

Final Bill Task Force Meeting Notes
1/13/2003

The FBTF scope is to identify a comprehensive list of issues that will need to be addressed in order to reduce a Final Bill to 4 months.

- The time frame for these discussions is compressed and will need to be completed by the first part of May 2003, at which time the findings will be reported back to BAWG and in turn to BIC for consideration.
- The next meeting had been tentatively set for the AM of 1/22/03. Due to space limitations this meeting is being changed to a conference call on Tuesday 1/21/03 at 1PM. The dial-in number and participant code will follow later this week.
- In the meantime, please look over these notes and provide comments back to me over the next week. I'll be formulating a timeline to keep us on track and provide this to everyone a couple of days prior to the call.
- Initially, a Steering Committee was formed by the NYISO and TO's to discuss the underlying issues to reducing the Final Bill period to 4 months.
 - They were proceeding to expand the Committee to include all sectors. The FBTF discussions raised concerns about the Committee even being needed now that the FBTF has been restarted. Kevin Kypers will be taking the issues to Wes Yeomans and Larry Dewitt for discussion at the 1/16/03 BIC meeting.
 - They are expecting a blessing to continue should come from the BIC on 1/16/03. In the meantime, the FBTF will proceed with the beginning steps of defining issues and await BIC approval before moving full steam ahead.
- Issues that need to be addressed for the 12 month Final Bill to become effective.
 - End-State AGC Corrections (Basepoint comparison at 6s and 5min.)
 - AGC>SCD → BPCG is to be paid when regulating units are basepointed down.
 - Effective date PTS data corrections "crucial".
 - When voids occur in metering data a procedure was established to use the PTS data to fill-in the voids. (The procedure appears to not be working today.)
 - Currently, this process is done monthly.
 - PTS data needs to be corrected daily due to the accuracy of the data being crucial to a Final Bill at 4 months.

Past Issues

- Accuracy of input data.
 - DAM Pricing errors for 7/30/02 and 8/29/02. (It appears the billing prices were accurate and the web versions were not up to date.)
 - Metering issues persist after 2 years.

- A process is needed to resolve metering problems prior to bills being run and the ability to delegate authority is needed to remedy this issue ASAP.
- Metering true-ups outside final bill window
 - Two issues surfaced during the discussions.
 - Who has responsibility for meter read changes through 2 years (estimates and actuals)?
 - Who has responsibility for adjustments to customer bills from 2-6 years?
 - Through the conversation it sounded like this wasn't a big issue (NYSEG 1%, ConEd .5%). The TO's will need to provide monthly or annual %'s for both areas. The PSC will need to be brought into this issue to discuss avenues of resolution.
- Metering at tie-points.
 - Should the process be changed so that the best quality metering is used for meter reads, regardless of the current metering authority?
 - Tony Ilacqua spoke about the Metering Benchmark Status Report he presented to the BAWG on 12/19/02.
 - What will happen to meter read discrepancies once we've compressed to a 4-month Final Bill? Will this go to dispute resolution or be handled as a Final Bill Challenge?
- Billing and Accounting Manual
 - This is a top priority to reducing the Final Bill to 4 months.
 - Formulas and Billing Code need to be provided to MP's in advance of the Final Bill period. What is this period?
 - A procedure needs to be developed to update the Manual as modifications are made to its contents.
- Web based reconciliation
 - Technical Conference on 1/14/03.
 - Testing is tentatively scheduled for 2/24/03.
 - Full rollout scheduled for the end of March 2003.
 - FTP site will no longer be supported.
 - Successful completion of MP testing.
- Billing Code errors.
 - Dispatcher inputting errors.
 - PTS manually performed at the end of each month.

New Issues

- Cash flows
 - Shouldn't impact MP's given most of the invoice will still be paid during the month following service.
 - Will there be a reduction in security requirements under the existing policy?
- Operational Issues
 - Example (NYISO has a schedule on a generator and the TO calls another generator on-line). (Kathy)

- Continued integration of Operations into the issue discussions and the impacts of their decisions.
- Billing Schedule
 - TOL files are due 5 weeks prior to 4-month settlement.
 - Schedule needs to be revised to less than 5 weeks (3weeks?).
- Continuation of LECG reconciliation.
 - Issues need to be pulled from Andrew Hartshorn's presentation at Nov. 02 BAWG.
- Milestones to reduce current 12 month Final Bill cycle to 4 months.
 - MWh changes from 4 month to 12-month invoices. (What is the magnitude of the changes?)
 - Overall billing dollar changes from 4 month to 12-month invoice.
 - NYISO needs to demonstrate 6 months of consistently producing an accurate and timely invoice.
 - Web-based Reconciliation needs to be operational. (This was a criterion to reduce from 24 month to 12 month.)
- Alternative settlement ideas will be tabled for future discussions, at this time it is outside the direction and scope that was given too the FBTF.