

Case No. 12-M-0476 et al.
EDI Business Working Group (BWG)/
Technical Working Group (TWG)
Draft Minutes – January 19, 2018

Administration

- Review/Modify Agenda: The Draft Agenda was adopted.
- The Draft Minutes from the 1/5/2018 meetings were adopted as final with a modification to the attendance list.
- DPS Staff Remarks: None.

Regulatory Update

The BWG Chair noted no regulatory action that impacted EDI since the last working group meeting, however there were two other potential developments of note. First, the New York State budget proposal includes a proposal to eliminate a sales tax exemption on delivery charges for ESCO customers. The TWG Chair has asked utilities to indicate whether they believe EDI changes would be necessary to implement this proposal. The BWG Chair noted that the final disposition of the proposal would not likely be known until April 1, 2018 so that development of changes would be premature. Never the less, a utility assessment of necessary system changes would be helpful. Of those utilities attending the working group meeting, none believe any changes were necessary.

The second issue concerned development of a DER Supplier application for access to customer data pursuant to the UBP-DERS meeting. In response to a DPS Staff suggestion at a December 2017 working group meeting, utilities will attempt to develop a common template application.

Updates to EDI Implementation Plan(s)

a. Current EDI Standards Matrix

The BWG Chair reviewed changes since the last meeting. Utility representatives updated these changes, as necessary. Offline drafting of the DER Supplier common application template was noted; the status for all utilities was changed to “Planned”. Sergio Smilley (National Grid) noted ongoing data privacy concerns and asked if the Commission would rule on outstanding rehearing/clarification requests in the near future. The BWG Chair was unaware of any timeline but observed that Staff’s suggestion was made in an attempt to minimize some of the concern surrounding the parties requesting access to utility data.

Sergio Smilley (National Grid) noted on going privacy concerns with DERS access. The BWG Chair observed that this issue was addressed in part during the last meeting where DPS Staff suggested that utilities could address these issues through an application analogous to that submitted by ESCOs. DPS Staff suggested utilities consider drafting a common application and after brief discussion, utilities will consider this suggestion (likely outside of the EDI Working Group).

b. Prohibition Order Matrix

Tom Rankin (Marketwise) asked if utilities were policing de-enrollment of ineligible customers by ESCOs. Utilities on the call explained that since de-enrollment takes place after expiration of the

contracts ESCOs have with customer and that utilities do not know these dates, utilities cannot determine when customers should be de-enrolled from ESCO service. It is the ESCOs responsibility to determine the date of de-enrollment, i.e. when the drop transaction should be submitted.

c. Prohibition Order Matrix

The BWG Chair noted that Eric Heaton (Con Edison), who was not in attendance, announced that Phase III testing for ConEd's implementation of interval usage transactions was now complete.

DERS related EDI changes

The BWG Chair noted that draft modifications to the TOPs and Supplements were available on the working group web page but that date, no comments had been received. Further DERS related modifications to the 814HU, 867HU and 867HIU will be presented at upcoming working group meetings. The modification for these three transactions most likely do not involve creation of new segment or codes; they may be limited to gray box notes reflecting access by DER Suppliers.

NFG ECB Prohibition Order Requirements

The BWG Chair reviewed a workpaper detailing EDI modifications proposed by the TWG Chair in response to a requirements document provided by National Fuel. The workpaper included a color coding scheme to differential between changes required for Prohibition Order implementation under ESCO Combined Billing (ECB) and the optional usage proposed for utility combined billing models. The BWG Chair noted that he has approached DPS Staff to see if they foresee any customer privacy concerns with the optional non-ECB Utility to ESCO usage.

Barbara Goubeaud (ECI) suggested that for the new 814C 5E segment, the REF03 codes B and E be changed to BASIC and EMERGENCY, respectively. For the 810SR SAC segment, Goubeaud also suggested a gray box note be added under the new CRE007 – SLIP Payment Amount code to some explanatory detail.

The BWG Chair also noted that changes would be made throughout the guides to reflect that "ESCO Combined Billing" is the name of a billing model in New York and "Single Retailer" refers to the names of transactions used to support ECB. Unlike Georgia or Texas, no utility in New York currently supports a true Single Retailer Model implementation.

Other Business

None.

Establish Date/Time for Next Meeting

The next meeting combined BWG/TWG meeting is scheduled for Friday 2/2/2018 at 10 AM.

Attendees

Jennifer Teel – Direct Energy	Veronica Munoz – Accenture
Liz Ciborowski - NYSEG/RGE	Debra Croce – EC Infosystems
Gary Lawrence – Energy Services Group	Jennifer Lorenzini – Central Hudson
Diane Neira – NYSEG/RGE	Janet Manfredi – Central Hudson
Jodi Larison – UGI Energy Services	Samantha Curry – Starion Energy
Sergio Smilley – National Grid	Amy Delooza – Agway Energy Services
Ed Bynoe – National Grid	Mike Day – IGS
Jean Pauyo - O&R	Mike Novak – National Fuel Gas Dist.
Dave Parnell – Direct Energy	Thomas Dougherty – Marketwise
Pete Foster – NYSEG/RGE	Rebecca Sweeney – DPS Staff
Barbara Goubeaud –EC Infosystems	Travis Bickford – Fluent Energy
Jeff Begley – NOCO	Kris Redanauer – Direct Energy