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A General Overview of  
Nominations  
Scheduling  
&  
Imbalance Management  
On Natural Gas Pipelines

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# Transportation of Natural Gas

- All natural gas transported on a pipeline must be:
  - Nominated
  - Confirmed at all applicable receipt & delivery points
  - Account for fuel
  - Scheduled **prior to flow**, then
  - Monitored for imbalances
- Nominations (noms) start the process by telling the pipeline who wants to ship how much gas along a path certain under what contract

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## Nominations

- Information required for a valid nomination:
  - Receipt Point(s) & Delivery Point(s)
    - Wellhead, pipeline interconnect, Pool, storage, imbalance makeup, OBA, etc.
    - OBA = Operational Balancing Agreement, a tool to manage physical imbalances
  - Transaction type
    - Current period delivery, imbalance makeup, storage injection/withdraw, pooling
  - Beginning and end flow dates
  - Shipper contract number, and
  - **Either** the total receipt volume or the desired delivery volume
    - Out of balance nominations are not allowed
    - The pipeline automatically calculates the required fuel and fills in the missing volume, receipt or delivery, to complete the nom

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