

BAWG Chair's Report to BIC – August 8, 2006

BAWG met on 7/20/06 and discussed the following:

- 1) Billing & Accounting Manual Review Sessions – Randy Bowers announced he would commence weekly calls every Thursday, 1 – 3PM starting on July 27th to review sections of the manual. He intends to be done with the review in early September.
- 2) Attachment N carve-out – Kathy Whitaker indicated the NYISO would not be able to meet the schedule contained in the filing letter to FERC concerning revisions to Settlements Corrections. The NYISO will be working with LECG to resolve questions on the calculation sheets and will report to the TO's on the progress. No revised schedule at this time to address the recalculations going back to JAN04.
- 3) May 8 & 9, 2000 – NYISO Staff indicated they would invoice / pay the settlement dollars as a Manual Adjustment to those parties involved in the settlement in the JUL06 Initial Invoice which will be issued on August 7, 2006.
- 4) June 1, 2006 RS #1 Ancillary Services – NYISO Staff indicated that a portion of the extraordinarily high RS #1 charges on this day (approx. \$11M total charges to MP's for the period HB13-20) were due to a Thunderstorm Event but that some were also the result of Virtual Bidding. BAWG members requested an explanation of the allocation of the charges for this day. NYISO Staff indicated they would get a rough Thunderstorm Allocation percentage to MP's and would schedule a presentation to BAWG on Virtual Bidding at a future meeting.
- 5) JUL06 \$999,000 Manual Adjustment - NYISO Staff indicated there would be a \$999,000 Manual Adjustment assessed to withdrawals on the JUL06 Initial Invoice as a result of a Dispute Settlement with Mirant. NYISO Staff indicate MP's could get a copy of the FERC filed documents regarding this dispute by contacting their Market Relations Representative.
- 6) NYISO Staff Reports
 - a. IT Data Retention / Storage - NYISO Staff presented a “straw-man” proposal for reducing the amount of data stored on-line (proposal can be found under BAWG meeting materials). Requested MP input at the next meeting.
 - b. August 8 IT Deployment – BAWG members expressed the concern a 60 Day advance notice was not given for the implementation of new billing codes. It was noted these new codes were required under a FERC order that affected FEB05 – which will be noticed for a FBC in early September under the currently posted NYISO invoicing schedule. (NOTE: subsequent to the meeting NYISO indicated the new codes

would not be implemented in the hourly/daily csv files until September)..

- c. IT BAS Replacement Project and Web-based Reconciliation Project – NYISO is currently proposing 2007 for these projects - NYISO indicated the “new BAS” would capture all code changes to ensure it was totally tariff compliant when launched.
- d. Business Intelligence (DSS) – NYISO Staff discussed plans for pricing data mart, possible reports to provide FERC required data to MP’s, and status of additional Manual Adjustment detail.
- e. Real-time Guaranteed Payment Test – NYISO Staff presented slides report (available under meeting materials)
- f. Station Power 101 – NYISO Staff discussed a presentation of Station Power from a billing perspective (presentation under meeting materials)

Other Items:

- 1) BPCTF – It should be noted the BAWG “Milestones” list and subsequent BAWG TO Draft Timeline and shortened “Milestones Software and Process Improvements” are still under discussion at the BPCTF. BAWG feels there are a number of critical milestones required to be achieved prior to shortening the Final Bill such as:
 - a. Web-Based Reconciliation Performance Improvements: upload / download process improvements; ability for all MP’s to have their data “locked down” and notified by email should the data be unlocked or changed in any way; ability to unlock only partial sets of an MP’s data if necessary; system to track and notify affected MP’s that data has been either unlocked, reviewed and/or finalized; and absent a hard code fix of these issues a written explanation of “work arounds” the NYISO feels are satisfactory and auditable to address these issues.
 - b. CRITAR Ticket Response – NYISO should demonstrate via actual historical performance the ability to address CRITAR tickets in a timely fashion – in particular CRITAR tickets related to issues during the “25-day” FBC review period.
 - c. Lock Down of Meter Data – Commitment by ALL MP’s that tie-line and generator meter data would be “locked down” prior to the creation of sub-zonal MLOAD’s followed by the “lock down” of LSE load data prior to issuing an invoice.
 - d. Final Bill Challenge Procedure – Detailed written process of how the FBC Challenge process will work under a shortened invoicing schedule and how the NYISO proposed “Dispute Resolution” process fits in this schedule.
 - e. Software Code Change Implementation Process – written process to address the items contained in the BAWG Mission Statement as approved by BIC on November 15, 2001 – specifically items 1 b., 1 c., 4; and 5 g.
- 2) Next BAWG meeting to be held on August 17 in Albany.