

## SSC Working Group Meeting September 21 Meeting Summary

<b>Meeting Date</b>	Wednesday, September 21, 2011	<b>Time</b>	10 a.m. to noon
<b>Location</b>	AUC Offices 4 Floor, 425 1 St. S.W., Calgary 10 Floor, 10055 106 St., Edmonton	<b>Facilitator</b>	AUC staff

### 1 Introductions:

Name	Company
Flora van Wageningen	AESO
Chad Crossland	AltaGas Utilities Inc.
Bruce Ramsay	ATCO Electric
Ella Kulyk	ATCO Electric
Juanito De Jesus	ATCO Electric
Nap Pepin	ATCO Electric
Anne Glass	AUC
Maria Baitoiu	AUC
Raymond Lee	AUC
Rob Thomas	AUC
Lori Harnack	Cognera Corp.
Maureen Jeske	Direct Energy
Donna Sanderow	Encana
Brian Neufeld	ENMAX Encompass
Helen McKinlay	ENMAX Encompass
Lorne McKay	ENMAX Power
Paul Lindsay	ENMAX Power
Lisa Lamers-Zuger	EPCOR Distribution & Transmission Inc.
Joel Milne-Epp	EPCOR Energy Alberta Inc.
Naomi Broni	EPCOR Energy Alberta Inc.
Angela Corsi	FortisAlberta Inc.
David Jackman	FortisAlberta Inc.
Randy Clarke	MIDAS Metering Services Ltd.
Lorraine Wigston	UCA

### 2 Review of the June 29 meeting summary:

- The group did not indicate that any edits were required to be made to the previous meeting summary.

### 3 SSC (Version 2.1) implementation (November 1 changes):

- The AUC gave an update regarding market testing plans in place for testing the November 1 changes and reminded everyone that the Zone ID field and the PFAM Adjustment Reason Code field will be added to RSA (as agreed upon during the May 25, 2011, meeting) and the Zone ID field will be added to both the TAA and the RAM transactions (as agreed upon during the June 29, 2011, meeting).
- Since the last meeting (June 29) a market testing subgroup was formed, and the group developed a test plan and a number of scenarios for testing. The testing participants will be FortisAlberta, ATCO Electric, the AESO and Just Energy.
- The market test plan and the test scenarios that were agreed upon by the market testing subgroup will be posted shortly (September 23) on the AUC website, with the test data sets to be posted throughout the month of October, as per the test plan. On October 28, the AUC will post the test results.
- One party asked for confirmation of the correct transaction layout for the revised RSA transaction. The AUC confirmed that the correct layout is the one defined in the Transaction Working Group (TWG) recommendation document.
- The AUC asked the participants if they have encountered any problems during these months with multiple settlement runs. All parties expressed that there have been no problems, and the AESO stated that they are not seeing any issues so far.

### 4 Discussion around draft documents from LSAs describing their PFAM processes

- During the June 29 meeting, Direct Energy volunteered to build a template summarizing the various LSAs' PFAM processes. Since then, Direct Energy has provided it to the others for comment.
- Comments made were that some of the information is incomplete, specifically PFAM reason codes have not been provided. The AUC questioned why the reason codes are required, since the codes are already in the code. The group indicated that not all LSAs will use the codes the same way in the same situation, and the document should clarify how to interpret the codes for the various LSAs.
- The group decided that each LSA should complete the template with its interpretation of the meaning or use of each of the reason codes and provide any other missing information. EPCOR Distribution and Transmission volunteered to coordinate the information among the various distributors to ensure completeness.

**ACTION: EPCOR Distribution and Transmission to coordinate the information among the various distributors to ensure completeness of the document (template) describing all of the LSAs' PFAM processes.**

- It was suggested that the definition or interpretation of each of the reason codes should be incorporated to the rule, but the TWG only recommended that a table be added that contained only the reason codes not the definitions, as the discussion arose after the recommendation from the working group were made.

**ACTION: The AUC to review everybody's interpretations and see if it can be added to new version. If not, the issue will be discussed further during the next meetings.**

- The AESO asked the LSAs if they are willing to send a high-level overview of what volumes they expect to have for PFAMs and how they intend to do them (monthly or when they come), as this will help AESO with monitoring. The AESO will send an email to the LSAs regarding this.

