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Administration

- Review/Modify Agenda: The Draft Agenda was adopted.
- The Draft Minutes from the 5/13/2016 EDI Business Working Group (BWG)/Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting were adopted as final with modifications to the attendance list.
- DPS Staff Remarks – None.

Regulatory Update

- A request for an extension of time to August 1, 2016 for the APP Credit EDI Testing Deadline filed on 5/13/2016 was approved by the Commission Secretary on 5/16/2016.
- Staff clarification regarding which parties have responsibility for providing the APP Credits on customer bills has been provided and will be incorporated into discussion items on the agenda, as appropriate.
- The Commission issued an Order in Case 14-M-0101, Order Adopting a Ratemaking and Utility Revenue Model Policy Framework. The Order will be reviewed to see if any EDI standards development will be needed.

Scheduling of Date for Next EDI Report

The BWG Chair said that based upon the guidance from Staff concerning ESCO Pricing Adjustment credits (including APP Credits), the EDI Working Group will plan to file modified EDI Standards documents on June 30, 2016.

Review of Implementation Plans for Current EDI Standards

The Implementation Matrix was reviewed – changes pertaining to implementation of NFG's new billing system were identified and an update matrix will be reviewed at the next meeting.

ICAP Tag Questions

The ICAP Tag Matrix was reviewed – no additional changes were identified.

814C REF~TD Segment proposal re: PERIC code

Gary Lawrence (ESG) reviewed the gray box note changes regarding the N18R and N1BT codes (replacing the PERIC code) to the PER Administrative Communications Contact (Customer Phone Number) segments in the 814C IG. Mr. Lawrence will prepare analogous modifications to the 814C examples in the IG for discussion at the next meeting.

Sergio Smiley (National Grid) asked whether the 814C could handle multiple change requests per 814C transaction. Discussion determined that the EDI Standards could handle

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multiple changes utilizing multiple loops, some utility and ESCO systems were programmed to process one change per 814C. Utilities should clarify whether their business systems have a single change per 814C limitation in their EDI Guides.

APP Credit Processing

a. 820 APP Credit and Overpayment Process

An updated workpaper was reviewed. Kris Redanauer (Direct Energy) lead the discussion describing additional segments to be added into the “Initial ESCO Credit back to the customer for \$50” section. When an RMR segment is typically sent, an invoice number is sent. Because the credit does not pertain to any particular invoice, there’s no need to send an REF*IK or REF*6O segment. As a result, the notes in the 820 IG for the REF*IK and REF*6O segments should include: if RMR06 = 'GR' this segment is not used. It was noted that the same logic can be applied to the DTM*809 segment. An updated workpaper will be prepared for the next meeting.

Janet Manfredi (Central Hudson) discussed two other examples included in the workpaper; one with just the credit and one with the credit and a regular POR account. The examples are complete; they were run through the Central Hudson Test system.

Gary Lawrence reviewed changes to the 820 IG to address signage issues. In RMR06, which contains the discount amount, there is the line "must be preceded with a minus sign unless it is zero". Since this is going to be used for EPA adjustments the discount amount may be a positive amount (and most likely will be unless it's for an adjustment to a prior credit). The limiting language needs to be removed.

503 Technical Team Discussion

a. Updates to Utility EPA Credit Implementation Matrix

A workpaper was reviewed; all utilities have responded.

b. Sample Transaction Corrections

Barbara Goubeaud (EC Infosystems) reviewed changes removing the fields 40 and 41 in the N1 segment from the examples in the 503 IG.

c. Dual Billing Model Issues

A workpaper containing draft answers to the technical questions posed during the 4/29/2016 EDI Working Group meeting was discussed. Since the last EDI Working group meeting, utility representatives met with DPS Staff resulting in a clarification that the party

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issuing the bill for commodity services (including the ESCO under Dual and ECB) will be responsible for issuing the APP Credit to the customer. This clarification has a direct impact upon several of the technical questions. Further comments on/changes to the answers are as follows:

- Questions #10, #11 and #13 – These questions are now moot because the party billing the commodity will be responsible for providing the credit on the bill.
- The concept of adding begin and end dates to the 814C and 810 transactions to reflect the APP Credit period will not be pursued at this time but could be considered as a future enhancement.
- It was proposed that so long as the utility still has a billing arrangement with the customer (commodity and/or delivery-only), that the utility should show the APP Credit on the bill if the ESCO issuing the APP Credit utilized UCB to originally bill the customer, even if the customer's new ESCO send commodity bills to the customer under Dual or ECB.
 - This is a work-in-progress solution; parties that have another solution should raise their preferred approach at the next meeting.

The BWG Chair noted that subsequent EDI Standards development with respect to the report to be filed with the Commission on 6/30/2016 would be based upon the clarifications from Staff that lead to the answers to the technical questions.

d. Necessary modifications to 503 EDI Standards Guides

The BWG Chair noted that discussion on modifications will resume at the next EDI Working Group meeting; workpapers will be posted.

Other Business

Sergio Smilley again raised the issue of multiple change requests in a single 814C. He clarified that Grid rejects the entire transaction, i.e. they don't process the first change request and reject the rest.

The BWG Chair noted that since currently the APP Credit is the only type of EPA Credit available, there is no need to develop codes to describe different credits at this time. Prospectively, codes could still be proposed as new types of credits emerge.

Gary Lawrence asked whether the 503 should be restricted to the last 24 months, e.g. what if an ESCO had not served the customer during the past two years. Mike Novak said that for National Fuel, data would be provided upon request outside of EDI but given that application of credits will be prospective (following issuance of an Order), this shouldn't be a practical question until two years after the Order is issued.

Establish date/time for next meeting

The next meeting will be a combined BWG/TWG meeting on Friday 6/3/2016 at 10 AM following a more customary agenda.

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Attendees

Elois Anderson – National Grid	Jeff Begley – NOCO
Travis Bickford – Fluent	John Cooney – National Grid
Barbara Goubeaud – EC Infosystems	Mary Do – Latitude
Tom Dougherty – Marketwise	Tracie Gaetano – IGS
Don Markwell – Verde Energy	Ethan Kagan – Direct Energy
Gary Lawrence – Energy Services Group	Jennifer Lorenzini – Central Hudson
Craig Wiess – National Grid	Janet Manfredi – Central Hudson
Elorita Martinez – National Grid	Veronica Munoz – Accenture
Jay Zhang – Just Energy	Mike Novak – National Fuel Gas Dist.
Jean Pauyo – O&R	Adam Powers – Ethical Electric
Debbie Rabago – Ambit	Kris Redanauer – Direct Energy
Donna Satcher – Jackson – National Grid	Sergio Smilley – National Grid
Amie Williams – Agway	Jasmine Thom – CES
Cindy Tomeny – National Grid	Charlie Trick – NYSEG/RG&E
Marie Vajda – NYSEG/RG&E	Jennifer Vigil – Champion
Barbara White – Ambit	