

Case No. 12-M-0476 et al.
EDI Business Working Group (BWG)/
Technical Working Group (TWG)
Draft Minutes – November 4, 2016

Administration

- Review/Modify Agenda: The Draft Agenda was adopted without modification. The BWG noted that the next EDI Standards filing would be discussed under either the Other Business or 867 IU agenda item.
- The Draft Minutes for the 10/23/2016 meeting were adopted as final without modification.
- DPS Staff Remarks: None.

Regulatory Update

None.

Review of Implementation Plans for Current EDI Standards

Global changes were made to reflect items for which implementation decisions and dates were on hold or indeterminate because of the TROs in place. Minor status changes for National Grid – Downstate and O&R were also reflected.

New Law – Prohibition on Termination Fees at Account Closure

A workpaper showing the text of A8630 was posted. The BWG Chair advised the group that Robin Taylor (DPS) checked with Staff and a UBP change will be needed in response to the new law. The working group will wait until the UBP is modified before determining what changes to make to the EDI Standards. Some of the uncertainty discussed during the prior working group meeting should be resolved as a part of the regulatory process.

Seasonal Account Procedures

A workpaper was posted identifying how several of the utilities handle discontinuance and restoration of service for seasonal customer. During the discussion other utility details were added and an updated workpaper will be prepared for the next working group meeting. It was noted that not all utilities send a drop notification to ESCOs when a seasonal customer discontinues service; instead they rely upon updates to ESCO sync lists. Some utilities have an explicit seasonal status (or rate) while other utilities identify seasonal customers implicitly.

When customers restore delivery service, the procedures to restore ESCO service vary from utility to utility. In most cases, restoration of service with the ESCO depends upon the customer requesting such although at least in one case, the ESCO-customer relationship is preserved during the inactivity (no usage) period. In other cases, the customer must be supplied by the utility during the initial restoration month.

No EDI proposals were made during this meeting. Upon review of the updated workpaper, potential EDI solutions may be proposed.

867 HU – REF~BF Proposal

Dan Stehr (Direct Energy) lead the discussion on a workpaper proposing that the REF~BF segment, which is currently communicated as a part of the 814E Response, be added to the 867HU which is available pre-enrollment. The segment is used to communicate the Bill Cycle Code.

Mr. Stehr thought that it might make sense to send REF~BF with gas profiles too. Mr. Stehr suggested that if a utility sent REF~BF in an 867 HU Usage Response, that it might not be necessary to include it with the 867HU Gas Profile. Con Ed, the only utility that supports gas profiles, will investigate.

Mr. Stehr observed that within the 814E Response, utilities seem to use both REF~BF and REF~65 (Meter Cycle Code) interchangeably. He suggested that there is no practical difference and the EDI Working Group should investigate whether it makes sense to standardize upon REF~BF in both transactions. Utilities will be polled for their current practice within the 814E Response.

Proposed Change Control Process

A workpaper was posted consisting of a Change Request Form and a screen shot of NAESB's Change Control tracking web page. There was no discussion.

867 IU Update

Eric Heaton (ConEd) informed the group they were putting together EDI IGs based upon the corresponding documents used in Pennsylvania. ConEd plans to implement the 867IU in July 2017 and would like the new EDI Standard Documents to be approved in advance.

The BWG Chair noted the 867IU will be a voluntary transaction but should other electric utilities wish to support it sometime into the future, it is possible other modifications might be made at that time. The expedited approval process was reviewed and the BWG Chair suggested that if no one objected, the 867IU would qualify. Given the timing considerations, feasible working dates for filing of new standards documents could be at the end of March 2017 or April 2017. Barbara Goubeaud (EC Infosystems) noted that EDI Service Providers and ESCOs will need more than 30 days prior to ConEd's implementation to code and test their systems.

A small group will be formed with ConEd personnel, the BWG Chair and the TWG Chair to get the Draft NY 867IU in shape for review by the working group. Gary Lawrence (ESG) offered to put together an 867IU Data Dictionary. The BWG Chair asked others who were interested in participating in the small group to send him an email stating so.

EDI Test Plan Documents

- 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

- None.

Establish Date/Time for Next Meeting

The next meeting will be a combined BWG/TWG meeting on Friday 11/18/2016 at 10 AM.

Attendees

Alicia Stehnicky – Prius Energy	Jennifer Vigil – Champion Energy
Amie Williams – Agway	Jimmy Huie – PSEG - LI
Anton Petrosyuk – Kiwi Energy	John Cooney – National Grid
Barbara Goubeaud – EC Infosystems	Joy Huntley - UGI Energy Services
Barbara White – Ambit	Kandi Terry – Just Energy
Charlie Trick – NYSEG/RG&E	Kevin Corr - NRG
Cindy Tomeny – National Grid	Laura Getz – DPS Staff
Craig Weiss – National Grid	Marie Vajda – NYSEG/RG&E
Dan Stehr – Direct Energy	Mike Novak – National Fuel Gas Dist.
David Parnell – Direct Energy	Mike Pawolski – National Grid
Elorita Martinez – National Grid	Rich Phillips – Latitude
Emily Cimoli – Ethical Electric	Samantha Curry – Starion Energy
Eric Heaton – Con Ed	Sergio Smilley – National Grid
Gary Lawrence – Energy Services Group	Tom Dougherty – Marketwise
Janet Manfredi – Central Hudson	Tom Rankin - Marketwise
Jean Pauyo – O&R	Tracie Gaetano – IGS
Jeff Begley - NOCO	Veronica Munoz - Accenture
Jennifer Lorenzini – Central Hudson	