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BAWG met on 10/11/06, 10/12/06, 10/17/06, and 10/23/06 and discussed the following:

10/11/06 – Joint BAWG/MSWG Meeting after BIC (3PM – 4:30PM)

- 1) Participants reviewed and discussed the NYISO presentation on the calculation of RS #3 Operating Reserves:
 - a. Differences between the current approved Tariff Language and the Billing & Accounting System
 - b. Total market net dollar impact of these differences
 - c. NYISO's proposal for resolving the issue
 - d. NYISO Staff indicated they would provide the specific dollar impact to those MP's who requested the information through Customer Relations.
- 2) NYISO explained the reason for declaring "extraordinary circumstances" for the March 2005 Final Bill.
- 3) NYISO explained why they did not declare an "extraordinary circumstance" for the February 2005 Final bill.

10/12/06 – Special BAWG Conference Call (1PM – 3PM)

- 1) Participants discussed the final draft of proposed tariff language to be filed for FERC approval concerning Shortening the Final Bill Cycle.
- 2) Proposed language to be presented to the NYISO Board of Directors for approval at their October 16-17 meeting.
- 3) BAWG comments were taken and final language will be circulated to the Chairs and Vice-chairs of the BIC, OC and MC for final approval prior to submission to the NYISO Board.

10/17/06 – Special BAWG Conference Call (10AM – 1PM)

- 1) Uplift and Virtual Trading – Nicole Bouchez gave an informative presentation on the breakdown of the components of RS #1 Ancillary Services with historical information. Additional information will be provided and discussed at a future BAWG meeting. In particular BAWG has an interest the specifics of this information for June 1, 2006.
- 2) TSA – Rick Gonzales provided a valuable discussion on a May 2003 NYISO document regarding the "Methodology for Calculating Costs Attributable to Thunderstorm Alerts". This discussion was in response to BAWG questions regarding the inclusion / exclusion of certain items in the TSA calculation (ex: virtual trading impacts, DAM Contract Balancing, BPCG for GT's committed for TSA but not run). Follow-up discussion among BAWG members on this issue will take place at the November 15 BAWG meeting.

10/23/06 – Regularly Scheduled BAWG Meeting (10AM – 3PM)

- 1) Shorten the Final Bill

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- a. NYISO Board approved the filing of tariff language at October meeting – tariff language being finalized by NYISO legal – anticipate filing by end of October – NYISO will post a link to filing to the CSET (billing) server list when filed with FERC
 - b. Discussed metering timeline and protocols – email notices to the market on critical dates. NOTE: It was noted that all MP's have the responsibility to ensure the appropriate individuals are added to the email list for these notifications.
 - c. Discussed format of progress reports to BIC regarding the status of meeting the Implementation Requirements contained in the BIC/MC motion information. BAWG will finalize format at next meeting.
- 2) NYISO Staff indicated potential revisions to the credit policy, bad debt loss policy, and working capital rebalancing would be discussed at a joint S&P/Credit Policy meeting on October 31 – BAWG members were encouraged to dial in.
- 3) Legal Issues Discussion
- a. Operating Reserves – BAS not consistent with Tariff post SMD2 (FEB05) – prior to FEB05 BAS and Tariff consistent – NYISO wants to change Tariff back to pre-FEB05 words and apply retroactively - means current invoices as calculated and posted would be correct – at least one BAWG member expressed concern over retroactively changing the tariff.
 - b. In-city mitigation issue – NYISO market monitoring working with MP's on this issue – no resolution at this time – impacts starting in MAR05.
 - c. In-city Capacity Mitigation issue – being discussed in the ICAP working group – appeal on this issue will be heard at the Nov BOD meeting - impacts will be going forward only - no reactive implications, therefore no impact on FBC's.
 - d. NYISO Price Correction filings – have a compliance filing due in mid-November at SP
- 4) Update on Nicole Bouchez October 17 presentation – additional charts provided breaking out TSA charges – Nicole indicated she is working on June 1 breakdown - put on agenda for November
- 5) Billing & Accounting Manual Review – expect to restart weekly review calls sometime in mid Novmeber.
- 6) Grid Accounting Report
- a. Discussed October 6 SEP06, MAY06 and SEP05 invoice
 - b. Discussed FEB05 FBC posting – NYISO Staff indicated they have received direction from legal that FBC invoices prior to MAY05 would be treated under the pre-August 2006 FERC approved tariff changes – meaning FBC's prior to MAY05 would be posted for a “30 Day” review period not a “25-day” review period.
 - c. Discussed “Pending Business Rule Design Changes, Data Corrections and Final Bill Challenge list – need to eliminate as many of the “TBD” and replace with actual dollar impacts
 - d. Continued the discussion of developing a Customer Settlements guide to capture billing process and procedures in one document

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- e. Invoice schedule does not go beyond December 2006 – NYISO Staff will check and get back to BAWG
- 7) New Proxy Busses - BAWG received a presentation and update on the current status of the new proxy busses
- 8) IT Activities
 - a. Data Retention activities – moving forward with technical aspects – no set implementation timeline at this time – expect to move the data center to Krey Blvd. location sometime in March/April 2007 time frame – expect looking at 2007 at the earliest. At this time it is expected data will be kept active in DSS for a 7 year time-period
 - b. Upcoming IT Deployments – none scheduled for remainder of 2006 - expect the January release will have a large number of items – to catch up 2006
 - c. WBR – have had a follow-up phone call and IT will post a revised WBR list of activities – moving forward on design of new system this year
 - d. MIS History file – 45 day – haven't had time to consider options discussed
 - e. NYISO indicated they will be going to XML sometime in the future as it presents a more flexible interface for the NYISO – will offer to MP's the opportunity to use it – will not withdraw support for csv - expect to support both systems initially
- 9) BI Task Force –
 - a. Will be changing some of the signing of columns that got flipped during the Sep deployment
 - b. DSS Intermediate Training held October 24-25
 - c. Next regularly scheduled BI meeting is Tuesday, November 14, 2006.