

Case No. 12-M-0476 et al.
EDI Business Working Group (BWG)/
Technical Working Group (TWG)
Draft Minutes – November 16, 2018

Administration

- Review/Modify Agenda: The Draft Agenda was adopted with modification to the date for the next meeting.
- The Draft Minutes from the 11/9/2018 meeting were adopted as final without modification.
- DPS Staff Remarks: None.

Next EDI Report

a. TOP Supp. E

The BWG Chair reviewed the changes in the latest Draft TOP Guide focusing primarily on use of a 1024 bit PGP key and the upgrade from GISB EDM 1.4 to GISB EDM 1.6 that most utilities would have to complete over the next year. Additionally, an additional recommendation that different keys be used for production and test environments that was added to the Guide since the last meeting was discussed. Given that the EDI Report will be filed under the expedited process and the EDI Report will recommend that utilities have 12 months to implement the EDM upgrade, in a practical sense the upgrade would have to be completed by December 31, 2019.

b. TOP Supp. 8

The BWG Chair reviewed the changes in the latest Draft TOP Guide focusing on the changes discussed at last meeting to address Staff's request to the Phase 1 testing of ESCOs. It was noted that when ESCOs test, the chosen utility provides rate ready or bill ready testing based upon the model supported by the utility. For example, an ESCO that Phase I tests with a utility that supports the Utility Bill Ready (UBR) would not be certified for Utility Rate Ready (URR) transactions. The modifications to the testing application will identify the transactions for which the ESCO is certified and DPS Staff will post the results on its web page.

If an ESCO certified for UBR wants to become certified for URR, it would Phase III test with a utility that supports URR (a new Phase I testing application is not necessary) who would report the results of that testing via routine monthly reporting to DPS Staff. From there, DPS Staff will update the certification results posted on its web page to reflect the additional transactions.

Sergio Smilley (National Grid) noted that that since they supported both UBR and URR in different service territories, they could Phase I test for both UBR and URR. Finally, the BWG Chair noted that Staff has requested that utilities conducting Phase I testing use the new form as soon as possible (in advance of the date it is likely to become the standard – likely 12/31/2018).

c. 814C Implementation Guide

The BWG Chair reviewed the changes in the Draft 814C IG which were primarily gray box note changes. On the REF~SU segment, it was noted that the gray box note conditions support of the segment upon implementation of the Single Retailer model. Since the one utility supporting the segment does not support Single Retailer, the note will be modified to reflect that support is conditioned upon identification of such in the utility's Utility Maintained EDI Guide.

d. 814HU

The BWG Chair reviewed the changes in the Draft 814C IG which were primarily gray box note changes but also addressed errata from the April 2018 EDI Report.

The BWG Chair will have updated guides reflecting discussion at today's meeting posted to the Report Preparation web page. The draft report will also be posted; likely on or about November 26th. Any changes should be provided via email to the BWG Chair.

Other Business

The TWG Chair noted that after the DER Cyber Security Meeting she had spoken with DPS Staff to request a similar collaborative between utilities and EDI providers on the DSA. She added that there is a need for clarity on the procedures surrounding DSA Exhibit B. The BWG Chair noted his understanding that Exhibit B is signed by the ESCO's EDI provider (as applicable) and would be provided to the utility by the ESCO upon the utility's request.

Establish Date/Time for Next Meeting

The next meeting combined BWG/TWG meeting is scheduled for Friday 1/4/2019 at 10 AM.

Attendees

Alan Castro – EC Infosystems	Jeff Begley – NOCO
Bianca Marine – O&R	Sergio Smilley – National Grid
Gary Lawrence – Energy Services Group	Tom Rankin – Marketwise
Debbie Rabago – Ambit	Jennifer Lorenzini – Central Hudson
Julia Goodchild – Direct Energy	Kim Wall – Hansen Technologies
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	Diane Neira – NYSEG/RGE
Pete Foster – NYSEG/RGE	Kathleen O'Riley – DPS Staff
Kelly Ryan - Accenture	Travis Bickford – Fluent Energy