

AUC Rule 004 Industry Consultation Meeting Summary

Meeting date September 13, 2017 **Time** 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Location Video conference AUC offices **Facilitator** AUC staff
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1 Introductions

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Joanne Mulders	Utility Network & Partners Inc.

2 FortisAlberta update on Southern Alberta wildfires

- FortisAlberta discussed its processes around billing for the mandatory evacuation period starting on September 8, 2017, for the Waterton- Pincher Creek – Cardston area due to the Southern Alberta wildfires. FortisAlberta noted that all electricity sites (around 1200) affected by the mandatory evacuation have been blocked for billing. FortisAlberta stated that it expected to follow similar billing processes as ATCO Electric during the Fort McMurray wildfires.
- The AESO advised that load settlement was processing normally and that the situation would be assessed at interim, monthly and final settlement, depending on the duration of the mandatory evacuation period. FortisAlberta and the AESO planned to discuss how load settlement might be affected and how charges, and potentially credits, would occur.
- FortisAlberta stated that it would keep everyone informed as to its action plan, and that it would send out a list of evacuated customer sites to retailers.
- One retailer asked for communication documentation so retailers could answer customer’s questions consistently.

3 2018 Carbon Levy rate change implementation.

- On August 23, 2017 a teleconference was held with stakeholders involved in the 2017 carbon levy implementation to re-confirm the requirements for the 2018 carbon levy rate change. The intent of the meeting was for gas distributors along with Tax and Revenue Administration representatives to provide an update of their plan on how they would handle the 2018 rate change. All stakeholders understood the process for the implementation of the 2018 carbon levy rate.
- Stakeholders at the Rule 021 and 028 industry consultation meeting agreed that there are no issues to implement the Carbon Levy rate change.

4 Component category codes issues discussion:

I. Classification of municipal assessment rider, franchise fees, rider B property tax....etc.

- The Fort Saskatchewan representative raised the issue that under the municipal franchise fee or local access fee field on customer's bills, there were charges included that did not represent the city's fee which in Fort Saskatchewan is zero. The Fort Saskatchewan representative noted that it had contacted FortisAlberta and ATCO Gas about the issue.
- FortisAlberta indicated that it had since changed its billing practice and was now sending TBF charges for local access fee with a component category code of 5002, as per Rule 004 requirements, and the charges for the property tax as a rider under component category code 5003. ATCO Gas specified that it sends both charges using 5002, but differentiate between them under the component type code. ATCO Gas indicated that it would be open to changing this practice to accommodate for the separation, if that is what was determined.

II. Component category code 5002 vs. 5003

- Bill presentation of property tax related rate riders are currently shown differently among retailers. Distributors, who currently use component category code 5002 for both the franchise/local access fee, and the property tax related rate riders, are requested to review what it would take to change the way they currently code the property tax rate riders under 5003 so that retailers can easily present the fees and taxes separately on the bills. Retailers are requested to review how they could accommodate a change in the current coding of utility's property tax related riders from distributors (i.e., switching from 5002 to 5003) and the associated timeline with making such a change.

- Responses to these action items are due by September 27, 2017. Thereafter, the group will decide the best course of action.

ACTION: Distributors are requested to review what it would take to change the way they currently code the utility's property tax related rate riders in the Tariff Bill File (Using Component Category Code 5002 vs. 5003) and the associated timeline with making such a change by September 27, 2017.

ACTION: Retailers are requested to review how they could accommodate a change in the current coding of utility's property tax related riders from distributors (i.e., switching from 5002 to 5003) and the associated timeline with making such a change, by September 27, 2017.

III. Retailer bill presentation

ACTION: Retailers are requested to advise how they currently present the local access/franchise fees and utility's property taxes on their bills by September 27, 2017. (e.g., rolling up franchise fees and utility's property taxes in one single line item? Separate lines for franchise fees and riders? Each rider has its own line item?..etc..)

5 Discussion Communities Issues:

- Discussion 01 Rule 004, EPC, Initial site energization through retailer switch
- Discussion 02, Rule 004, EEA on behalf of Encor by EPCOR, Table 4-6. Demand Determinant record content
- Discussion 03, Rule 004, ATCO Electric Rule 004 Section 4.3.1 (8) Transmission Site Mid-month Retailer or Customer Switch
- Discussion 04, Rule 004, Negative values in usage determinant record
- Discussion 05, Rule 004, AUC, A5.22 One-Time Charge Code
- Discussion 06, Rule 004, AUC, PRN
 - Since the group last met in 2015, there were some issues raised in Discussion Communities but they had not been discussed formally. After

reviewing the above listed issues, the group agreed that each of the discussions could be closed as the issues were no longer of concern to the group at this time.

- The AUC advised that it will continue to send notifications to stakeholders when an issue is raised in Discussion Communities.

<p>ACTION: The AUC to close all of the above listed issues in Discussion Communities.</p>
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6 Next steps

- The AUC to send the proposed change table to stakeholders for comment.
 - The proposed change table includes the proposal to align Table Reference ID 21 with Table Reference ID 13 in Table 3-1 Tariff Billing Events in Rule 004 which had been agreed through retailer's emails.