Case 12-M-0476, et. al.
EDI Business Working Group (BWG)/
Technical Working Group (TWG)
Draft Minutes – February 12, 2016

Administration

- Review/Modify Agenda: The Draft Agenda was adopted.
- The Draft Minutes from the 1/22/2016 EDI Business Working Group (BWG)/Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting were adopted as final without modification.
- DPS Staff Remarks
    - None

Regulatory Update

The BWG Chair noted the 1/29/2016 EDI Report filing and changes to the EDI Working Group web site corresponding EDI reports submitted during the past two years. With the new expedited approval process, if no opposition is raised in the regulatory arena, the EDI Standards documents in the filing will be approved without a Commission Order.

Review of Implementation Plans

Updates to the Implementation Matrix which were provided by each of the utilities in advance of the meeting were reviewed and discussed. A fourth section referencing the major changes from the 1/29/2016 EDI Report was added to the matrix. Jean Pauyo noted that O&R will be implementing the CHU code on February 29, 2016.

814C – APP Credit Signage

A workpaper showing a draft set of modifications to the 814C AMT Monetary Amount (Assistance Program Participant Credit) segment changing AMT02 to a real number and providing an example a downward revision to an APP Credit was reviewed.

Marie Vajda pointed out the APP Credits are signed negatively in the Bill Ready Model. As a result, an adjustment to reduce the APP Credit would be positive in that model.

The proposed 814C changes in the workpaper concerned Rate Ready billing. Up until now, the EDI Working Group assumed credits were unsigned, i.e. they were always positive numbers. With the initiation of discussion about adjustments reducing the APP Credit, a negative sign was presumed. Marie's comments pointed out the inconsistency between the two billing models and utilities agreed to investigate whether APP Credits should be negative (and downward adjustments positive) across billing models.

The workpaper for the next meeting will reflect the utility discussion on consistent signage and add notes reflecting use of real numbers for APP credits in other transactions/segments.

Energy-Related Administrative Charges

The BWG Chair reviewed a workpaper and discussed the contents of the 810UBR EDI Transaction. While the existing EDI Standards do provide segments that could be used by ESCOs to send Energy-Related Administrative Charges, only one utility has implemented the optional segment for their

billing model. Sergio Smilley noted that concern about cramming charges may have influenced most utilities to not opt into the segments.

The BWG Chair concluded there was no EDI work to be done at this time; ESCOs who want wider support of the segments should either speak directly with the non-supporting utilities or seek regulatory action.

Timing Considerations – Outbound (Utility) 84C Transactions

A workpaper detailing the issue was reviewed which included a short discussion on applicable UBPs. The majority of utilities do not issue outbound 814C changes to former ESCOs once the customer has switched to another ESCO except under certain cancel-rebill scenarios. A workpaper incorporating proposed changes to the 814 Change Business Practice document will be presented at the next meeting.

Other Business

The TWG Chair asked the utilities to provide a brief explanation of how they provide budget billing for ESCO customers. Representatives responded explaining how Purchase of Receivables programs and different billing models (rate ready vs. bill ready) impact ESCO Budget Billing.

Establish date/time for next meeting

The next meeting will be a combined BWG/TWG meeting on Friday 2/26/2016 at 10 AM.

Attendees

Mary Agresti – National Grid	Jeff Begley – NOCO
Travis Bickford – Fluent	Debra Crochie – EC Infosystems
Mary Do – Latitude Technologies	Craig Wiess – National Grid
Barbara Goubeaud – EC Infosystems	Eric Heaton – Con Ed
Gary Lawrence – Energy Services Group	Jennifer Lorenzini – Central Hudson
Janet Manfredi – Central Hudson	Ana Harley – Accenture
Tracie Gaetano - IGS	Mike Novak – National Fuel Gas
Jean Pauyo – O&R	Kris Redanauer – Direct Energy
Sergio Smilley – National Grid	Gilbert Flores – GDF Suez N.A.
Jasmine Thom – CES	Charlie Trick – NYSEG/RG&E
Marie Vajda – NYSEG/RG&E	Jennifer Vigil – Champion
Debbie Vincent – UGI Energy Services	Kimberly Wall – PPL Solutions
Thomas Dougherty – Marketwise	Amie Williams – Agway