

MA EBT Minutes
3/15/17

Attendees: Eversource, NGRID, Liberty Utilities, Unitil, ESG, Liberty Power, EC Info, Hansen, Marketwise, Direct Energy Business, Starion, Direct Energy Services

Eversource introduced new team member Denise McGaldi

Review of January minutes

NGRID – Tariff fees update/change – In progress

Eversource West Remittance spreadsheet discussion. – Kim Wall (Hansen)

- POR discount should be applied at the account level and not to the total and back-calculated. CT has 1 POR where Western MA has 4 Rate classes with different POR each.
- Additionally it is currently sent with 4 decimals and should be 2. - In progress
- The BAID (Account Number) is missing leading zeros. - Complete
- There was a call for Eversource to send data via an EDI 820 transaction. Daryush explained they would pursue the 820 at such time that NH implements POR so they can update all just 1 time. Push in CT first. – Standing issue
- Eversource explained that there are 4 discount rates for MA where CT only has one. That is the reason why the WMA POR detail is calculated differently, and will remain unchanged. The reason why we have to keep the price out to four digits is that is what our accounting department uses to ensure accuracy when calculating payments. If we round to two dismal places on the detail it will be incorrect.

Invalid ASI01 on 814 Responses from NGRID – Barbara Goubeaud (EC Info)

- NGRID occasionally sends ASI*AC*024; ASI*AC*021. This is not a valid ASI01 value in MA. This should be a WQ. ASI*WQ*024; ASI*WQ*021
- While the occurrence is infrequent, ECI reports maybe 8 a year, NGRID will look into having it corrected. – NGRID prioritizing with IT

CC 019 – LDC Initiated Reinstatements

- Eversource East and West are actively sending, noted issue of missing AS02 code. If no drop precedes ignore the reinstatement
- Unitil will be implementing with their conversion – July 2017
- NGRID – In progress - Q2 2017

CC 024 – Net Meter Indicator (REF*KY)

- Eversource - Q2 2017 for 814E, 867H. Not able to implement for 814C at this time because CIS and Meter systems are separate with no connection. The Synch list contains status. 814C TBD
- Unitil is including with their conversion – July 2017
- NGRID – targeting June 2017. Will send 814C to all incumbent to indicate Net Meter is active on account at time of implementation.

New CC 025 – Net Metering Indicator (REF*KY) on 810

- Eversource submitted so they can include with updates to 814 and 867H from CC 024.
- NGRID not able to implement at this time. TBD
- Unitil – with conversion July 2017?

New Business

NGRID Issue with Name Key Kim Wall – Hansen

- MECO (NGRID) is using first 4 char of First Name instead of Last Name causes issues with pre-enroll process.
- Inquired on abolishing Name Key validation. Eversource explained Name Key is ingrained in business practices and part of anti-slamming. Eligible Customer Lists detail Name Keys and are readily available. Synch lists also have Name Key
- Unitil bills include the 4 letter name key on the bills to the right of the service address. The name key is the first 4 characters of the customer name. For residential customers, the last name is listed first so the name key would be the first 4 letters of the last name. For commercial customers, the name key would be the first 4 characters of the company name, as it appears on their bill.

Meeting Schedule

- Got off schedule due to holidays in December. Continue with every other month schedule. Will have calls in both July and August due to Unitil conversion and NGRID implementations. In person will continue to be in October.

Next call tentative for 5/10 10 am
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