Case 12-M-0476, et. al.
EDI Business Working Group (BWG)/
Technical Working Group (TWG)
Final Minutes – April 15, 2016

Administration

- Review/Modify Agenda: The Draft Agenda was adopted noting a noting that ICAP Question, 820 Transaction questions , 503 Transaction Questions and an update from the 503 Technical Team would be discussed under the agenda item - Other.
- The Draft Minutes from the 3/11/2016 EDI Business Working Group (BWG)/Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting were adopted as final with a few non-substantive modifications.
- DPS Staff Remarks – None.

Regulatory Update

- APP Credit Testing Extension – extension was granted to May 16. Depending upon regulatory process in Case 15-M-0127, another extension may be necessary.
- With regard to the Order Resetting Retail Energy Markets and Establishing Further Process issued on 2/23/2016 in Case 15-M-0127 ("Resetting Order"), a Temporary Restraining Order ("TRO") has been issued.   Yesterday was the court hearing on Order, it was adjourned until the second week of May so the TRO is still in place.
    - Resetting Order related Collaborative Meetings will be held next week.

Scheduling of Date for Next EDI Report

With consideration given the TRO's timing implications as well the potential necessity to modify the 503 transaction (and APP Credit related aspects of other transactions), it appears to make sense to bundle the proposed changes developed to date with those necessary to implement the Resetting Order. As a result, the date for the next EDI Report will likely be the end of May or possibly June. If anyone feels that it is necessary to file any of the other EDI work under development prior to then, a narrowly focused EDI report could be filed.

Review of Implementation Plans

Each of the utilities reviewed updates to their schedules. NYSEG/RG&E noted their AMT03 implementation for Future ICAP Tag of the Special Program Indicator. Grid said their status for for Future ICAP should be "Implemented" but Special Program Indicator should be set to "TBD". The update for the next meeting will have a separate line item for the Special Program Indicator.

ICAP tag questions

Concerning the workpaper presented at the last EDI Working Group Meeting, utilities were reminded to provide their responses to the Kris Redanauer so that another workpaper summarizing utility responses will be prepared for the next EDI Working Group meeting and discussed.

503 Transaction REF~45 Segment Modifications

The gray box note was acceptable to the EDI Working Group. A workpaper will be prepared for the next meeting modifying the corresponding gray box note in the 814E IG. Mary Do suggested the 867 Segment gray box notes should be modified analogously.

814C/E REF~TD Segment proposal re: PERIC code

A workpaper was reviewed proposing that N18R and N1BT codes instead of the PERIC code. This change was found to be acceptable and the notes will be modified to more broadly describe the communication mode to which the EDI transactions pertained. Implementation of this change is dependent upon each utility's current support of the PERIC code and the overall priority of this change relative to the utility's systems development resources. Utilities should clearly communicate their implementation timeframe to the ESCOs and EDI Service Providers on their system.

APP Credit Processing

A workpaper containing technical questions concerning APP Credit processing under billing models other than Utility Combined Billing, e.g. Dual Billing, was reviewed questions with Chris Bosy from DPS. Many of the questions need more clarification and will be brought back to Staff to see if we can have another meeting.

With regard to the 820 APP Credit and Overpayment Process – Gary Lawrence provided examples in workpaper. The examples were found acceptable to the Working Group and will be added to the IG.

503 Transaction Technical Team Status Report

The BWG Chair reviewed a workpaper summarizing the email discussions among the group would begin working off line on the 503 and related transactions to address. The workpaper included flowcharts prepared by Tracie Gaetano (IGS) showing various EDI Transaction scenarios, which were updated to reflect discussion from the last EDI Working group meeting.

There were four preliminary proposals with respect to Resetting Order EDI development:

1. Status quo – effectively no changes other than renaming certain items.

2. Because there will be many more requests relative to what had been presumed for APP Credits, reconfigure 503 into a monthly transaction.
    a. Rate Ready utilities they would send an 867, 810, and 503.
    b. Bill Ready would send the 503 with the 824 since they wouldn't know the ESCO charges when they send the 867.
    c. ESCOs would be responsible for managing the monthly 503 history in their business systems.

3. Retain the 24 month format but the utility would create the 503 for all ESCO accounts on a scheduled basis (each billing cycle, once week, once a month?)

4. Modify EDI Standards to permit any of these possibilities but leave it up to the utility on how best to implement with respect to their billing system.

As a result of the discussion, the EDI Working Group will generally pursue option 1 but consider other modifications that enhance the 503 process. This approach does not preclude developing a monthly transaction at some point in the future if business requirements warrant. No specific implementation date is envisioned since further development of the transaction, potentially in response to regulatory events, may take place.

With respect to a question raised during the APP Credit processing discussion, it is proposed that each utility will have to option to respond with either the full 24 months of data on the 503 response (for the months the ESCO served the customer) or it can look at the history of that ESCO's 503 request and only send them most updated data. Utilities should note in their Utility Maintained EDI Guides which approach they've chosen.

Other Business

     None.

Establish date/time for next meeting

     The next meeting will be a combined BWG/TWG meeting on Friday 4/29/2016 at 10 AM.

Attendees

Mary Agresti – National Grid	Elois Anderson – National Grid
Jeff Begley – NOCO	Travis Bickford – Fluent
Rock Carbone – Agway	Mary Do – Latitude
Tracie Gaetano – IGS	Elorita Martinez – National Grid
Barbara Goubeaud – EC Infosystems	Jason Gullo – National Fuel Resources
Debbie Croche – EC Infosystems	Jay Zhang – Just Energy
Ethan Kagan – Direct Energy	Gary Lawrence – Energy Services Group
Darlene Clay – Central Hudson	Janet Manfredi – Central Hudson
Kim McNary – Ambit	Charlie Trick – NYSEG/RG&E
Mike Pawlowski – National Grid	Mike Novak – NFGD
Jean Pauyo – O&R	Adam Powers – Ethical Electric
Kris Redanauer – Direct Energy	Donna Satcher-Jackson – National Grid
Sergio Smilley – National Grid	Kate Schmid – CES
Cindy Tomeny – National Grid	Marie Vajda – NYSEG/RG&E
Ewen Ng – ERTH	Debbie Vincent – UGI
Kim Wall – PPL Solutions	Barbara White – Ambit
Craig Wiess – National Grid	Amie Williams – Agway
Robin Taylor – DPS Staff	Tom Dougherty – Marketwise
Chindi Agbara - GDFSuez	