

BAWG Chair's Report to BIC – October 11, 2006
Presenter: Dave Hall-NYSEG/RGE

BAWG met on 9/19/06 and discussed the following:

1) Shortening the Final Bill Motion

- a. Discussed the 9/13/06 BIC Approved Shorten the Final Bill motion - further discussion on Protocols and timelines
- b. Held an additional BAWG conference call on September 22 to discuss proposed MC motion language and back-up information to be supplied.
- c. **NOTE: DRAFT TARIFF LANGUAGE DISTRIBUTED ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 6:21PM - NYISO REQUESTED MP COMMENTS BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON OCTOBER 11. BAWG REVIEW AND COMMENTS WILL BE PART OF THE SCHEDULED B&A MANUAL REVIEW CALL SCHEDULED FOR 1 – 3 PM ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12. FINAL TARIFF LANGUAGE WILL BE APPROVED BY THE CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS OF THE BIC, OC AND MC FOR APPROVAL AT THE NYISO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IN OCTOBER. PLEASE NOTE THAT WHILE THE MC MOTION ALSO INDICATED A REVIEW BY THE BPCTF THE ONLY REVIEW WILL BE DONE VIA THE OCTOBER 12 BAWG.**

2) BAWG Recommendations for 2007 NYISO Goals

a. Higher Priority 2007 Goals

- i. Manual Adjustments
 1. Track the number of assignment errors for manual adjustments
 2. Not posting agreed upon level of detail
 3. Progress on eliminating current adjustments (ex: Station 80 and Ramapo PAR)
- ii. IT deployments
 1. No billing errors or issues as a result of IT deployments
 2. Absent an emergency FERC/Court Order no system changes/implementations without automated billing in place
 3. Missed "install" dates for regulatory/court ordered date for implementation
- iii. Process / Procedures
 1. Meet the timeline submitted to FERC for Attachment N letter
 2. Updating appropriate manuals and Technical Bulletins
 3. Customer Relations - CRITAR ticket responses
 4. Track the number of challenges that were required as a result of unresolved issues
 5. Number of issues that had to be deferred to a later true-up
- iv. Legal Response
 1. Eliminate what seems to be frequent delays in getting legal review / opinion of information to be distributed to MP's. This NYISO legal delay frequently results in very short times for MP's to review data prior to meetings. MP's need the time to review data not internal NYISO legal staff

b. Additional Suggestions for 2007 Goals

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- i. Data Accuracy
 - 1. Data feeds from MIS do not drop data
 - 2. Number of times the NYISO controls and integrity checks failed to catch data errors (as found by either NYISO or MP's) – create a monthly log of actual events
 - 3. Number of errors found during “25-day” FBC review period
 - ii. Additional Process / Procedures
 - 1. Develop a Written Billing Process / Procedures Guide
 - 2. Number of times procedures are not followed (ex: price corrections, posting of meeting materials, market participant notifications, etc.)
 - iii. Grid Accounting Billing Issues
 - 1. Number of times the NYISO does not include an issue on the Billing Issues List
 - 2. No “Off-month” adjustments (meaning an adjustment is made for a month outside its normal 4-Month or 6-Month Settlement Adjustment Cycle)
 - 3. Tracking the number of rebills due to not following operations procedures
 - 4. Tracking the number of times the billing doesn't use the correct rates
 - 5. Monitor the accuracy of the Power Supplier invoices – Initial to 4-Month
 - c. Recommended 2006 enhancement that should be completed before 12/31/06
 - i. Rerun settlement statements within say 3 business days once a price correction is made
 - ii. Notification – when a day is rerun – email to market
- 3) Market Relations Report
- a. Art Storey gave a presentation on the new organizational structure to be implemented shortly – all calls should be directed to the main Market Relations number 518-356-6060.
- 4) Customer Settlements Report
- a. July 30, 2006 Billing error – will be corrected in the 4-month Settlement Adjustment (scheduled to be issued on 12/7/06) - \$1.6M going back to ConEd sub-zone loads - \$1.3M will be charged to CHG&E sub-zone and the remainder socialized over all loads in the state.
 - b. AUG06 “Clearing Account Balance to Zero” \$1.38M manual adjustment charge (subsequent to meeting NYISO indicated there was a signing error – will be reversed with interest as a manual adjustment to the SEP06 Initial Invoice)
 - c. FEB05 FBC – pulled until August 8, 2006 software code deployment meant to bring BAS into tariff compliance did not act as intended (subsequent to meeting code revised and FEB05 FBC was posted on October 9 for a “25-day” review period).

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- d. **MAR05 FINAL BILL CLOSEOUT – On October 6 the NYISO informed MP's they were declaring an “extraordinary circumstance with respect to this FBC – which delays the ultimate date to post this FBC until Feb07.**
 - e. **NOTE: SUBSEQUENT TO THE MEETING (10/6/06) THE NYISO INFORMED THE MARKET THERE WOULD BE A JOINT MSWG / BAWG CALL TO DISCUSS A TARIFF COMPLIANCE / SETTLEMENT SOFTWARE DISCREPANCY REGARDING THE ALLOCATION OF OPERATING RESERVE COSTS. IN ADDITION IT IS ANTICIPATED THE MAR05 EVENT WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.**
- 5) Legal Update
- a. Mirant \$999K charge – still looking for more backup detail
 - b. Bad Debt Loss - NYISO is seeking legal settlement for the \$750K of Bad Debt Loss noted at the AUG 06 MC Meeting
- 6) IT Report
- a. Discussed Data Retention Straw-man – IT will put a timeline together for discussion before implementation
 - b. Requested feedback on current process of notifying MP's of impending software deployments 2 weeks prior to and then 48 hours prior to the actual
 - c. Discussed IT proposal for Comprehensive Bid Management project to ultimately replace MIS. One concern raised by a number of MP's is the potential to replace csv files with XML.
 - d. PPT has heard that from a BAWG perspective Web-based Reconciliation is the Number 1 priority
- 7) Billing & Accounting Manual Review
- a. Weekly review calls wrapping up – will be a call this Thursday, October 12 – after discussion of Shorten Final Bill Tariff Language