

**Case No. 12-M-0476 et al.**  
**EDI Business Working Group (BWG)/**  
**Technical Working Group (TWG)**  
**Final Minutes – May 26, 2017**

**Administration**

- Review/Modify Agenda: The Draft Agenda was adopted without modification.
- DPS Staff Remarks: None.
- The Draft Minutes for the 5/26/2017 meeting were adopted as final without modification.

**Regulatory Update**

The Commission issued Notice that extended the Prohibition Order implementation date to June 26, 2017. The EDI Working group has filed for an analogous one-month extension for testing of the 814C/810UBR for EPA Credits. The BWG Chair updated the working group on a conversation he had with Staff concerning the testing extension. Staff is aware of nexus between ESCO waivers, EPA Credits and implementation date. Staff expects that the Commission will act upon the waiver requests at upcoming sessions.

**Updates to EDI Implementation Plan(s)**

a. Current EDI Standards Matrix

The BWG Chair presented the matrix – four utilities are ready to test and/or implement the 814C/810UBR APP (EPA) Credit transactions. There was some discussion about which transactions should be tested. Barbara Goubeaud (ECI) and the TWG Chair stressed the importance of end-to-end testing (through the 820). Mary Do (Latitude) cited the importance of seeing the individual customer credits in the 820 transactions. The BWG Chair noted that while the regulatory requirement may have been limited to the 814C/810UBR, from a technical perspective more thorough EDI testing makes sense.

Since EDI testing is not mandated for ESCOs and EDI Service Providers, it was suggested that each utility post a 'real' example for each affected transaction on its web site (rather than a hand-developed example) to aid non-testing parties.

There was additional discussion concerning 503 EDI transaction readiness with both Central Hudson and National Grid (Upstate) indicating near-term timing. The availability of manual alternatives for ESCOs to obtain comparison data post-503 implementation was also discussed; some utilities indicated their plans to cease providing manual alternatives once the 503 is operational. It was noted that National Fuel was modifying its non-EDI web file to be functionally equivalent to the 503 transaction and that 503 implementation would be put off to an as yet undetermined future date. An updated matrix will be posted as a workpaper for the 6/9 meeting this afternoon.

b. Prohibition Order Matrix

The BWG Chair presented the matrix – the only changes reflected the change in the Prohibition Order implementation date.

## **Next EDI Report Filing**

### a. 867HIU/MIU Related Updates

The BWG Chair noted that a March 31, 2017 EDI Report - Errata Log has been prepared to summarize the corrections to address errata. The Errata Log is posted on the EDI Report Preparation – 8/31/2017 web page and in the Other row of the Filed EDI Report - March 31, 2017 web page. The Errata Log, which currently does not include modified examples, will be updated as errata is addressed and examples are developed.

### b. Other Updates

The BWG Chair reviewed a workpaper modifying the 814HU REF\*1P segment to reflect NIA and NMA codes that were inadvertently omitting from the IG in the 3/31/2017 EDI Report. The Draft 814HU IG has similarly been updated for the 8/31/2017 EDI Report.

### c. 867MIU/HIU IG Examples

ConEd was not on the call but the TWG Chair gave a recap of the discussions held since the last meeting. There was some clarification to the overlap issue discussed during that last meeting. It had been presumed that a transaction providing hourly intervals from the 15<sup>th</sup> of one month to the 15<sup>th</sup> of the next month would include intervals starting on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the first month (the date provided in the DTM150). In fact, the first interval from the initial month would be on the 16<sup>th</sup> of that month and the last interval would end at midnight on the 16<sup>th</sup> of the subsequent month. More specifically, the last interval would have started on the 15<sup>th</sup> and ended at midnight (2400 hours) which equates to 0000 hours on the 16<sup>th</sup>. It was also noted that ConEd/O&R would be sending only the ending time of the interval; the starting time can be inferred from the length of the intervals provided in the transaction. The TWG Chair was unsure whether ConEd was going to adopt the industry convention is to convert the ending 0000 to 2359 so that all intervals occur on the same calendar day.

## **814D Customer Move Drop Transactions**

The BWG Chair will contact Dan Stier (Direct Energy) to determine the next steps forward.

## **Change Control Process**

There was no update.

## **Other Business**

Gary Lawrence (ESG) questioned whether the New York 867MU transaction does not explicitly support net metering, i.e. there is some uncertainty about the use of negative signs. The TWG Chair noted that analogous EDI transactions in other jurisdictions addressed this through ‘qualifiers’ in their guides. The BWG Chair noted New York’s efforts towards promotion of customer solar which could cause the meter to run backward, i.e. net negative consumption for a billing month.

- This appears to be a topic that could lead to modifications of NY’s 814MU transaction. The TWG Chair will approach individual electric utilities to determine next steps.

Charlie Trick (NYSEG/RG&E) noted that when his company performs Phase I testing, they only test UBR transactions. He noted the Commission web page has columns for URR transactions as was concerned that testing utilities might be required to test billing models they don't support. The BWG Chair thought that testing of billing transactions was a Phase III testing item and the referenced columns were updated when the ESCO tested with a utility that supported a billing model other than the one supported by the Phase I testing utility.

- The BWG will review the process with Staff and depending upon what is found, he and Charlie Trick will prepare a workpaper for an upcoming meeting.

**Establish Date/Time for Next Meeting**

The next meeting combined BWG/TWG meeting on Friday 6/2/2017 at 10 AM to solely discuss 867MIU/HIU related matters. The next meeting combined BWG/TWG meeting on Friday 6/9/2017 at 10 AM.

**Attendees**

Elois Anderson – National Grid	Juliana Griffiths – National Grid
Cindy Tomeny – National Grid	Jeff Begley – NOCO Energy Corp
Debbie Rabago – Ambit Energy	Charlie Trick - NYSEG
Craig Weiss – National Grid	David Parnell – Direct Energy
Gary Lawrence – Energy Services Group	Susan Swiderski - NRG
Janet Manfredi – Central Hudson	Rick Malek – National Grid
Kim Wall – Hansen Technologies	Jean Pauyo – O&R
John Cooney – National Grid	Jasmine Thom - CES
Jodi Larison – UGI Energy Services	Mary Do – Latitude
Liz Ciborowski – NYSEG/RGE	Mike Novak – National Fuel Gas Dist.
Sergio Smilley – National Grid	Amy Delooza – Agway Energy Services
Thomas Dougherty – Marketwise	Rebecca Sweeney – DPS Staff
Tracie Gaetano – IGS	Samantha Curry – Starion Energy, Inc.
Travis Bickford – Fluent Energy	Veronica Munoz - Accenture