

4/08/2015 EBT Working Group  
Minutes  
April 8, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.

<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Barry Perlmutter	Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, Staff
Morgane Treanton	Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, Staff
Monica Neibert – ESCO Co-Chair	ESG
Juliana Griffiths – Utility Co-Chair	National Grid
Joan Jerz	National Grid
Vicky Gilmore	ESG
Chrissy DeLoughrey	ESG
Brandon S. Siegel	Intelometry
Kim Wall	PPL Solutions
Pat Reno	TransCanada Power Marketing Ltd
Barbara White	Ambit Energy
Debbie Rabago	Ambit Energy
Kimberly McNary	Ambit Energy
Jenny R. Dieter	Ambit Energy
Kristen Joseph	Provider Power MASS
Barbara Goubeaud	EC Infosystems, Inc.
Deborah Croce	EC Infosystems, Inc.
Christine Hughey	Constellation
Deborah Gilbertson	Liberty Utilities
Jasmine Thom	Customized Energy Solutions
Alecia Stehnicky	Crius Energy
Tom Dougherty	Aurea
Caitlin White	Unitil
Daryush Donyavi	Eversource
Pawel Sakowski	Eversource
Mary Do	Latitude
Alex DeLaRosa	GDF Suez NA
Melyssa Flaherty	Liberty Utilities
Ethan Wais	Choose Energy

**New Agenda Items:**

1. DPU Staff: In accordance with DPU 14-140 “Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on its own Motion into Initiatives to Improve the Retail Electric Competitive Supply Market”, the Department is developing a Shop to Compare website. The Department would like to query the ESCOs to determine which of the following processes would work best for communicating ESCO pricing information for the website to the Department:

- API Integration
- Excel Upload (or is there another application such as CMV)
- Web Portal

Guest: Ethan Wais, Choose Energy

Barry Perlmutter (Staff, MA DPU) described the mechanisms being discussed to allow ESCOs to submit their monthly rates for the “Shop to Compare” website being developed.

The MA DPU is neutral between Excel and a web portal as a backup to API. Those ESCOs that cannot support API, Suez and Mint, are neutral to either process. Ethan Wais from Choose Energy indicated that he has built API's with ESCOs and he indicates that a web portal may provide a more tangible interface. If an excel spreadsheet is not formatted properly, it can easily cause errors in the data. Ethan feels the web portal may be easier and more efficient to use.

Morgane Treanton (Staff, MA DPU) questioned if excel would be in the form of a spreadsheet or some kind of upload. Ethan Wais responded that either works as long as it is a consistent file type with a consistent formatting. Formatting is very important. Ethan reiterated the Web portal is easier to use. The benefit of an excel (CSV) upload is automatic, rather than manually input.

**Barry Perlmutter (Staff MA DPU) requested that ESCO's and third party EDI providers send their preference to Juliana Griffiths at [juliana.griffiths@nationalgrid.com](mailto:juliana.griffiths@nationalgrid.com) no later than Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Juliana will compile the information and provide to MA DPU Staff.**

Monica Neibert, ESG: Tax Exemption Percentage for Massachusetts Electric. ESG found an account where the enrollment request indicated 0% exempt. The response echoed this back, however, the 810 does not include taxes. ESG would like to be advised in a case like this what the actual tax status is for the account and also advise whether the enrollment response is truly just echoing the request or sending actual account status. This scenario has happened in two utilities.

It was agreed that each utility provide their current process. ESG recommended that there be a consistency implemented.

**Utilities:** please provide your current process to me at [juliana.griffiths@nationalgrid.com](mailto:juliana.griffiths@nationalgrid.com) and the below spreadsheet will be completed.

Utility	Current Process
NSTAR	
WMECO	
Unitil	
National Grid	

#### **FollowUp for Agenda Items from February 11, 2015:**

1. Kim Wall, PPL Solutions:

An article in Energy Choice Matters indicated that Northeast Utilities announced it will begin doing business under the new brand name of Eversource Energy on February 2nd. All of the NU distribution companies, including Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P), NSTAR Electric, NSTAR Gas, Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH), Western Massachusetts Electric Company (WMECO), and Yankee Gas Services Company (Yankee Gas), will adopt and operate under the Eversource name. Although it will already be a couple days late, can we please discuss what the customer will see starting February 2<sup>nd</sup>? Maybe NU can provide a sample bill for each of the jurisdictions? **PPL Solutions is trying to determine whether they need to make a name change for their dual billed customers, and if so, what exactly the name change should be for each utility.** Eversource requested that PPL Solutions put together a list of bullet point questions and Eversource will have their team investigate and respond. **This Agenda Item is complete.**

2. Chrissy DeLoughrey, ESG: Secondly, knowing the implementation of No. 3 above would take some time, **ESG would like to formally request that Eversource deliver spreadsheets directly to EDI Providers upon request.** Current process requires the supplier to request the spreadsheet - the supplier

then forwards the spreadsheet to their EDI provider for processing. WMECO to check with legal team. 820's for NSTAR go directly to EDI providers, does not think it will be an issue. Will confirm with legal team, EDI providers. LOA from Supplier authorizing EDI providers to receive directly. **This Agenda Item is complete.**

3. Brandon Siegel from Intelometry would like each utility to provide an update for this list:

Please see updates in blue.

Change Request	National Grid	NSTAR	WMECO	Unitil
Add Net Metering Indicator to 814	Awaiting Information from EBT Working Group	Completed	Automation with SYNC List. On the first of each month, a list will be provided upon request. Sync list will provide an indicator for co-gen or net metering. Implementation scheduled for July 2015. Will include NH and Western MA and CT.	2015 Q4
Add LDC Initiated 814 Reinstatement Requests	No Estimated Completion Date as yet	Completed	This is in progress. It's still in development.	2015 Q4
Update 820 for POR	Completed	Completed	N/A	2015 Q4
Update 810 for POR	Completed	Completed	N/A	2015 Q4
Update 814 Change to support Utility Account Number Changes – Customer is the same, account number remains the same.	No Estimated Completion Date as yet	Completed	The request is in with no ETA at this time	2015 Q4

National Grid is working with IS/IT to implement the 814 Reinstatement Request (need an X12 example). Examples have been provided by ESG. National Grid is waiting for review by their IS/IT department.

National Grid is also working with IS/IT to implement the 814 Net Metering Indicator. Need the business process or the IG to indicate how the data is being formatted (provide an example). Net metering cannot move forward without an updated Implementation Guide.

ESG will circulate the updated Change Control form as well as the updated Implementation Guide. There was discussion around expanding the existing Change Control Form. A meeting will be scheduled on May 7, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. to continue discussing this process.