

Case 12-M-0476, et. al.
EDI Business Working Group (BWG)/
Technical Working Group (TWG)
Final Minutes – February 6, 2015

Administration

- Review/Modify Agenda: The Draft Agenda was adopted without modification.
- The Draft Minutes from the 1/23/2015 EDI Business Working Group (BWG)/Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting were adopted as Final without modification.
- DPS Staff Remarks – None other than those made during Regulatory Update Regarding EDI Matters.

Regulatory Update Regarding EDI Matters

- With regard to the anticipated EDI Order, it was noted that while most utilities have been engaged in planning and design for the anticipated changes, that full development of system changes to support implementation is not likely to begin until the Order is issued.
- The February 5th Commission Session may have low income item that could impact EDI development.

Modifications to PSC EDI Web pages

- The link to the EDI Working Group on the DPS web site (<http://www3.dps.ny.gov/>) A-Z index is now directed to the ASKPSC.com website.
 - The former EDI Working Group web page has been archived on the DPS web site.
- Robin Taylor (DPS) reported that Commission approval isn't needed to remove outdated web pages from the DPS web site or to relocate other EDI pages to the ASKPSC.com website.
 - The BWG Chair will work with DPS Staff to begin implementing the EDI web site changes discussed during the 1/23/2015 meeting; the initial focus will be upon removing outdated links.

Accelerated Switching Implementation Update

The TWG Chair lead the discussion reviewing a workpaper containing a table showing the timing and various aspects of utility implementations schedule for on or about February 13th. Early next week (prior to implementation) an updated table will be posted as a workpaper. The table will also be available for any post-implementation follow-up discussion during the next meeting.

Modifications to Testing Procedures

The BWG Chair reviewed the premise for the modifications; there is still a need for a volunteer to lead the Testing Sub Group.

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Contest Period EDI Transaction/Reinstatement Requests

To date, only ConEd and O&R have implemented this transaction via EDI although National Grid plans to implement in the near future. Otherwise, utilities currently process contest period reinstatement requests manually. Proposed EDI changes were filed in 2009 but were not adopted due to code conflicts at National Fuel and NYSEG/RG&E. A workpaper attempting to address the code conflicts within the 814D - Drop Reason and Initiating Party Segment was presented. Discussions lead to some clarification suggestions that will be reflected in a workpaper for the next meeting.

A new issue was raised concerning whether drop timelines in various UBPs conflicted and inadvertently encouraged customers who wished to return to utility service to bypass communicating this intention with their current ESCO in favor of a direct communication with the Utility. It was generally understood that an ESCO initiated drop (that was not at the request of the customer) would follow a 15 day timeline (UBP 5.H.4.a), however, a drop (at customer request) to facilitate a drop to another ESCO would follow a 5 day timeline. The general understanding is that a request to the utility by the customer under UBP 5.H.1 should be processed by the utility within one business day.

From an EDI perspective, when the ESCO initiates the drop, there appears to be a need for a new code in the 814D - Drop Reason and Initiating Party Segment to distinguish between:

- An ESCO's decision to discontinue service to a customer and return the customer to full utility service, pursuant to UBP 5.H.4.a;
- Customer requests to return to utility service and;
- Other drop reasons.

The BWG chair will follow up with DPS Staff and the results of that discussion may be reflected in the workpaper for the next meeting.

Enhanced ESCO Service Portability

The Service Portability workpaper was discussed. Barbara Goubeaud (ecInfosystems) and others suggested clarifying changes which will be posted as a workpaper for the next meeting. Once the IG changes are acceptable to the working group, corresponding revisions to the Business process document will be presented in a workpaper to the EDI Working Group.

Establish date/time for next meeting

The next meeting will be a combined BWG/TWG meeting on Friday 2/20/2015 at 10 AM. Likely topics will include a Regulatory Update pertaining to EDI matters, revisions to EDI Testing procedures, ESCO Service Portability, ESCO Tax Information provided for Utility Combined Billing, Contest Period EDI Revisions and proposed changes to the Commission's EDI web site.

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Attendees

Jay Sauta – Agway Energy	Mary Do – Latitude Technologies
MaryAnn Allen - Integrys	Barbara Goubeaud – EC Infosystems
John Holtz – NRG	Jennifer Lorenzini – Central Hudson
Debbie Rabago – Ambit Energy	Janet Manfredi – Central Hudson
Jean Pauyo – O&R	Debbie Vincent – UGI Energy Services
Charlie Trick – NYSEG/RG&E	Gary Lawrence – Energy Services Group
Kim Wall – PPL Solutions	Jim Stauble - Accenture
Donna Satcher-Jackson – National Grid	Sergio Smilley – National Grid
Giovanni Formato – Con Edison	Mike Novak – National Fuel Gas
Cindy Tomeny – National Grid	Tom Dougherty – Aurea Energy Services
Joe Falcon– Ambit	Brian Meredith – IGS Energy
Robin Taylor – DPS Staff	Christine Bosy – DPS Staff
Kandi Terry – Just Energy	Marie Vajda - NYSEG/RG&E
Jeff Begley - Fluent Energy	