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CONSOLIDATED BILLING FOR CDG

Lessons Learned from Other Markets



CONSOLIDATED BILLING: TWO OPTIONS

UTILITY CONSOLIDATED BILLING

- ✔ Delayed implementation timelines
- ✔ Single means of communicating data; potential for bottleneck
- ✔ Little to no market competition, less innovation
- ✔ Private vs. public capital and ratepayer burden

SUPPLIER CONSOLIDATED BILLING

- ✔ More responsive to market and consumer needs
- ✔ Able to be deployed quicker and more efficiently
- ✔ Facilitates placement of subscription fees directly on bill
- ✔ Numerous private companies with extensive consolidated billing experience across the country

LESSONS FROM OTHER MARKETS

✔ Texas ERCOT

- Supplier consolidated billing, healthy competitive market

✔ Illinois ARES Market

- New community net metering program will accommodate for both ARES and utility consolidated billing schemes

✔ Ohio CRES Market

- Supplier consolidated billing pilot

PUC Adopts Supplier Consolidated Billing Pilot

Directs Staff to Review Billing of Non-commodity Services on Utility Consolidated Bills

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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has approved, without modification to several retail market enhancements, a stipulation governing Dayton Power & Light's electric security plan that, among others things, will institute a supplier consolidated billing pilot

"As we have noted in other recent proceedings...the Commission's desired course for competitive suppliers is to ultimately offer supplier consolidated billing and dual, [sic] billing. *This would facilitate the innovative marketplace that we envision for the state of Ohio and would easily resolve how suppliers can bill for the goods and services that they wish to market and then bill to their customers.*

It is time to move forward with the implementation of supplier consolidated billing...*The Commission finds that all customers, both shopping customers and SSO customers, benefit from a robust competitive market, and supplier consolidated billing is a positive step in the development of that competitive market...*"

- [Ohio PUCO](#), October 2017



SUPPLIER CONSOLIDATED BILLING IN NEW YORK

✔ [Senate Bill S6822](#)

✔ [National Fuel Gas for New York](#)

4. **810SR - Invoice Transaction – Single Retailer**

a. Overview

Under Distribution's New York tariff, the default billing method for customers transporting at ceiling rates¹ is the Single Retailer Model, where the ESCO provides the consolidated retail billing to the customers. Under this billing model, sometimes referred to as Marketer Combined Billing ("MCB"), customers should contact Distribution for non-billing matters; this is not full Single Retailer Model implementation. Nevertheless, customers served by ESCOs providing MCB bills should direct billing inquiries to their ESCO. Transaction protocols for ESCO Single Retailer Billing are posted on Distribution's website and are included in the Appendices of Distribution's New York GTOP. MCB is not available in Pennsylvania.

✔ [New York UBPs](#)

Consolidated billing – A billing option that provides customers with a single bill combining charges from more than one service provider and issued by a distribution utility providing delivery service (utility consolidated bill) or by a commodity supplier (ESCO consolidated bill).

NARUC CLOUD COMPUTING DECISION (NOV 2016)

WHEREAS, Utilities should be free to make software investments based on which option best meets both the needs of the utility and its customers, rather than how the investment will be treated for accounting purposes; *and*

WHEREAS, The existing regulatory accounting rules may be interpreted, if appropriate, to allow for utilities to capitalize cloud-based software; *and*

WHEREAS, Regardless of how cloud computing is treated for regulatory accounting purposes, regulators will still examine whether the investment is prudent; *now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its 2016 Annual Meetings in La Quinta, California, recognizes that utilities best serve customers, society, the environment, and the grid by making software procurement decisions regardless of the delivery method or payment model; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That NARUC encourages State regulators to consider whether cloud computing and on-premise solutions should receive similar regulatory accounting treatment, in that both would be eligible to earn a rate of return and would be paid for out of a utility's capital budget.

*Sponsored by the Committees on Critical Infrastructure, Gas, and Water
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