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Clarification of NYISO Metering Authority Requirements

Metering Task Force of the Billing and Accounting Working Group
Agenda Item #2

Background:

The Control Center Requirements Manual (CCRM) specifies metering requirements applicable to new metering systems and equipment whose data is to be used for NYISO system operation and billing. Appendix A of this Manual details the technical specifications of the metering requirements. This Manual states in part: “To allow for timely and economical implementation of the NYISO Metering System, existing metering currently in operation for the NYISO (formerly NYPP), TO's, Eligible Customers and other applicable Participants, although not conforming to these requirements, need not be upgraded until such time that the need for upgrade or replacement is demonstrated to be operationally and economically required, or if required by the NYISO or TO Tariff.”

Problem:

Since the NYISO's inception, the market has undergone significant changes to improve and enhance the performance for the market. Many facets of the market have been called into question, analyzed and improved with the support and effort of the Market Participants. Now, more than three years after the start of the NYISO, the accuracy of the meters used to provide the data readings, for generator output and tie-line flows (which are then translated into dollar credits/charges to MP's), are still being called into question. Correct meter data is a must in order to provide an accurate invoice to all Market Participants in a timely fashion. The founders of the NYISO recognized this need as evidenced by the references in the CCRM regarding metering. Now is the time to revisit these words and make the changes necessary to assure accurate data is used in the Invoice Settlement Process. The following proposal would set into place steps to review the CCRM and ensure all NYISO Meter Authorities are in compliance with applicable meter standards. The result should enable the NYISO to deliver a more accurate invoice to the MP's on a timelier basis.

It is hereby moved that:

1. BAWG and/or it's Assigns, in conjunction with the NYISO, will review the current metering system requirements documented in the CCRM. Any changes will be provided to BIC for approval within two months after the approval of this motion.
2. Specific exceptions to the Appendix A standards may be allowed. BAWG and/or it's Assigns will identify these potential exceptions and submit to BIC for approval.

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3. The NYISO Metering Authorities (NYMA) upgrade their metering equipment to CCRM, Appendix A standards for each tie and generation point as defined in the Subzone Definitions (NYISO posted document to be updated by the Metering Inventory document).
4. The NYMA will accomplish upgrading their metering equipment to CCRM Appendix A standards within one year of approval of this motion by BIC.
5. Each subzones that has demonstrated the load is calculated entirely from meters that have met CCRM Appendix A standards are exempt from allocation of any NYISO zonal load imbalances in the determination of the billing load.
6. NYMA will submit to BAWG and/or it's Assigns a brief written update as to the progress of the upgrades on a monthly basis.
7. BAWG and/or it's Assigns, in conjunction with the NYISO, will maintain the Metering Inventory document. This document will ensure compliance with the metering standards and procedures detailed in the CCRM.