

From page 46 of the 2/25/2014 Order:

Presently, ESCOs may use EDI to obtain information from the utility regarding a potential customer's monthly energy usage, service class, life support equipment indicator, and more.<sup>43</sup> As explained below, we are considering changes to our oversight of retail energy markets that may include additional opportunities for ESCOs offering energy-related value-added products. To accommodate these changes, it will be necessary for the utility to obtain information on whether the ESCO service provided to a customer includes energy-related value-added attributes. Therefore, the EDI standards must be modified to allow the ESCO to provide information identifying whether the customer is purchasing an energy-related value-added service and the nature of that service.

<sup>43</sup> An ESCO may request this information regarding a customer of the utility, so long as the ESCO has the customer's authorization.

Questions for DPS Staff:

- Please confirm that the Order requires the utility accept an EDI transaction from an ESCO that would result in the utility storing two items: 1) a "Yes/No" Indicator in its system indicating whether or not the customer was purchasing an ERVAS and 2) a free-form description of that service.
- Would only the ESCO serving the customer be permitted send EDI transactions that would result in the utility altering the information stored within its system?
- When the customer is no longer served by the ESCO that sold ERVAS to the customer, should the utility reset these items to "No" and blank?
- Is it the Commissions intention that competing ESCOs can use EDI to learn whether the customer is purchasing an energy-related value-added service from their current and the nature of that service?
- Is the utility responsible for the accuracy or validity of the ERVAS information provided by the customer's ESCO?
- If an ESCO provides ERVAS some months but not others (and informs the utility each time the status changes), is the utility expected to keep a history of the ERVAS information?
- If an ESCO provides more than one ERVAS, is the utility required to store a description of the nature of each ERVAS?