

# CHARGE Conference Call

April 29, 2010 – 9:30 a.m.

Call-in number: 1-866-618-6746 and Access Code: 6060145

## Recap of Discussion

### 1. Eligible Customer List

- Following up on conference calls facilitated by Ritchie Hudson, the group discussed several issues relating to ECL where consensus has not been reached, including EDC plans to refresh lists, old account numbers, contact names/numbers, rate subclasses, current and future capacity and transmission obligations, POLR indicator, interval meter and procurement classification indicator
- Staff plans to move forward with a recommendation for the PUC to address various ECL issues

### 2. Default Service Bid Information

- Staff plans to circulate a proposal for discussion by CHARGE on May 27 call

### 3. Estimated State Tax Amount on Bills

- Question has arisen about whether the presentation of “estimated total state taxes” on residential bills is required for generation charges of EGS as there is no standard treatment among EGSs
- PUC staff is studying issue to determine what EDCs include in “STAS” and conducting further review of statute and regulations to offer guidance to EGSs on this issue

### 4. EGS Marketing Activities

- By April 30, Staff will circulate draft best practices/interim guidelines for discussion during May 13 CHARGE call
- Staff will invite SEARCH (natural gas working group) members to provide feedback and participate in call to determine feasibility of recommending application to both electric and natural gas industries

### 5. Historical Usage Requests

- Concern was raised about refusal of EDCs to release historical usage information in response to EDI request when a customer has previously restricted release of this information but has given the EGS a letter of authorization

- OCMO suggested that it is EGS's obligation to get the LOA before requesting information through EDI and that EDCs should provide the information when the EDI request is received
- It was noted that there are some grey areas where a broker is involved and a communication from OCMO or the Commission would be helpful in clarifying EDC obligation and providing guidance on language for LOA

## 6. Last-In Enrollments

- Question was raised about how EDCs handle multiple enrollments for the same customer before the 16-day cut-off date
  - For instance, EGS-1 submits enrollment for January 2011 flow date with contract date of December 15, 2010, and prior to 16-day cut-off date, EGS-2 submits enrollment with contract date of December 20, 2010 for January 2011 date
- Customer is switched to the EGS-2 because of the more recent contract date
  - In PPL and according to Brandon/EDEWG, EGS-2 cancels EGS-1, and if EGS-2 is then not confirmed by the customer during the 10-day confirmation period, the customer stays on or reverts to default service
  - In Allegheny, if customer does not confirm EGS-2, the customer reverts back to EGS-1
- Brandon volunteered to consult with remaining EDCs and develop a spreadsheet
- Issue needs to be addressed on a future CHARGE or EDEWG call
  - Staff will consult with Brandon to determine best forum

## 7. Mixed Meter – EGS Authority

- Questions have been raised about whether EGSs must have authority to serve residential customers when a residential customer is served as part of a mixed meter situation
- Staff's guidance has been that if the customer is served under a Residential rate schedule, the EGS should have authority under the license to serve residential customers
- During the call, EGSs expressed concerns about needing a license to serve residential customers if they are contracting with a commercial entity, such as a military base, due to marketing, reporting and compliance differences
- Staff will further discuss and revisit on a future call

## **8. Communications about EGS Plans**

- General discussion re: communications with EDCs and the PUC about EGS plans to make offers to customers in 2011
- Several EGSs indicated willingness to share market entry plans with PUC staff as soon as possible
- PECO encouraged EGSs to get EDI testing done as early as possible

## **9. Interval Data Recorder Meters**

- Question was raised about whether customer needs dedicated phone line for an IDR meter, and if so, whether it is their responsibility to pay for the line
- Staff will poll the EDCs

## **10. CHARGE Contact List**

- Contact list is on website at the following link:

[http://www.puc.state.pa.us/electric/electric\\_CompetitiveMarketOversight.aspx](http://www.puc.state.pa.us/electric/electric_CompetitiveMarketOversight.aspx)

- Please send contact information or updates to [ra-ocmo@state.pa.us](mailto:ra-ocmo@state.pa.us); purpose of this list is to enable stakeholders to contact one another directly to resolve issues and is separate from email distribution list

## **11. Meeting Schedule for Remainder of 2010**

- May 13, 9:30 a.m.
- May 27, 9:30 a.m.
- June 10, 9:30 a.m.
- June 24, 9:30 a.m.
- July 8, 9:30 a.m.
- July 22, 9:30 a.m.
- August 5, 9:30 a.m.
- August 26, 9:30 a.m.
- September 9, 9:30 a.m.
- September 30, 9:30 a.m.

- October 14, 9:30 a.m.
- October 28, 9:30 a.m.
- November 18, 1:30 p.m. (Note: different time)
- December 9, 9:30 a.m.
- December 23, 9:30 a.m.