

Settlement Working Group Meeting

(AUC Calgary and Edmonton Offices)

1 Meeting Details

Purpose:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Update for the proposed changes draft for SSC rule. ▪ Updates from the working subgroups 				
Date:	August 31, 2010	Start Time:	10:00 AM	End Time:	12.30 PM

2 Meeting Participants

Name	Company
Maria Baitoiu	Alberta Utilities Commission
William Chow	Alberta Utilities Commission
Rob Thomas	Alberta Utilities Commission
Anne Glass	Alberta Utilities Commission
Raymond Lee	Alberta Utilities Commission
Kirsty McDougall	AESO
Steve Lai	AltaGas
Nap Pepin	ATCO Electric
Bruce Ramsay	ATCO Electric
Julia Wareing	Cognera
Maureen Jeske	Direct Energy (Phoned-in)
Brian Neufeld	ENMAX Encompass
Bruce Chretien	ENMAX Power
Lorne Mckay	ENMAX Power
Lisa Lamers	Epcor D&T
Diane Braakman	Epcor Information Services
David Jackman	FortisAlberta
Ngan Duong	Just Energy
Susan Enskat	UCA
Lorraine Wigston	UCA
Noami Broni	Epcor Energy
Tammy Haydey	Epcor Energy
Chenelle Beck	Epcor Energy
Eva Mo	Epcor Energy
Darel Davies	UtilityNet/SpotPower
Donna Sanderow	Encana
Betty-Ann Skagen	Battle River REA (Phoned-in)
Misty Jeter	EC Power (Phoned-in)

3 Meeting Agenda

Topics
Agenda <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Introductions2. Update: Rule 021 V2.1 Draft3. Settlement Timing Implementation4. DropChute Replacement Subgroup Update5. Outstanding Issues6. Next Meeting

4 Meeting Minutes

4.1 Introductions

- Meeting participants introduced themselves and the organizations they represent.
- This meeting was held in both Calgary and Edmonton AUC's offices. Some stakeholders phoned-in to participate.

4.2 Update: Rule 021 V2.1 Draft

- AUC indicated that the two draft documents (a summary and detailed of proposed changes) were sent out to all SSC Working Group members on August 26th, 2010.
- In terms of the timelines of providing feedbacks to the proposed changes, AUC proposed to have all written comments by Monday, September 13, 2010. Written comments submitted before September 13th will be considered. A revised draft of the proposed changes will be re-circulated to all SSC Working Group members. AUC will post the revised draft on the AUC's website for external consultation in the beginning of October. SSC Working Group members should include their comments made at today's meeting in their submission. All written comments should be forwarded to Rob Thomas of the AUC.

Action: SSC Working Group members to provide written comment (using the summary template) to Rob Thomas no later than Monday, September 13, 2010.

- AUC went through the proposed changes in details and several comments were recorded as follows:
 - Section 1 includes definitions for "grouped streetlight" and "streetlight". No comments.
 - Section 4.4.4 and 4.4.5 changed interim settlement and final settlement to two months and four months respectively.
 - Section 4.6.4 changes "dispute resolution" to "PFEC and PFAM process" for small micro-generation.
 - ATCO raised concerns that if RSA transactions are applicable to section 4.6.4 (ii) about the data restatement.
 - AESO mentions that there are no rules for large micro-generation
 - Comments were made on the applicable transaction for a micro-generation site.

Action: ATCO Electric will provide a “statement” better describing the intent of the rule.

- o Section 5.2 – PFEC small changes were made
 - ATCO suggested that MEA and SEA transaction be removed from PFEC section so that to be consistent with PFAM section.

Action: Stakeholders are encouraged to provide written comments if they wish the transaction to be eliminated from PFEC section.

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- o Section 5.3.1- Scope
 - AUC suggested that section 5.3.1 (6) can be removed from this section if clarification is given in section 4.6.4

Action: Stakeholder should provide their comment on this issue when submitting their comments for the proposed changes draft.

