

Case No. 12-M-0476 et al.
EDI Business Working Group (BWG)/
Technical Working Group (TWG)
Draft Minutes – October 21, 2016

Administration

- Review/Modify Agenda: The Draft Agenda was adopted after modification to add a few items to the Other Business agenda item.
- The Draft Minutes for the 9/23/2016 meeting were adopted as final without modification.
- DPS Staff Remarks: None.

Regulatory Update

A court petition was filed by NEMA and RESA requesting the low income order moratorium be stayed and a TRO was granted. Many utilities received letters from ESCOs and were asked not to do anything regarding the moratorium at this time. The BWG Chair noted that under the circumstances, no further work could be done until the court takes action.

Review of Implementation Plans for Current EDI Standards

There were no changes since the last meeting. The moratorium data exchange workpaper was updated prior to the TRO but at this time, there is no point in further discussing the issue.

Pending Enrollment Cancellation Communications

A workpaper examining Incumbent ESCO Drops Switch to Pending ESCO (814D-CHA/Reinstatement Requests) and Customer-Initiated cancellations (ESCO Customer Contacts Utility to Rescind Pending Enrollment Initiated by ESCO) was reviewed. With respect to the former, several of the utilities relayed the codes they send to the pending ESCO to the extent they support the 814D-CHA process. There was some variation in response codes. A workpaper will be posted for the next meeting to document what each utility is using.

With regard to Customer-initiated cancellations, NFGD is going to check on this with their staff and refine the issue for next time.

New Law – Prohibition on Termination Fees at Account Closure

A workpaper, developed in response to a new law, A8630, showing a proposed new code (REF 02 – DEC - Customer Account Closed – Customer Deceased) to notify ESCOs that an account was terminated due to the death of a customer was reviewed. For example, if an ESCO receives a Drop showing account termination and the customer was in month 7 of a 12 month contract, based upon the contract with the customer the ESCO may charge an Early Termination Fee (ETF). If the account was terminated because the customer died but the ESCO didn't know that the customer passed away, it would not know that it should not charge an ETF.

The law will be posted for review at next meeting. All parties should have their attorneys review the law and discuss. Direct Energy asked DPS Staff if the UBP will be changed to reflect this new law. DPS Staff stated that they will bring this back to DPS staff and discuss.

EDI Testing

- Removal of references to testing of 568 transactions in TOP Supplements
 - No comments were received on either of the draft TOP Supplement 1 and TOP Supplement 8 documents posted on the EDI Report Preparation web page. Additional changes in TOP Supplement 4 will be posted but at present, it does not appear as if any further changes will be needed.
- Phase I/II Testing of Utilities – no updates.
- Qualification of new EDISPs – no updates.

Other Business

- 867 IU update – Eric Heaton (ConEd) noted that the PJM EDI 867 IU (and HIU) EDI standards documents will be used as templates for the proposed NY EDI Standards documents. ConEd will contact PJM to work out some logistics and report at an upcoming EDI Working Group conference call.
- Change control process – A more formalized process to submit proposed changes to NY's EDI Standards was proposed by Kris Redanauer (Direct Energy). Workpapers will be provided, based upon the change control process for other state-level EDI working groups, for discussion at an upcoming EDI Working Group conference call.
- Dan Stehr (Direct Energy) requested a change to 867HU – to add a REF BF segment (other states have this segment). O&R supported the idea. The BWG Chair requested that Mr. Stehr submit a workpaper, for discussion at an upcoming EDI Working Group conference call.
- A question concerning how each utility is handling seasonal accounts was asked by Kris Redanauer. Procedures appear inconsistent; some utilities drop the account, some send emails, some don't send anything. While all of the utilities have seasonal customers, seasonality isn't necessarily tracked as an account status/attribute. As a preliminary step to determining whether or not an EDI solution might be available/appropriate, a workpaper describing each utility's process will be prepared for discussion at upcoming EDI Working Group conference calls.

Establish Date/Time for Next Meeting

The next meeting will be a combined BWG/TWG meeting on Friday 11/4/2016 at 10 AM.

Attendees

Amie Williams – Agway	Jeff Begley – NOCO
Angela Schorr – Direct Energy	Jimmy Huie – PSEG – LI
Anton Petrosyuk – Kiwi Energy	Jennifer Lorenzini – Central Hudson
Barbara Goubeaud – EC Infosystems	Joy Huntley - UGI Energy Services
Barbara White – Ambit	Kim McNary- Ambit
Charlie Trick – NYSEG/RG&E	Laura Getz – DPS Staff
Cindy Tomeny – National Grid	Kris Redanauer – Direct Energy
Craig Weiss – National Grid	Marie Vajda – NYSEG/RG&E
Dan Stehr – Direct Energy	Mary Agresti – National Grid
Deborah Croce – EC Infosystems	Mary Do – Latitude
Donna Satcher-Jackson – National Grid	Mike Novak – National Fuel Gas Dist.
Elois Anderson – National Grid	Mike Ye - PSEG LI
Elorita Martinez – National Grid	Robin Taylor – DPS Staff
Emily Cimoli – Ethical Electric	Samantha Curry – Starion Energy
Eric Heaton – Con Ed	Sergio Smilley – National Grid
Gary Lawrence – Energy Services Group	Tom Rankin - Marketwise
Jason Gullo – National Fuel Resources	Tracie Gaetano – IGS
Jasmine Thom – CES	Travis Bickford – Fluent Energy
Jean Pauyo – O&R	Veronica Munoz - Accenture