- Utility Maintained EDI Guides (UMEGs) should be a supplemental guide to the NY EDI Standards Documents
  - There is no need to develop a utility customized version of the NY EDI Standards Documents; the idea is that the two documents work side by side.
    - Think of the UMEG as "fine-tuning" to the NY EDI Standards Guides.
  - The UMEG can be one document covering all transactions or one individual document/web page for each transaction; in either case accessible from the Utility's web site.
  - If separate documents/web pages, they should be accessible from a common location.

- An opening narrative for each transaction (2/3 paragraphs) might be appropriate if the utility thinks it helps to explain why it supports various aspects of its implementation.

- Where a utility does exactly what is in the EDI Standards Document, it's up to the utility to determine if there is any further to say in the UMEG.

- Where there are references to in the NY EDI Standards Documents to Utility Maintained EDI Guides, if a utility supports/makes that election, it should note so in its guide. The utility can also say where it doesn't make an election; it all depends upon the context.
  - The absence of an election to support an optional item should be self-evident in most cases. An example of this is Service Portability - Con Ed should say something while other utilities could say they process it manually or say nothing because if you ready the NY EDI Standards, it's clearly voluntary.

- The UMEG should address matters that may not be clearly spelled out in the EDI Standards Guides, for example:
  - Identifying cases where a utility ignores a transaction rather than issuing a rejection or a response.
  - Identifying the time of day when transactions are processed.

- Utility-specific testing details/scripts, contact information, etc. are appropriate for UMEGs.

- References to non-EDI files or manual processes, particularly when they are related to a utility's EDI implementation, are appropriate.
  - For example, the UMEG should be used to identify when a utility provides a web file in place of an optional EDI transaction or response.

Other thoughts? Are there items that EDI Service Providers and ESCOs think need to be addressed in UMEGs?