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**EDI Business Working Group (BWG)/**  
**Technical Working Group (TWG)**  
**Final Minutes – June 12, 2015**

**Administration**

- Review/Modify Agenda: The Draft Agenda was adopted without modification. The Chair noted that Eric Heaton would be raising a new proposal during other business.
- The Draft Minutes from the 5/22/2015 EDI Business Working Group (BWG)/Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting were adopted reflecting the revised minutes posted earlier during the week.
- DPS Staff Remarks – None.

**July 20 Report Deliverables**

- a. Phase I Testing
  - The BWG Chair spoke to LuAnn Scherer (DPS) regarding the proposal discussed during prior meetings that would shift Phase I testing from DPS Staff to utilities and EDI Service Providers. While no DPS Staff legal opinion has been provided, putting the proposal in the July 20 EDI Report will prompt that as well as gather industry comment.
- b. Phase III Testing
  - Sergio Smilley (National Grid) explained their streamlining proposal workpaper for testing of transactions approved in the March 2 Order. Noting that the approved changes (to the 867HU) were primarily outbound, test transactions could be provided to ESCOs and EDI Service Providers online so that ESCOs could make and test appropriate system changes. This is a departure from past practice where the testing process would typically have provided the outbound files in response to a test request.
    - Gary Lawrence (ESG) noted that utilities could provide files via email too
    - Debbie Rabago (Ambit) suggested that utilities provide a clear outline of the testing expectations; an explanation of each file.
    - It was also suggested that multiple versions of the test files, reflecting the most likely outcomes of a transaction, be made available to enable a broader range of testing.
    - It was noted that some of the testing burden was being shifted from utilities to EDI Service Providers.
  - EC Infosystems asked if the testing changes were permanent; Smilley replied that Grid's intention was to limit the testing changes to those the initial Order in Case 12-M-0476, et. al. (February 2014 Order).
  - Jeff Begley (NOCO) asked if this procedure would be used by all utilities. The BWG Chair noted the process would be utility optional and that the July 20 EDI Report could suggest this procedure could be applied more broadly.
    - The July 20 EDI Report could note that propose that application of Grid's proposal to the February 2014 Order changes act as a pilot or demonstration of whether the process should be made permanent.
  - The BWG Chair asked if there was a check on the process; what happens when the ESCO/EDI Service Provider has a problem with the file and additionally, could they

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ask for full testing on a transaction? Grid responded that they would deal with problems on a case-by-case basis and that even if one ESCO/EDI Service Provider needed full testing, if the others were able to successfully test from the posted files that the overall result was more efficient than testing will all parties.

- Ambit suggested that a formal test plan with respect to the March 2 Order be established. The BWG Chair noted that testing should start no later than September 2 and that perhaps utilities could meet offline to develop a test plan document that could discussed at upcoming meetings.

**c. Reducing Time between EDI Standards Filing and Implementation**

The BWG Chair reviewed a workpaper that organized the proposed expedited EDI Standards review process into a more formal structure. The workpaper should be reviewed by each company's legal staff; particularly those of utilities. Revisions should be sent to the BWG Chair so that updated workpapers can be prepared for the next EDI Working Group Meeting. When the document is finalized, it will be an attachment to the July 20 EDI Report.

**d. Reducing APP Credit Rejection Incidences**

820 Transaction – A workpaper showing a modified example in the Notes section of the RMR Remittance Advice Accounts Receivable Open Item Reference segment was discussed. Relative to the discussion at the prior Working Group meeting, the number 101 was changed to 99; otherwise everything else was the same. With that change, the intent of reversing the POR retainage amount is achieved. The unmodified version unintentionally showed a double collection of the POR retainage. The Implementation Guide (IG) and Business Process (BP) document on the July 20 Report Preparation webpage will be updated to reflect discussion to date.

- Marie Vajda (NYSEG) suggested that the verbiage in IG for RMR04, RMR05, RMR06 and RMR08 be modified to reflect the changes resulting from the APP credit example in the Notes section.

**e. Provision of Full Service Billing Amounts – Proposed 503 EDI Transactions**

Initial drafts of the 503 IG, Data Dictionary and BP document workpapers were presented. The IG reflected changes discuss during the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, e.g. a 503 rejection example that does not include an ASI segment. There was discussion concerning whether customer blocks need to be accommodated – a request for guidance has been sent to Staff. The next version of the will remove references to requesting a 503 transaction through an 814E and other changes to conform to the February 2014 Order.

- It was noted that utilities should identify in their Utility Maintained EDI Guides whether or not the support the in 503 transaction and if not, the means by which ESCOs can obtain full service utility billing amounts to calculate the APP Credits.
- The BWG Chair noted that the past practice of other working groups developing the business practices documents has been to restate influential UBPs in the BP

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document. This creates a maintenance issue which perhaps could be replaced with a citation to the UBP.

f. Other

- Eric Heaton (Consolidated Edison) discussed a proposal to add email address to the PER Segment of 814C and 814E transactions. ConEd wants to populate its system with customer email addresses provided by ESCOs. Support of the code would be optional for utilities and would be provided by the ESCOs, to the extent they collected the email address. Other states may already have a code for this purpose; in any case, a workpaper will be prepared for discussion.
- A workpaper adding the HUL code to the 814E Response – Segment REF~1P was reviewed. This change should have been included with the last EDI Report; it will be included in the July 20 EDI Report.
- Addressing the EDI Service Providers on the call, Mike Novak announced that NFG is postponing the cutover date for the new billing system to October 5, 2015. The EDI testing that was planned in June would now take place in September.

**Establish date/time for next meeting**

The next meeting will be a combined BWG/TWG meeting on Friday 6/19/2015 at 10 AM.

**Attendees**

Mary Agresti – National Grid	Jeff Begley – NOCO Energy Group
Jasmine Thom - Customized Energy Solutions	Debbie Croce - EC Infosystems
Mary Do – Latitude Technologies	Thomas Dougherty – Aurea Energy Services
Joe Falcon – Ambit Energy	Barbara Goubeaud – EC Infosystems
Eric Heaton – Con Edison	Ethan Kagan – Direct Energy
Gary Lawrence – Energy Services Group	Rick Malek – National Grid
Janet Manfredi – Central Hudson	Veronica Munoz – Accenture
Mike Novak – National Fuel Gas	Debbie Rabago – Ambit Energy
Kris Rednauer – Direct Energy	Donna Satcher – Jackson – National Grid
Sergio Smilley – National Grid	Robin Taylor – DPS Staff
Jay Tompkins – Central Hudson	Charlie Trick – NYSEG/RG&E
Marie Vajda – NYSEG/RG&E	Debbie Vincent – UGI Energy Services
Amie Williams – Agway Energy	