## 5 Deemed Time Working Group:

- The AUC informed the group that the Deemed Time subgroup has not yet been formed. But as it will be starting up soon, the AUC encouraged interested parties to get their contact names in to AUC soon.

**ACTION: Parties who have not already provided contact names for the Deemed Time subgroup that wish to participate should email or call Anne Glass.**

- Another issue discussed that could also be assigned to the Deemed Time subgroup was for situations where multiple changes to metering or energize status occur in the same day. In those instances, should there be multiple SMC transactions or should there only be one SMC per day (and only if there is a net change from one day to the next).
- It was agreed that this issue should be discussed in the Deemed Time subgroup.

**ACTION: ATCO Electric will be the chair for the new group.**

## 6 DropChute Working Group update:

- The AUC gave an update for the DropChute replacement. The lab tests are finished for the product. No major issues were identified from the lab test. One issue identified, however, was when the servers were intentionally shut down after a file was sent. When restarted, the file did not go through. The vendor has committed to solving the problem, but the fix might only be available for a June/July upgrade release.
- A list of volunteers has been created for testing, and they are preparing to install the software on test servers. The group is working to establish market testing scenarios and timelines for the scenarios.
- The AUC stated that the market should prepare for a DropChute replacement implementation date of approximately March 31, 2012.

## 7 SSC (Version 2.2):

- The AUC informed the group that Version 2.2 of Rule 021 will be posted on the AUC website in October for comment. Prior to posting on the AUC website, the AUC will provide a copy to this group for comment.
- A question was raised about the deadlines for RSA submission that the AESO had committed to including in its calendar. The AESO mentioned that the calendar has already been updated to include the new information.

## 8 CONP Group update:

- The AUC provided an update regarding the connection and disconnection group. The focus of the group during phase one has been on identifying and assisting customers that were disconnected during the summer but have not been reconnected when winter starts. The AUC informed the group about a straw model was agreed upon by industry and outside agencies that contained strategies for working together to identify and assist vulnerable customers.
- A pilot study will be conducted this November based on the proposed straw model which will help to further improve processes next year.
- Phase two will start up soon and it will include the issue of who has the right to disconnect for nonpayment, whether or not to lock or prevent a site from being enrolled by another retailer and other issues not addressed during phase one.
- The group asked about the status of the question that the previous CONP working group had recommended that the AUC provide an interpretation on regarding whether or not the regulations permit or deny that competitive retailers are allowed to disconnect for

nonpayment. The AUC explained that the Commission will only give an interpretation on a case-by-case basis when an application is put forward on an issue; otherwise only a rule could define who has right to disconnect. It was explained that the working group will continue to work on this in phase two.

## 9 Other new issues

- EEE Group will start up meetings again (after a summer break).
- **Issue 483** – meter reads for irrigation customers
  - FortisAlberta raised an issue through the RIM system regarding meter reads for irrigation customers that turn their breaker off before October 31. As FortisAlberta has automated meters, they can identify when a breaker is off and what the meter read is for that day. FortisAlberta asked if they can use the meter read from when the breaker was turned off for the October 31 read and for the monthly billing read in any month.
  - One retailer voiced that as long as there are no gaps in the TBF there would be no problem for them. It was also mentioned that there is a status code for sites in TBF that identify if the site is idle or energized for summer.
  - It was agreed that FortisAlberta should draft wording regarding this issues to be incorporated in the new version, if time permitted.

**ACTION: FortisAlberta to post the proposed wording through RIM for comments, under the same issue ID.**

- **Issue 484** – DER, ENR and ROR transactions
  - ATCO Gas raised a question regarding how parties are dealing with pending DER, ENR or ROR transactions when a retailer switch occurs before the work is complete. Approaches for different scenarios were proposed for each transaction.

**ACTION: Parties to put their comments into RIM for each scenario and to detail their process for each situation described in the issue. After all the comments are in, it will be determined what the next steps should be.**

- Next quarterly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2011. Agenda to follow.