

Case No. 12-M-0476 et al.
EDI Business Working Group (BWG)/
Technical Working Group (TWG)
Draft Minutes – November 9, 2018

Administration

- Review/Modify Agenda: The Draft Agenda was adopted with modification to the date for the next meeting.
- The Draft Minutes from the 10/19/2018 meeting were adopted as final without modification.
- DPS Staff Remarks: None.

Regulatory Update

The BWG Chair noted that while there had no specific action directly impacting EDI since the last working group meeting. There were no questions.

Updates to EDI Implementation Plan(s)

There were no updates or questions concerning the EDI Standards Matrix. National Fuel Gas announced that it would be issuing a notice on its web site concerning support of EDI transactions related to its low income program scheduled for implementation on 12/1/2018.

Next EDI Report

The BWG Chair reviewed the items that would be included in the next EDI Report filing would tentatively be scheduled for November 30, 2018 and noted that draft clean and redline versions of the standards documents would be posted on the EDI Report Preparation web page over the next week. Attendees were asked to review the changes in advance of the next Working Group meeting which would be dedicated to review of the items to be included in the November 30, 2018 meeting.

Gray Box Note Conventions

The BWG Chair reviewed a workpaper showing proposed modifications to 814HU Implementation Guide gray box notes. In most cases, the word 'ESCO' was inserted before Request and the word 'Utility' was inserted before the words 'Request' and 'Response', respectively. Additional clarifying, but non-substantive gray box note modifications were made to segments: N1 Name (Customer), N3 Address Information (Service Address), N4 Geographic Location (Service Address) and REF Reference Identification (Reject Response Reasons).

The BWG Chair noted there were no further changes to gray box note conventions for the 814C transaction discussed during previous meetings.

GISB EDM Discussion & Transition Timeline

The BWG Chair noted that the November 30 EDI Report would recommend a one year transition period for those utilities that needed to upgrade from GISB EDM 1.4 to GISB EDM 1.6, as discussed during the last meeting, largely to avoid potential testing conflicts. Utilities were encouraged to keep ESCOs and EDI Service Providers informed of cyber-security related EDI changes, cut-over/implementation dates, etc. over the next year, especially when testing was involved.

Testing Certification Changes

The BWG Chair reviewed a workpaper showing modifications to TOP Supplement 8 requested by DPS Staff concerning identification of the transactions tested by the utility conducting Phase I testing. Robin Taylor (DPS Staff) explained why the proposed changes were necessary now that utilities, rather than DPS Staff, conducted such testing. During discussion, it was noted that the utility performing the Phase I testing would certify core transactions and the billing transactions for the models supported by the utility, as requested. For example, a Rate Ready utility would not be expected to certify Bill Ready transactions. Testing for non-certified transactions would take place when other utilities tested these transactions as a part of the process to conduct business in those utility service territories. DPS Staff would be notified that ESCOs were certified for transactions not covered in the initial Phase I testing via routine monthly EDI Status Reports provided by utilities to DPS Staff.

Other Business

None.

Establish Date/Time for Next Meeting

The next meeting combined BWG/TWG meeting is scheduled for Friday 11/16/2018 at 10 AM. The agenda for this meeting will be dedicated to preparation of November 30, 2018 EDI Report.

Attendees

Alan Castro – EC Infosystems	Barbara Goubeaud – EC Infosystems
Bianca Marine – O&R	Sergio Smiley – National Grid
Gary Lawrence – Energy Services Group	Tom Rankin – Marketwise
Jasmine Acosta – Customized Energy Solutions	Liz Ciborowski – NYSEG/RGE
Julia Goodchild – Direct Energy	Angela Schorr – Direct Energy
Bobby Hemphry – Constellation	Mary Do – Big Data Energy Services
Amy Delooza – Agway Energy	Mike Day - IGS
David Tidman – Constellation	Mike Novak – National Fuel Gas Dist.
Kris Redanauer – Direct Energy	David Parnell – Direct Energy
Pete Foster – NYSEG/RGE	Robin Taylor – DPS Staff
Sai Malladi – EC Infosystems	Travis Bickford – Fluent Energy
Mario Vega – Just Energy	Eric Heaton – Con Edison
Jennifer Lorenzini – Central Hudson	Janet Manfredi – Central Hudson
Diane Neira – NYSEG/RGE	Kim Wall – Hansen Technologies
Debbie Rabago – Ambit	Samantha Curry - Starion Energy, Inc.
Veronica Munoz – Accenture	Jeff Begley – NOCO
Cynthia Gerlich – National Grid	Thomas Dougherty – Marketwise
Emily Cimoli – Clean Choice Energy	Kathleen O’Riley – DPS Staff