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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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1. Submitting Entity & Address:

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3. Description of Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

TransCanada PipeLine mainline (TCPL) requests that a new field be added to the Nomination and Scheduled Quantity datasets. This new field called "Minimum Quantity" would provide shippers with an option of specifying a floor quantity below which the nomination would cease to have effect. This field should be Business Conditional.

This field is an essential component of TCPL's interruptible transportation service. This field is currently accommodated on our EBB, however there is currently no GISB nomination field for Minimum Quantity.

4. Use of Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

The (Business Conditional) Minimum Quantity field would accompany the nominated quantity in a transportation nomination. The Transportation Service Provider would not schedule a quantity less than the Minimum Quantity (other than zero) for this nomination. The Minimum Quantity would be provided at the option of the shipper, and if omitted, the Minimum Quantity would be assumed to be zero.

In TCPL's case, the Minimum Quantity would only apply to interruptible transportation.

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

This field would provide shippers with the option to notify the Transportation Service Provider in their nomination of their requested Minimum Quantity for scheduling. When used, this may also reduce the amount of processing required by the Transportation Service Provider.

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

We anticipate that this requested change could affect those parties that would utilize this (business conditional) field on TCPL, or any other Transportation Service Provider using this field. Where this field does not apply, Transportation Service Providers and other parties would have standard X12 methods to ignore it.

7. Description of Any Specific Legal or Other Considerations:

The National Energy Board mandates this field for TCPL's nomination practice for interruptible transportation.

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

NrG Information Services.

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

NrG Information Services.

10. Attachments:

None.