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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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