this field is left blank.</p>
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