

# CHARGE Conference Call

May 27, 2010 – 9:30 a.m.

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## Recap of Discussion

### 1. EGS Marketing Activities

- Redlined draft with changes based on May 13, 2010 discussion was circulated with the agenda on May 26, 2010
- Special meeting focusing solely on marketing guidelines will be held on June 7, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. for CHARGE and SEARCH participants to attend in person or participate by conference call
  - Any written comments, redlined versions or alternative proposals are voluntary but must be submitted to [ra-ocmo@state.pa.us](mailto:ra-ocmo@state.pa.us) by June 3 at Noon, and we plan to circulate them to all other participants

### 2. Supplier Consolidated Billing Implementation

- EDEWG will have a document ready to submit to CHARGE within about a month
  - Need to determine best way to move forward in both obtaining approval for business practices/transactions and addressing remaining issues
- Question was raised about whether EDCs are required to offer this option
  - PPL is offering it; Staff will review whether it is mandatory for other, but it was noted that this is an issue in the supplier tariff proceeding pending before the Commission, which limits our ability to discuss

### 3. Eligible Customer List

- Staff is drafting a recommendation for the PUC to address various ECL issues relating to uniformity and availability of customer information needed by EGSs

### 4. Default Service Bid Information

- Staff provided update on status of efforts to standardize release of this information, noting discussions with FirstEnergy for the release of individual default service auction results within seven days of approval and a summary of the components formulating the price to compare
- To review the approach followed by FirstEnergy, please go to [http://www.firstenergycorp.com/supplierservices/Pennsylvania/Met-Ed\\_and\\_Penelec/Met-Ed\\_and\\_Penelec\\_Default\\_Service\\_Information.html](http://www.firstenergycorp.com/supplierservices/Pennsylvania/Met-Ed_and_Penelec/Met-Ed_and_Penelec_Default_Service_Information.html)

- Staff will be seeking feedback on this approach during the June 10, 2010 CHARGE call

## 5. 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
- Staff has determined that EDC tax components are Capital Stock, Property Tax-Local and PURTA, State Unemployment Compensation, PA State Income Tax, and Gross Receipts Tax.
- Staff is conducting further review of statute and regulations to offer guidance to EGSs on the issue of whether an EGS’s estimated state taxes need to be shown for generation charges on EDC bills; no feedback offered during call on whether they should or should not be shown on bill

## 6. Historical Usage Requests

- Staff expects issuance of a Secretarial Letter in the near future to clarify that EDCs are obligated to provide historical usage information in response to EDI request when a customer has previously restricted release of this information but has since given the EGS a letter of authorization
  - Some participants expressed concerns about this approach since an EGS is not required to check a box on the EDI request indicating that the LOA has been obtained
  - Staff noted that if EGSs are obtaining historical usage information without appropriate authorization, they would face sanctions by the PUC
  - PPL is already following the approach noted above, consistent with the Retail Markets Order, which contains language suggesting that EDCs need not serve as the gatekeeper in this situation; no problems have arisen
  - Staff will provide further update during the June 10, 2010 CHARGE call
- Staff circulated two sample forms that EGSs may use in obtaining a letter of authorization
  - It was noted that some fields could be optional; only the account number and contact name/title need to be mandatory
  - The description of information that will be obtained should mirror the ECL

## 7. Last-In Enrollments

- Question was raised during April 29, 2010 CHARGE call about how EDCs handle multiple enrollments for the same customer before the 16-day cut-off date

- EDEWG developed a spreadsheet which was attached to the agenda for the May 27, 2010 CHARGE call to show each EDCs' handling of various last-in scenarios
  - Will discuss on the June 10, 2010 CHARGE call to determine whether there are any questions or proposals to standardize handling of these scenarios

#### **8. 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 prior guidance was that if the customer is served under a Residential rate schedule, the EGS should have authority under the license to serve residential customers (and that residential consumer protections would apply)
- During the April 29 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
- Based on concerns raised during April 29 call, staff has revisited this issue and now believes that it may not be necessary for an EGS to obtain a license to serve residential customers or to afford residential consumer protections when the EGS contracts with and bills the commercial customer
  - Staff will try to close the loop on this issue soon and provide any necessary clarification

#### **9. AEPS Summit**

- AEPS Summit will be held on June 17, 2010 in Hearing Room 1, Keystone Building, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
  - Presentations by PUC staff, the credits administrator, GATS and DEP
  - EDCs and EGSs who served load in any portion of 2010 or intend to serve load in 2011 should send a representative
  - Will provide opportunity for EGSs to learn about AEPS obligations
  - Secretarial Letter with more information will be forthcoming soon

#### **10. Budget Billing**

- Question was raised about the status of FirstEnergy providing budget billing for EGS charges
  - FirstEnergy noted that Met-Ed and Penelec are targeted for August; no target date for Penn Power at this time due to work being done for Met-Ed and Penelec territories

## 11. 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

## 12. Meeting Schedule for Remainder of 2010

- May 13, 9:30 a.m.
- May 27, 9:30 a.m.
- **June 7, 10:00 a.m. (Special in-person meeting/conference call to discuss Marketing Guidelines)**
- 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.