BAWG Milestones List - October 23, 2006 Update

Introduction from 9/13/06 Approved BIC Motion:

The Business Issues Committee recognizes that timely and accurate settlements form a key lynch pin in a properly functioning wholesale electricity market. Shorter settlement cycles reduce financial uncertainty and risk, allow for timely accounting of revenues and expenses, and limit the magnitude of potential default exposures. Accurate and timely settlements increase confidence in the markets and generally make sound business sense.

The Business Issues Committee approves a shortening of the NYISO Settlement Cycle, subject to NYISO and Market Participant commitments, as described herein.

A	The NYISO and its Market Participants have committed not to implement market changes without associated billing system upgrades.
B	In the event the NYISO has to correct charges outside of this billing schedule the NYISO will assess such charges in a manner consistent with a true-up methodology.
C	The NYISO and Market Participants will develop/design a comprehensive plan to upgrade the Web Based Reconciliation tool in 2007 to incorporate the changes necessary to implement the loading/echo functions previously committed to in 2003

The Business Issues Committee recommends that the Management Committee develop tariff language to submit to FERC for approval so that the NYISO can implement such provisions effective with the settlement of the charges for January 2007. The elements and timeline for the shortened settlement cycle are as follows:

Implementation Requirements from 9/13/06 BIC Motion:

		Metric	Progress	Concerns
1	The NYISO must have in place procedures and controls that provide assurance the metering data for Generator and Sub-Zonal Ties will be finalized and not subject to further revision at day sixty following the close of the billing month, and that LSE load data will be finalized and not subject to further revision at day one hundred fifty following the close of the billing month.			
2	NYISO must implement near-term performance enhancements to web-based metering reconciliation. Enhancements must include procedures and processes for data modification and finalization, data change notification, and data feasibility checks.			