

**Case No. 12-M-0476 et al.**  
**EDI Business Working Group (BWG)/**  
**Technical Working Group (TWG)**  
**Draft Minutes – February 1, 2019**

**Administration**

- Review/Modify Agenda: The Draft Agenda was adopted to add an item under other business to discuss the EDI Phase I Testing Application and modify the date for the next meeting.
- The Draft Minutes from the 11/16/2018 meeting were adopted as final without modification.
- DPS Staff Remarks: None.

**Regulatory Update – 11/30/2018 EDI Report**

The November 2018 EDI Report, through the expedited approval process, became effective on 12/30/2018. The filed changes are now officially apart of the NY EDI Standards. The BWG Chair reviewed a workpaper highlighting changes to the EDI web site reflecting the updated standards including updates to the standards archives. Otherwise, there were no regulatory actions that directly impacted EDI.

**Updates to EDI Implementation Plan(s)**

Other than National Fuel’s updates to the 4/30/2018 EDI Report portion of the matrix to reflect completion of low income program EDI changes, no other utilities has updates to the standards implementation matrix.

**NYSERDA – Electronic Invoicing – EDI Pilot – Statewide Financial System**

The BWG Chair opened discussion by noting that the presentation to be provided was for a pilot program and dealt with EDI transactions not currently within the NY EDI Standards. Utilities are not required to participate in the pilot program but may elect to do so. The Office of State Comptroller (OSC) will likely be seeking utility participation in the pilot – one purpose of the presentation is to help inform EDI technical personnel of the intent so that they may advise others within their respective organizations.

Anne Hall (OSC) gave a presentation which was posted on the EDI Working Group web page in advance of the meeting. The pilot, sponsored by the OSC’s “government to business transformation team” proposes that utilities send EDI invoices for the accounts for which NYS agencies (NYS Parks, Children and Family Services, Alcohol/drug treatment facilities and homes, etc.) are responsible for payment. Currently utilities issue approximately 55,000 paper invoices per year. These agencies focus their efforts on meeting their missions; payment on paper invoices sometimes waits until shut off notices are issued. While OSC cannot dictate how each agency pays paper invoices, changing to EDI transactions should lead to a more efficient payment process.

Paul Kalinowski from the Statewide Financial System (SFS) presented the technical aspects to making the change to EDI (details in the presentation on the EDI Working Group website). The working group discussed some of the surrounding details to make as efficient as possible. The TWG Chair noted that the Implementation Plans needing to be specific to utility billing, which can be complicated.

### **810SR BIG08 Clarification**

The BWG Chair reviewed a workpaper prepared in response to an inquiry from an EDI Service Provider questioning whether National Fuel's practice of not including a code in the BIG08 element of the 810SR BIG segment in ESCO Summary Invoices was proper (the 810SR IG states BIG08 is mandatory). The gray box notes for BIG08 state it is not used for ESCO Summary Invoices.

The workpaper proposed changing BIG08 from Mandatory to Conditional and added clarifying language to the gray box note. The TWG Chair suggested relocating the clarifying language but otherwise, the proposed changes addressed the issue.

A reformulated posting will be prepared for the next meeting.

### **867MIU/HIU Modifications**

Eric Heaton (ConEd) explained that ConEd plans to soon start sending Historical Usage and Monthly Usage for gas interval meters in hourly intervals; analogous to what it currently provides for electric interval meters. While internal testing is not yet complete, ConEd plans external testing prior to implementation; an announcement will be issued in their ESCO newsletter.

The BWG Chair noted that the 867HIU and 867MIU were designed to accommodate gas interval meter usage and at this point in time, no additional changes are envisioned. If gaps appear, changes would be made through the EDI Working Group.

Barbara Goubeaud asked if sample files for testing were available. Heaton noted they had already been provided to the BWG Chair. It was decided the BWG Chair would send the test files to the working group mailing list after the meeting. Questions should be directed to ConEd.

### **GISB EDM 1.4 to 1.6 – Testing Considerations**

The BWG Chair noted that the Implementation Matrix had been modified to include a grid for 1.4 to 1.6 testing and upgrades of encryption keys (as necessary) to note proposed benchmark dates. Based upon discussion, utilities may not need to fully test every ESCO; i.e. testing could potentially focus upon EDI Service Providers and ESCOs that transact EDI in-house.

This item will be kept on the agenda going forward.

## **Other Business**

The EDI Working Group discussed changes made to the EDI Phase I Testing Application as a part of the November 2018 EDI Report. It was noted that DPS Staff proposed edits to better understand which transactions the utility was certifying for the ESCO; specifically for billing whether the ESCO was certified for consolidated utility billing (bill ready or rate ready) or dual billing. There was also discussion concerning connectivity testing and other tests performed as a part of Phase I testing. This was contrasted with the tests an ESCO would complete for Phase III testing with a utility.

With respect to consolidated utility billing, the utility with which an ESCO chooses to test/certify dictates certain outcomes. Testing with ConEd could lead to certification for rate ready (but not bill ready) while testing with NYSEG/RG&E could lead to certification for bill ready (but not rate ready). National Grid can certify for both bill ready and rate ready while National Fuel can optionally certify for ESCO consolidated billing, in addition to rate ready billing.

Angela Schorr (Direct Energy) asked whether utilities are making progress towards developing a separate line item on the bill for CCA, Solar, etc. to apply credits directly to utility bill. The BWG Chair noted this equated to support of the AMT\*UJ segment in the 814C transaction. Utilities were asked to provide updates to their plans, if any, to implement the new AMT\*UJ segment which was added for ESCO Generic Credits.

## **Establish Date/Time for Next Meeting**

The next meeting combined BWG/TWG meeting is scheduled for Friday 2/15/2019 at 10 AM.

## **Attendees**

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| Barbara Goubeaud - EC Infosystems  | Jeff Begley – NOCO                      |
| Emily Cimoli – Clean Choice Energy | Sergio Smilley – National Grid          |
| Samantha Curry – Starion Energy    | Gary Lawrence – Energy Services Group   |
| Barbara White – Ambit              | Jennifer Lorenzini – Central Hudson     |
| Julia Goodchild – Direct Energy    | Kim Wall – Hansen Technologies          |
| David Parnell – Direct Energy      | Mary Do – Big Data Energy Services      |
| Amy Delooza – Agway Energy         | Christine Binmore – Xoom Energy         |
| Candice Jackson – Direct Energy    | Mike Novak – National Fuel Gas Dist.    |
| Kris Redanauer – Direct Energy     | Nicole Barker – National Fuel Gas Dist. |
| Pete Foster – NYSEG/RGE            | Palma Arroyo – Constellation            |
| Travis Bickford – Fluent Energy    | Shawn Perry – UGI Energy Services       |
| Tom Dougherty - Marketwise         | Angela Schorr - Direct Energy           |
| Li Ciborowski - NYSEG              | Eric Heaton – Con Edison                |
| Frank Nunez - EC Infosystems       | Janet Manfredi – Central Hudson         |

**SFS and OSC attendees:**

Richard Thomas

Mike Mullin

Paul Kalinowski

Elliott Menchel

Anne Hall

Phillip Gadomski

Nicole Keppler

Bernie McHugh

Holly Riley