## Case No. 12-M-0476 et. al. EDI Business/Technical Working Groups Workpaper – Abbreviated/Reduced Testing for EDI Modifications - 6/12/2015

The 2/25/2014 EDI Order contains the following requirement: "...The EDI Working Group notes that with 240 ESCOs active within New York State, the coordination of testing dates with each of the utilities may be a daunting task. By initiating testing as soon as system updates are completed, those utilities are able to complete their updates prior to the six month deadline can help lessen the likelihood of testing scheduling conflicts for ESCOs and EDI Service Providers. The EDI Working Group also recommends that utilities be given discretion to streamline testing associated with the Revised EDI Standards. In some cases, adequate testing could be performed by an EDI Service Provider on behalf of groups of ESCOs for whom they provide EDI services.

In the coming months, the EDI Working Group plans to develop several recommendations to update, streamline and otherwise refresh the EDI testing procedures associated with the EDI Standards. These recommendations will be provided to Staff and may ultimately result in revised Technical Operating Profiles to be filed with the Commission."

## **Phase III EDI Testing Proposal:**

Proposal - The following options be available to complete Phase III testing of the EDI Modifications contained in the 2/25/2014 Order:

- Utilities may conduct transactional testing of the EDI Modifications with EDI Service
   Providers and allow the EDI Service Providers to test with the ESCOs for which they provide
   EDI services. Utilities may also conduct transactional testing of the EDI Modifications with
   ESCOs that have in-house EDI services.
- Utilities may provide sample files containing transactions with the EDI modifications via email or on their websites and allow ESCOs and/or EDI Service Providers to test internally and provide feedback to the utility in lieu of transaction testing.

Once a Utility is satisfied that ESCOs and EDI Service Providers have successfully processed their files containing the EDI Modifications, it will have satisfied the Department's Phase III testing requirement. Case No. 12-M-0476 et. al. EDI Business/Technical Working Groups Testing April 10, 2015