

STATE OF NEW YORK  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held in the City of  
New York on June 18, 2003

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

William M. Flynn, Chairman  
Thomas J. Dunleavy  
James D. Bennett  
Leonard A. Weiss  
Neal N. Galvin

CASE 98-M-0667 - In the Matter of Electronic Data Interchange.

ORDER APPROVING AND  
MODIFYING TEST PLANS

(Issued and Effective June 20, 2003)

BY THE COMMISSION:

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

The implementation of Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) in New York has required the development, approval, programming and testing of a variety of EDI data standards needed to support retail access in New York, including transactions for enrolling, switching and billing customers and the exchange of historic and current usage data. This order involves approval of test plans<sup>1</sup> for the TS568 Account Receivables Advisement and TS568 Payment Advisement transaction standards, which are used in the Utility Rate Ready consolidated billing model.

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<sup>1</sup> Technical Operating Profile, Supplement 4, Version 3.0 (810 Invoice Utility Consolidated Billing).

Comments were solicited by a notice published in the State Register on February 5, 2003. The minimum comment period expired on March 24, 2003 but the comment period was extended to April 15, 2003 to permit parties' adequate opportunity to review the 568 standards documents. No comments were received.

DISPOSITION

Previously approved test plans<sup>2</sup> for the Utility Rate Ready model did not recognize use of the 568 Payment Advise ment and Account Receivables Advise ment transactions, because these transaction standards had not yet been approved<sup>3</sup>. Staff proposed to update the previously approved test plans to reflect the recently approved Payment Advise ment and Account Receivables Advise ment standard. In addition, certain miscellaneous housekeeping changes have also been required on the documents to achieve consistency between the documents approved herein and New York data standards previously adopted by the Commission, national EDI data standards published by the Utility Industry Group (UIG), and regional standards in place in the Mid-Atlantic States.

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<sup>2</sup> Case 98-M-0667, In the Matter of Electronic Data Interchange, Order Approving Electronic Data Interchange Test Plans for Account Reinstatement and Utility Bill Ready/Rate Ready Billing Transaction Standards, (issued August 14, 2002 and further revised February 24, 2003).

<sup>3</sup> Case 98-M-0667, In the Matter of Electronic Data Interchange, Order Approving Electronic Data Interchange Standards for 568 Payment Advise ment and Account Receivables Advise ment Standards, (issued February 24, 2003).

Discussion

The updates appear to be a reasonable way to streamline EDI testing procedures for this billing model and will be approved.

The Commission orders:

1. The test plans for the Utility Rate Ready billing model are adopted as discussed herein.
2. This proceeding is continued.

By the Commission,

(SIGNED)

JANET HAND DEIXLER  
Secretary

*Note: The following documents are available electronically from the Commission's web site at <http://www.dps.state.ny.us/98m0667.htm>.*

Supplement	Description
SUPPLEMENT A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="634 401 1323 527">• Technical Operating Profile, Supplement 4, Version 3.0 (810 Invoice Utility Consolidated Billing)</li></ul>