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BAWG met on 12/13/06 and discussed the following:

12/13/06 - Regularly Scheduled Monthly BAWG Meeting (10:00AM - 3:00PM)

- 1) 2007 BAWG meeting schedule monthly meetings will be held during the 3rd week of the month
- 2) Ancillary Services / Thunderstorm Alert (TSA) Nicole Bouchez gave a follow-up presentation continuing the BAWG discussion regarding the allocation of TSA (thunderstorm alert) charges and the interplay between the virtual and physical markets with a focus on June 1, 2006 data. The TSA reallocation has been and will continue to be done at the 4-Month Settlement Adjustment level. In the Initial Invoice TSA charges are included in RS#1 Balancing Market Residuals.
- 3) Grid Accounting Report
 - a. Reviewed "Pending Business Rule Design Changes, Data Corrections and Final Bill Challenges" December 11, 2006 report – two new items added at end of Section I – (Improper UOL used for fixed units from 4/12/06 forward (est. small \$300-400K to one MP for entire period), and VSS LOC improperly paid due to improper setting of OOM code from MAR05 forward (est small \$370K for entire period)).
 - b. NYISO indicated they have received a DAC request from an MP that could have a significant \$ impact (will follow up at JAN07 BAWG meeting).
 - c. FBC schedule once Operating Reserve issue is resolved, NYISO will resume FBC schedule – at this time NYISO does not anticipate declaring another extraordinary circumstance for MAR 05 and months following.
 - d. Bad Debt loss noticed in 2006 but not to be settled in 2007 NYISO will provide MP's their specific share of these losses should they wish to accrue the \$ in calendar year 2006 contact Mary McGarvey.
 - e. NERC ERO charges NPCC will bill NYISO on a quarterly basis (approx. \$580K per quarter) NYISO will collect fees from all LSE's based on their load ratio shares letter agreement with NPCC not finalized NYISO tariff language will be developed for MC/EC/BOD approval in the near future 1Q07 payment made by NYISO NYISO will collect 1Q07 and 2Q07 charges from MP's once tariff language approved NYISO anticipates approval in MAR07
 - f. NYISO Strategic Plan presentation will be given to BAWG in JAN07
 - g. CriTAR ticket listing has been dismantled as a result of the new Customer Relations organization per Roger Kirkpatrick the link to let MP's view this data was deactivated and has not been reactivated but NYISO is working on getting it reactivated per certain MP's request.
- 4) Shorten the Final Bill Status
 - a. MP's going through the testing phase
 - b. NYISO/MP's have developed a set of protocols
 - c. NYISO was not able to do the analysis of the September 06 data as the queries were not developed but are in place now for checking October 2006 data, will provide results at next BAWG meeting

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- d. email notification lists have had some issues with notifications –
 NYISO reiterated their request for MP's to ensure the email notifications are getting to the right people within their organizations
- e. Not sure how many MP's are actually checking their data
- 5) Finance Product Management Update
 - a. Web-based Reconciliation discussed 2007 deliverables and schedule (see Janet Joyce presentation) improvements starting in FEB07 with final deployment currently scheduled for OCT07.
 - b. NYISO reassured MP's the computer move to Krey Blvd would not impact implementing the shorter final bill schedule.
 - c. New BAS (SSR) NYISO has hired an outside consultant to certify the new billing engine prior to its implementation.
 - d. JAN & FEB 07 releases details will be provided MP's via email in advance – DSS Pricing Data Mart on schedule for FEB07
 - e. NYISO Data Retention schedule update presentation / schedule in either JAN07 or FEB07 current thinking is that Versions go away 6 months after FBC.
- 6) NYSEG / RG&E TOL File Development presentation discussion of processes to develop TOL files
- 7) Billing & Accounting Manual Review status on hold pending completion of NYISO internal review process NYISO expects to have one last review session in JAN07 hope to get to BIC for approval in FEB07.
- 8) Daily/hourly billing data (csv) posting schedule NYISO asked for BAWG input on two potential billing data posting scenarios:
 - a. Continue as currently done (which means there could be significant data errors in the data posted) Version 1 of Daily and Hourly billing data csv files posted on day 2 for MP download and information Consolidated Invoice posted on Business Day 5.
 - b. NYISO provide "fully audited" daily/hourly billing data csv files Version 1 of Daily and Hourly billing data csv files posted by, at worst, day 9 (rather than the current day 2 posting) Consolidated Invoice posted on business day 10 (currently the 5th business day).
 - c. BAWG consensus was to stay with current process but charged the Billing Data Format TF of BAWG to develop a set of high level data submission controls for meter authority data submissions for use by all parties to catch major errors in tie-line, generator and load forecast submissions.
- 9) Legal Update
 - a. Operating Reserve Issues
 - Tariff waiver (time period MAR05 forward) waiver not yet received but expect in time to restart FBC schedule for settlement in FEB07
 - ii. NSR (time period JAN00 MAR00) brief filed 12/11/06
 - b. In-city BPCG Mitigation (time period FEB05 APR06)
 - i. NYSIO indicated FERC accepted their correction methodology FEB05 – APR05 data has been filed – NYISO feels no delay in FBC schedule will be caused by this issue

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- c. NYSIO noted other FERC filings / notices with potential impact on settlements:
 - i. NYISO complaint against SCS/Astoria
 - ii. LIPA complaint MAY06 Spot Capacity Auction complaint.
- 10) NYISO new Customer Relations Organization implemented December 12, 2006 BAWG will provide feedback at JAN07 meeting
- 11)Meter Task Force Update
 - a. looking at metering scorecard to see if the format is still applicable in light of the shorter billing cycle
 - b. revenue requirements manual –NYISO will be asking meter authorities for a migration plan to bring all meters in compliance.