

Case 12-M-0476, et. al.
EDI Business Working Group (BWG)/
Technical Working Group (TWG)
Final Minutes – March 13, 2015

Administration

- Review/Modify Agenda: The Draft Agenda was adopted without modification.
- The Draft Minutes from the 3/6/2015 EDI Business Working Group (BWG)/Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting were adopted as Final without modification.
- DPS Staff Remarks – None.

Regulatory Update Regarding EDI Matters

The BWG Chair gave a general overview of the structure of the April 7 Report to be filed with the Commission. In addition to the initial APP Credit EDI Standards required by the 2/6/2015 Order, the report will identify the potential for other related EDI transactions development. The report will also include other EDI Standards documents which have been under discussion in the EDI Working Group. Finally the report will address timing issues concerning the date by which the 2/25/2015 requires the APP Credit to be operable.

Modifications to PSC EDI Web pages

The web page template for Utility EDI Guides is operational; a link to National Fuel's EDI web page should be available soon. Additionally, updates to the work-in-progress versions of the several of the EDI Standards documents, in clean and redline formats, have been posted to April 7 Report web page.

ESCO Assistance Program Participant Credits

The Working Group reviewed two workpapers addressing options for rate ready utilities concerning the Assistance Program Participant Credit ("APP Credit"). The first dealt with choosing, between the 814C/810URR and 810UBR, the means for rate ready utilities to receive APP Credits. Most ready utilities preferred the 814C/810URR approach but Grid preferred the 810UBR approach. One ESCO spoke in support of the 810UBR approach but most parties preferred the 814C/810URR. The BWG Chair asked if 814C/810URR could be designated as preferred with a utility option to utilize 810UBR but the TWG stressed the importance of one standard for New York rate ready utilities. Grid will report back before the next meeting whether it can utilize the 814C/810 URR approach.

With respect to utility payments to ESCOs under Purchase of Receivables (POR) programs, APP Credits can simply be deducted from the payment amounts so long as the ESCO is still active in the utility's territory. At the customer level, so long as the customer is still a utility delivery customer receiving a bill issued by the utility the APP Credit can be provided on the bill; even if the customer is with another ESCO. If there is no bill, e.g. a customer has moved out of the territory, the ESCO will have to directly provide the APP Credit to the customer.

The second workpaper dealt with proposed modifications to the 820 transaction to reflect the APP Credit. After brief discussion, it was determined that the detail in the 810 Invoice transaction was sufficient.

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Review of Updates to EDI Standards Documents

An Index of Changes, posted to the April 7 Report web page, was reviewed. More updates will be made before for next week's meeting. The documents should be reviewed by working group members; decisions will be made at the March 27 meeting as to which work products are in or out of the report.

Modifications to Testing Procedures

There is still a need for a volunteer to lead the Testing Sub Group. The March 2nd Order enabled expedited testing but also asked that the EDI Working Group should consider ways to streamline the EDI development, implementation and testing process. The Working Group is instructed to submit a report of its findings within two months of the date of the Order, i.e. May 4, 2015. The BWG suggested that the May 3 Report could recommend other streamlining ideas, e.g. if a new ESCO signs up with existing provider, a certification from that provider to John D'Aloia and Chris Bosy would be enough to satisfy the Phase 1 testing requirement.

Other Business

There was discussion concerning that potential outcomes from both upcoming collaborative and the Case 14-M-0101 (REV Case) will impact APP Credit calculation in a manner that will increase information requirements. At this point, it appears that minimally, provision of utility full service billing amounts via EDI is necessary. The EDI Working Group will work on these requirements but such work will extend beyond the April 7 Report filing date.

Establish date/time for next meeting

The next meeting will be a combined BWG/TWG meeting on Friday 3/13/2015 at 10 AM.

Attendees

Jeff Begley – NOCO Energy Corp.	Joe Falcon – Ambit Energy
Giovanni Formato – Con Edison	Barbara Goubeaud – EC Infosystems
Eric Heaton – Con Edison	Latitude Technologies
Gary Lawrence – Energy Services Group	Janet Manfredi – Central Hudson
Brian Meredith – IGS Energy	Veronica Munoz – Accenture
Rebecca Myers – UGI Energy Services	Mike Novak – National Fuel
Kris Redanauer – Direct Energy	Sergio Smilley – National Grid
Robin Taylor – DPS	Cindy Tomeny – National Grid
Jay Tompkins – Central Hudson	Charlie Trick – NYSEG/RG&E
Marie Vajda – NYSEG/RG&E	Debbie Vincent – UGI Energy Services
Kim Wall – PPL Solutions	Jean Pauyo – O&R