

Case No. 12-M-0476 et al.
EDI Business Working Group (BWG)/
Technical Working Group (TWG)
Final Minutes – September 9, 2016

Administration

- Review/Modify Agenda: The Draft Agenda was adopted.
- The Draft Minutes for the 8/26/2016 meeting were adopted as final without modification.
- DPS Staff Remarks: None.

Regulatory Update

An Appeal to the Court ruling on the Resetting Order has been filed. This may further delay Commission action on the Resetting Order and thereby impact EDI implementation timelines.

Review of Implementation Plans for Current EDI Standards

- a. **Updates to Implementation Matrix** – The matrix workpaper was reviewed; there were no additional changes.
- b. **Updates to EPA Support Matrix** – The matrix workpaper was reviewed – Con Ed’s decision to not move forward on the 503 was noted. The BWG Chair also noted that between the current regulatory agenda and the court appeal, “go-live” dates throughout the matrix that had been projected to be in 2016 were deferred to 2017. Finally, review of the 503 Matrix will be put on hiatus until the regulatory pictures makes itself more clear. Some items may be rolled into the Implementation Matrix.

Low Income Moratorium Order Matrix

The Low Income Moratorium Order Matrix was reviewed; some companies have begun to provide files to ESCOs. Central Hudson noted their initial list should be available on 9/12. Con Ed had no updates. National Grid noted some problems with their initial files which were sent as email attachments. Additionally, Grid is unable to provide commodity on their lists which were sent out on 9/1. NFG files were available 9/8 which was a couple days after the initial projected implementation date. There have been a few web access glitches but should be addressed soon if they haven’t been already. Updated files will be available next Monday and every week thereafter. NYSEG/RG&E had no updates; they still expect to provide files by 9/13). O&R had no changes to the matrix; they are on track for implementation.

Responses to questions posed by working group members:

- NFG has already implemented customer blocks on accounts that ESCO is not eligible to serve. If an ESCO other than the one currently serving the customer tries to enroll customer, will get a response that says customer blocked. Current ESCO service to customer is not affected by block.
- Jeff Begley (NOCO) asked if utilities would be making available a copy of the letter sent to APP customers – the BWG Chair noted these letters are available from the PSC’s DMM website under Case 12-M-0476.

- The date by which ESCO need to drop customer has been extended to 90 days from the date the Moratorium Order was issued (in October).
- It was noted that customers who receive both gas and electric service from the same utility that APP status is the same for both commodities.

Proposed EDI Changes

The BWG Chair reviewed the proposed process discussed at the last EDI Working Group meeting. The proposed segment, which is optional, will not be filed until the first utility states they will support it. There's no point to filing the segment before then if it will not be supported by any utility.

Barbara Goubeaud (EC Infosystems) requested that EDI vendors receive at least 60-90 days advanced notice before a utility implements the new segment.

Other Business

More questions on Moratorium implementation:

- Where utilities are providing files, they are only including the accounts that have new blocks on them. Con Ed and O&R have added a yes/no flag to each record in their sync files to indicate whether they are eligible or not.
- While the UBPs require ESCOs who plan to drop more than 5000 customers to notify the utility, since the utility provides the list of customers to the ESCO it is, in effect, already notified. Staff confirmed this approach to notification. ESCOs are still required to send 814 Drop transactions and the BWG Chair noted that it still makes sense to contact the utility to ensure adequate processing capabilities under such a circumstance.
- Staff was unable to definitively clarify whether ESCO will need to send drop letters to customers.
- There is no plan at this time to create an API (Application Program Interface) to check customer block status; no proposal has been submitted to the group. NFG noted it provides a web portal that provides this functionality.
- Drop timing and UBP requirements for customer drop notifications were discussed.

Establish Date/Time for Next Meeting

The next meeting will be a combined BWG/TWG meeting following a customary agenda on Friday 9/23/2016 at 10 AM.

Attendees

Adam Powers – Ethical Electric	Jenny Dieter – Ambit Energy
Amie Williams – Agway	Jimmy Huie – PSEG – LI
Angela Schorr – Direct Energy	John Cooney – National Grid
Anton Petrosyuk – Kiwi Energy	John Holtz – NRG
Barbara Goubeaud – EC Infosystems	Kim Wall – Hansen Technologies
Barbara White – Ambit	Kris Redanauer – Direct Energy
Craig Weiss – National Grid	Marie Vajda – NYSEG/RG&E
Deborah Croce – EC Infosystems	Mary Do – Latitude
Donna Satcher-Jackson – National Grid	Mike Novak – National Fuel Gas Dist.
Elorita Martinez – National Grid	Robin Taylor – DPS
Erin Horleman – Aurea	Rock Carbone – Agway
Gary Lawrence – Energy Services Group	Rosie Garlapow – NFR
Janet Manfredi – Central Hudson	Samantha Curry – Starion
Jasmine Thom – CES	Sergio Smilley – National Grid
Jason Gullo – NFR	Tom Dougherty – Marketwise
Jean Pauyo – O&R	Tracie Gaetano – IGS
Jeff Begley – NOCO	Travis Bickford – Fluent Energy