- o Section 5.3.3, a new section was inserted for Site Levels Errors identified by Parties other than LSA as well as a section for System Level Errors describing how PFAM would be used to address these errors. Also, the section regarding frivolous or vexatious claims was eliminated from the rule.
 - ATCO suggested that the words “that would have been settled” from 5.3.3 (c)(i) be changed to “provided to LSA”. Also, ATCO suggested that “usage consumption” be used instead of kWh. Other parties agreed on this change.
 - With respect to the graphical illustration of the PFAM timeline (Figure 1), it was suggested that July 31 be added to the example so that is easier to understand where the cut-off period is.
 - ATCO raised concerned about the RAM section,
 - ATCO addressed the group and asked if a wire owner would issue a PFAM in order to It was agreed upon that Figure 1 PFAM Example will be moved to RSA section 5.3.5(2)(a).
 - All parties agreed to change throughout the PFAM section “transaction” with “transaction set” where applicable.
 - ATCO indicated that RAM transaction is missing from the System Level Errors section.
 - Enmax noticed that the reference to section 5.3.5(3)(c) in System Level Errors might not be the appropriate one.
 - The group raised discussion about the 8 year limit for eligible financial adjustment intervals.

Actions:

- AUC will replace kWh with “usage consumption” when no quantifying measure is required (not for the case where 100kWh limit is specified).
- AUC will add July 31 to Figure 1 PFAM Example to clarify the delimitation areas.
- AUC will move Figure 1 PFAM Example to RSA section 5.3.5(2)(a).
- AUC will change the reference to section 5.3.5(3)(c) in System Level Errors with the appropriate one.
- Stakeholders agreed to change the “transactions” to “transactions set”

- The stakeholders should give comments regarding the change or acceptance of the 8 year limit for financial adjustments

- Section 5.3.5
 - All parties agreed upon the removal of the reference to bilateral errors from this section.
- Section 5.3.8 was added so that a classification by reason code of PFAM is available to retailers.
 - Discussion regarding the use of a separate report or the use of RSA transaction form with an added field for reason code.

Action: The working group members should review the addition field (field sequence #14) of the RSA transaction and estimate how long it will take to put a reason code on a RSA transaction.

- Sections 6 to 12 and Appendix A:
 - All proposed changes were based on the recommendations from the sub-working group and have been approved to the SSC Working Group members at the previous meetings.

Action: The working group members are encouraged to review those changes.

4.3 Settlement Timing Implementation

- In shortening the settlement cycle, SSC Working Group members agreed that an implementation plan is needed.
- One of the options is to eliminate several interim settlement runs. However, it is not certainly what the impact to AESO and retailers is.
- Working Group members agreed that that AUC to draft a “timeline guide” for the transition process and send it out for comments.

4.4 DropChute Replacement Subgroup Update

- The group reviewed the list for the potential vendors. Arc Business Solution (consultant engaged in vendor’s selection process) is conducting a second analysis from a vendor list (12 vendors). It’s anticipated that the short-list should have no more than 4 vendors.
- A draft RFI will be circulated among the DropChute Working Group members for comments.
- No further comments or questions were mentioned.

4.5 Outstanding Issues

- Sub working groups for the coming year meetings are proposed as follows:
 - COMP (Cut Off for Non-Payments) (New)
 - DropChute Replacement (existing)
 - Transactions Review (existing)
 - Enrolments and Energization (New)

- ATCO suggested that a group for improving customer transactions and the quality of data be formed at some point in time.
- AUC indicated that the bulletin has been posted on AUC's web announcing a process start for developing the natural gas settlement system code. Interested stakeholders should contact Anne Glass.
- AUC follow up with regarding the current DOE's micro-generation regulation. The DOE has no plan to change the regulation yet and is awaiting to meet the target of 300 micro-generation sites.

Action: For those who would like to participate the Enrollment and Energization subgroup, please forward you name to Anne Glass.

4.6 Next Meeting

- Meetings for SSC Working Group will occur on the last Wednesday of each month. A re-occurrence meeting schedule will be sent out shortly.
- In accordance with the schedule, the next SSC working group meeting is set on Wednesday, September 29, 2010.