

Case No. 12-M-0476 et al.
EDI Business Working Group (BWG)/
Technical Working Group (TWG)
Final Minutes – December 2, 2016

Administration

- Review/Modify Agenda: The Draft Agenda was adopted without modification.
- The Draft Minutes for the 11/18/2016 meeting were adopted as final with a modification to the attendance list.
- DPS Staff Remarks: None.

Regulatory Update

None.

Review of Implementation Plans for Current EDI Standards

A matrix containing updates from the last meeting was reviewed. No further updates were made.

867 IU/HIU Update

Con Ed was not available for the meeting so the BWG reviewed the workpaper showing proposed changes to 814C, 814E and 814HU IGs necessary to implement the 867 IU/HIU transactions. New codes and/or segments are based upon analogous segments in the PA EDI Standards but further conforming modifications to make the segments suitable for NY Standards will be necessary; the workpaper is the “first cut”.

Notably, a new Segment: REF Reference Identification (17=Summary Interval) is being added to the 814C and 814E. The TWG Chair explained how the REF 17 is use to distinguish the level of detail from smart meters: Summary, Detail and/or Meter Detail (for accounts with multiple meters). Barbara Goubeaud (EC Infosystems) questioned whether Meter Detail was really necessary. Since Con Ed was unavailable to answer this question (or any other questions), working group members were asked to email Eric Heaton directly and copy the other members of the 867 IU/HIU small group.

The TWG Chair noted that while Pennsylvania implemented the 867 IU/HIU transactions first, other states have followed and made improvements. For example, while PA permit allows for the data to be requested as a secondary request (Code SI in LIN05 in Segment: LIN Item Identification of the 814C and 814E transactions), it is preferable to run all requests through the new Segment: REF Reference Identification (17=Summary Interval) segment. Additionally, Ohio has done some EDI development regarding mid-month startups for interval data that might be useful.

Dan Stier (Direct Energy) noted that Ohio does not handle rejects well for combined requests of summary and interval data (they have to be requested separately). Provision of summary data without the interval data (because it wasn’t available) should not be treated as a rejection. The TWG Chair noted the 1P response rather than a 7G and added that the NY EDI Standards should be clear in this regard.

Dan Stier also asked if additional certification testing would be necessary for the new transactions. The BWG Chair said he couldn't speculate much other than to say some testing by ConEd appeared reasonable. Nothing at a state-wide level has been considered.

The BWG Chair noted that Con Ed needs to lockdown their system requirements prior to implementation. Since there is currently no NY 867 IU/HIU standard, the March EDI Report filing will be based on what Con Ed is implementing. If other utilities wish to implement prospectively, the standards documents can be reopened if any modifications are necessary to reflect the implementing utility's circumstances.

Seasonal Account Procedures

Kris Redanauer (Direct Energy) plans to discuss potential EDI changes related to this item at the next meeting. Direct Energy has some follow-up question for ConEd that will be addressed off-line.

867 HU – REF~BF Proposal

A workpaper showing the utility responses from the last meeting was reviewed. Since NYSEG still provides REF~BF values that may differ from REF~65 (all other utilities mirror their REF~65 values in REF~BF), the segment cannot be retired it can be changed from mandatory to conditional/optional. The presumption would be that if REF~65 was provided without REF~BF, the REF~BF is identical to REF~65. It was noted that if a utility wants to send both segments when they are identical, they could do so.

Barbara Goubeaud noted that some utilities were hesitant to provide REF~BF on a mandatory basis in the 867HU because they already provided the information to the ESCO through their web sites. Anton Petrosyuk (Kiwi Energy) noted the importance of knowing the Bill Cycle Code prior to enrollment to time the enrollment request.

Communication to pending ESCO when enrollment is cancelled

A workpaper containing the responses to four questions from each of the utilities was reviewed. Questions 3 and 4 were updated to reflect the discussion at the last meeting. Utility representatives provided further updates to fill in blank entries within the workpaper.

In response to a query from Anton Petrosyuk, all utilities verified that the pending ESCO could send a CHA to cancel the incumbent ESCO's CHA to cancel the switch to the pending ESCO.

Once the matrix is filled out, the EDI guides will be updated as appropriate. While new codes were initially a possibility, it does not appear as if they will be necessary at this point.

Proposed Change Control Process

The BWG Chair noted there were no updates to the workpaper prepared for the prior meeting. The change control process will be filed with the next EDI Report but could be instituted prior to the filing of the report. DPS Staff has not made a decision yet on whether a fillable PDF will be permitted on the web page that will be set up for the change control process.

EDI Test Plan Documents

There have been no changes to the test plan documents since the last meeting. The issue of new EDI Service Providers qualification will be deferred until after the March 31 filing.

Other Business

- None.

Establish Date/Time for Next Meeting

The next meeting will be a combined BWG/TWG meeting on Friday 1/6/2017 at 10 AM. A special one topic conference call regarding 867 HIU/IU EDI Standards development may be scheduled during late December.

Attendees

Amie Williams – Agway	Samantha Curry – Starion Energy, Inc
Jason Gullo – National Fuel Resources	Laura Getz – DPS Staff
Anton Petrosyuk – Kiwi Energy	Elois Anderson – National Grid
Barbara Goubeaud – EC Infosystems	John Payton - IGS
Barbara White – Ambit	Veronica Munoz - Accenture
Charlie Trick – NYSEG/RG&E	Cindy Tomeny – National Grid
Craig Weiss – National Grid	Marie Vajda – NYSEG/RG&E
Dan Stier – Direct Energy	Mike Novak – National Fuel Gas Dist.
Deborah Croce – EC Infosystems	Kimberly Wall – Hansen Technologies
Elorita Martinez – National Grid	Mary Do – Latitude
Emily Cimoli – Ethical Electric	Vince LaFratta – Converged Energy
Jeff Begley – NOCO Energy Corp	Sergio Smilley – National Grid
Gary Lawrence – Energy Services Group	Tom Dougherty – Marketwise
Janet Manfredi – Central Hudson	John Cooney – National Grid
Travis Bickford – Fluent Energy	Jennifer Lorenzini – Central Hudson
Kris Redanauer – Direct Energy	Mike Palowski – National Grid
Joseph Beetshin – O&R	