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EDI Business Working Group (BWG)/
Technical Working Group (TWG)
Final Minutes – June 10, 2016

Administration

- Review/Modify Agenda: The Draft Agenda was adopted.
- The Draft Minutes from the 5/20/2016 EDI Business Working Group (BWG)/Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting were adopted as final without modification.
- DPS Staff Remarks – None. The BWG Chair welcomed Kirstin Ewing from DPS who was filling in for Robin Taylor.

Regulatory Update

- The BWG briefly discussed the Technical Conference held on May 31, 2016 to discuss the Case 15-M-0127 Whitepapers and noted that the security proposal would likely impact the EPA Credit-oriented EDI transactions.
- An Order on these matters could potentially be issued in late July; to the extent changes are required the EDI Standards would be updated then.
 - The TRO on the Resetting Order is still in place; it's unclear how that matter will impact overall timing.

Scheduling of Date for Next EDI Report

- The BWG Chair reviewed EDI Change Index posting showing the list of EDI Standards documents to be included in the next EDI Report and the redline document page numbers that contain proposed changes.
 - All Working Group members were asked to review each of the draft documents and forward any necessary corrections to the BWG Chair.
- The EDI Working Group plans to file modified EDI Standards documents on June 30, 2016. Most of the proposed changes appear stable but a few items remain; if they cannot be resolved over the next couple meetings the filing date could slip a week or two.

Review of Implementation Plans for Current EDI Standards

- Market Change Implementation Matrix – O&R will provide a revised URL which will be reflecting in the matrix for the next working group meeting.
- EPA Credit Implementation Matrix – No changes.

EDI Testing – Qualification of new EDISPs

The BWG Chair described a question from Con Ed concerning the process for determining when a new EDISP in the New York market has become sufficiently experienced to qualify new ESCOs for Phase I testing purposes. This issue will be discussed by the EDI Working Group following filing of the next EDI Report.

814C REF~TD Segment proposal re: PERIC code

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A workpaper showing modifications to examples in the 814C prepared by Gary Lawrence (ESG) was reviewed. It was determined that another line in the Scenario 2A example could be eliminated. The draft version of the IG will be modified accordingly.

APP (EPA) Credit Processing

a. 820 APP Credit and Overpayment Process/820 IG Review

An updated workpaper proposing modifications to the RMR05 gray box notes and commentary from the TWG Chair concerning an 820/810 TDS mismatch was reviewed.

The mismatch was verified but seen as necessary/unavoidable because the APP Credit is not tied to any particular invoice, i.e. there isn't necessarily a match of the 820 to the 810 TDS. For URR, an example developed by Central Hudson on page 4 of the workpaper shows the 820 notification to a prior ESCO (who issued the credit) when the customer now has service with another ESCO.

For the next meeting, 820 UBR examples comparable to the 820 URR examples will need to be developed. The BWG also questioned whether the 820 Business Process document needs a section explaining the "mismatch" under either model.

b. Dual Billing Model Issues/814C IG Review

The BWG briefly reviewed the Dual Billing Model Issues Workpaper and drew attention to the issue raised during the 5/20/2016 working group meeting concerning responsibility for showing the EPA credit on a customer bill. The working group then attempted to identify all the billing scenarios under which an ESCO could request that a customer be issued an EPA Credit and how the utility would respond.

Preliminarily, it appears as if at least two new error codes new to be added to the 814C REF (Rejection Reason Responses) segment to address circumstances in which the utility will reject the EPA Credit requests: 1) The utility does not have a commodity billing relationship with the customer and 2) the EPA Credit is unfunded.

A table identifying the scenarios will be circulated to the 503 Team for review so that a workpaper can be prepared before the next EDI Working Group meeting. The TWG Chair will be contacted for proposed rejection codes values.

503 Technical Team Discussion

a. Access to data older than 24 months

Following up on Gary Lawrence's question on whether the 503 should be restricted to the last 24 months or provided for greater periods to cover situations where the ESCO had not served

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the customer during the past two years but never the less needs to provide/adjust EPA credits. After some discussion, it was determined that since cancel-rebill events were the most likely trigger for adjustments to EPA Credits, that the base 24 month limit made sense. Since in rare occasions adjustments could exceed the 24 month limit, utilities should provide requesting ESCOs with necessary information in a non-EDI format.

b. 503 IG/867 MU BLT Segment Conditionality

After the 5/20/2016 working group meeting, the TWG Chair questioned whether this was intentional that the conditionality of Bill Option Segment is the 503 and 867 MU segments was not aligned; it is required in the 503 but optional in 867 MU. After some discussion, it was determined that the conditionality for each transaction was appropriate. The BWG noted that the TWG Chair requests that utilities elect to populate the BLT segment in the 867 MU; Mary Do (Latitude) supported this request noting it was particularly helpful for UBR implementations.

Noting the segment is required in the 503, the BWG Chair noted that in consideration of the different EPA Credit processing scenarios discussed earlier, it might be useful to provide a code to identify where the utility no longer has a billing relationship with the customer. This could give ESCOs a “heads-up” and avoid some 814C rejections.

Establish date/time for next meeting

The next meeting will be a combined BWG/TWG meeting on Friday 6/17/2016 at 10 AM.

Attendees

Adam Powers – Ethical Electric	Janet Manfredi – Central Hudson
Amie Williams – Agway	Jasmine Thom – CES
Barbara Goubeaud – EC Infosystems	Jean Pauyo – O&R
Barbara White – Ambit	Jeff Begley – NOCO
Charlie Trick – NYSEG/RG&E	John Cooney – National Grid
Cindy Tomeny – National Grid	Kim McNary – Ambit
Craig Wiess – National Grid	Kris Redanauer – Direct Energy
Debbie Rabago – Ambit	Marie Vajda – NYSEG/RG&E
Debbie Vincent – UGI Energy Services	Mary Do – Latitude
Debra Crochie – EC Infosystems	Mike Novak – National Fuel Gas Dist.
Donna Satcher-Jackson – National Grid	Rock Carbone – Agway
Elois Anderson – National Grid	Sergio Smilley – National Grid
Elorita Martinez – National Grid	Tom Dougherty – Marketwise
Ethan Kagan – Direct Energy	Tracie Gaetano – IGS
Gary Lawrence – Energy Services Group	Travis Bickford – Fluent
Honor Harley – Accenture	