

Regular Monthly Meeting – 12/7/2017

**Utilities:** Citizens Electric, Duquesne Light, First Energy, PECO, PPL, UGI

**Suppliers/Service Providers**:

AEP Energy, Agway Energy, ATMS, Constellation, Customized Energy Solutions, Direct Energy, Dynegy, EC Infosystems, Engie NA, First Energy Solutions, Hansen Technologies, IGS Energy, Intelometry, Latitude Technologies, MarketWISE, Sperian Energy, Starion Energy, UGI Energy Services, Verde Energy, WGL Energy

**Other:** Jeff McCracken (PUC Staff)

**Meeting Notes:**

## Introductions & Roll Call

Brandon Siegel, Intelometry (Secretary / Change Control Manager) commenced roll call and Christine Hughey, Sperian Energy (Co-chair, Supplier) facilitated the meeting. Other EDEWG leadership present: Jeff McCracken - PA PUC (EDEWG Liaison)

## Approve Meeting Minutes

## Approved updated minutes from November meeting without revision.

## 810 Bill Ready – EDC poll on Bill Messaging

Kim Wall (Hansen Technologies) emailed Leadership last month requesting EDEWG poll the EDCs on their support/handling of EGS bill messaging in the Bill Ready 810. Kim’s inquiry as follows…I’d like to have the utilities the language that they show in Pennsylvania Notes of the 810LDC Implementation Guide to be more clear.  In addition, is there truly still a differentiation between “Regulatory” and “Other” or can they both simply be used as messages?  The differentiation was something we thought might be an issue back in 1999 but I don’t think applies these days. In addition to verifying the information below…

* Do you print in the same order that the messages are sent?
  + For example, if supplier sends NTE\*ADD, NTE\*OTH, NTE\*ADD will they be printed in that order?
* Do you wrap the text or is displayed exactly as shown?
* Please provide examples.
* Note that Duquesne needs to identify whether they allow NTE\*ADD or NTE\*OTH.
* Added during Dec EDEWG meeting: What is process when multiple 810s w/bill messages are received in same bill window?

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| Bill Ready Text (Regulatory and Other) |  | * Duquesne Light – will print a max of four NTE segments total of 80 characters each * First Energy & PPL – will print a max of four NTE segments total of 80 characters each.  Supports four NTE\*ADD segments or two NTE\*ADD’ & two NTE\*OTH segments. * PECO –Four lines of 80 characters for NTE\*ADD, does not support NTE\*OTH segments. |

EDEWG discussed and Brandon requested the Bill Ready EDCs who have yet to respond please do so. PPL has yet to respond and all EDCs should review the last bullet which was added during the meeting. If EDCs have not provided bill samples, showing the EGS bill message(s), please do so. All responses should be sent directly to Brandon who will compile and distribute with the January meeting agenda.

## Virtual Net Metering – status update/next steps

During the June meeting, the group discussed as new business EDCs have a need to report customer generation under a ‘virtual net meter’ scenario. This is like the Aggregate Net Energy Metering process used in Maryland where a ‘parent’ account’s excess generation is applied to ‘child’ account(s). FirstEnergy spoke during the June meeting and was to request a formal change control to aide in identifying these types of customers. During the August meeting, FirstEnergy stated they’re pending internal decision whether to pursue the contract control discussed back in June. First Energy will contact EDEWG should they wish to pursue any formal change request.

The EDEWG stated it will follow the lead being done by the Maryland EDI Sub-group and present the proposed changes to the 867MU once MD completes their effort later this year. In advance of this, the EDEWG requests each of the PA EDCs who have a virtual net metering program to provide a high-level overview to EDEWG. This will help the EDEWG gain a better understanding when designing an EDI solution and/or a need for defined business rules. EDEWG leadership put together a brief high-level questionnaire and distributed across the EDCs.

* Brandon compiled EDC questionnaires into lone fact-finding document. Being there is no PUC direction on standardizing data reporting for virtual net metering, EDEWG is currently not taking any action. Should any EDC wish to further pursue changes to existing EDI transactions to support Virtual Net Metering, EDEWG will revisit and start with the fact-finding document.

## PPL EDI CC #131 – Change of Interval Usage Increment: Status Update

PPL stated their implementation of EDI CC#131 (Change of Interval Usage Increment) specific to the EDI 867IU remains open pending internal testing efforts. The actual date of implementation will be reported via PPL email to their supplier distribution with another status update during EDEWG’s next meeting. The 867HI portion of this change remains pending with no target date.

## Addition of Citizens, Wellsboro and Pike County to Pennsylvania (regional) EDI standards: Status Update

The current regional EDI implementation guidelines which covers Pennsylvania does not include Citizens or Wellsboro. Monica Neibert (Energy Services Group) has agreed to work with the EDEWG to submit the EDI Change Controls necessary to add Citizens & Wellsboro to the PA EDI standards. Discussion during November meeting, Brandon stated he would like to have those changes submitted by mid-December so he may do the redline version update the last week of December. Monica stated her goal is to have the change requests submitted by then. No ESG representative was present on the December call to provide an update.

## Duquesne Light – Bill Ready 810 Due Date Issue

Under Bill Ready, Duquesne Light is sending the DTM\*649 (Document Due Date) based on calendar days instead of business days. Markia Banks (DQE) reports the fix remains targeted for February 2018.

## UGI Billing System Upgrade: Issues & Expected Resolution

Christine Wenzel (UGI) provided the following updates…

* Billing processing works well.
* Choice portion of system has some defects; workarounds are in place
* System is close to stable; all open issues expect to be complete by end of January
* EDI testing for new suppliers remains pending until all defects are resolved. 2018 EDI Testing Schedule has first batch of year beginning in March.
* Suppliers with any questions or concerns regarding the UGI system upgrade should contact UGI directly at [CIStransition@ugi.com](mailto:CIStransition@ugi.com)

## New Business

* Ernie Mathie (FirstEnergy) reported the annual NSPL changes reported for West Penn Power were incorrectly. New values will be sent via EDI 814C this weekend
* Tom Dougherty (MarketWISE) polled all EDCs on the status of their annual ICAP/NSPL changes…
  + DLC: sends via EDI 814C by 2nd business day in January
  + FirstEnergy: already sent (see note above regarding WPP)
  + PPL: send via EDI 814C last day of December
  + PECO: posts to SUCCESS website, should be by end of next week
  + DLC: sends via EDI 814C by 2nd business day in January
  + UGI: post to website, should be updated by Christmas
* Duquesne Items
  + Service Provider reported DLC 867 Historical Interval Usage is missing QTY qualifiers for some readings. This was reported as fixed on 11/20/17 however the problem remains. Markia Banks (DLC) stated their IT is investigating.
  + Markia reported DLC’s NAESB server upgrade has been pushed to sometime 1st Quarter 2018. DLC will provide firm date once available.

## Next Meeting

Due to the holidays, the next regular monthly EDEWG meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11th at 2PM ET.

**CONFERENCE LINE** – until further notice the EDEWG will utilize the following conference line: (641) 715-0632 / 319767#