

**AUC Rule 021: Settlement Systems Code
SSC Working Group
Meeting Summary**

Meeting Date	January 28, 2009	Time	9:30 to 15:00
Location	Alberta Utilities Commission Fifth Avenue Place, 4 th Floor 425-1 st Street SW Calgary Main Boardroom	Facilitators	AUC Staff

Present:

Name	Organization
Rob Thomas	AUC
Will Chow	AUC
Raymond Lee	AUC
Kirsty McDougall	AESO
Satar Parhar	ATCO Electric
Bruce Ramsay	ATCO Electric
Jennifer Bell	ATCO Gas
Don McPhee	ATCO Gas
Brian Jackowich	AUMA
Bob Deyl	Deyl Group/ DOE
Anne Glass	Direct Energy
Maria Gallant	Encana
Donna Sanderow	Encana
Leslie Howell	Energy Savings Group
Dean O'Bray	ENMAX Energy/Encompass
Brian Neufeld	ENMAX Energy/Encompass
Paul Lindsay	ENMAX Power
Lorne McKay	ENMAX Power
Shun Fung	EPCOR Distribution and Transmission
Joel Milne-Epp	EPCOR Energy Services
Angela Corsi	Fortis Alberta
David Jackman	Fortis Alberta
Randy Clarke	Midas Metering Services Ltd.
Rick Cowburn	UCA
John Hutchison	Valeo Power
David Lenz	Valeo Power
Darel Davies	Utilitynet

Background

- Review of the parking lot issues identified in 2007 SSC WG.
 - Issues carried over from the 2007 SSC WG, the “Parking Lot Issues”, together with new identified issues will be reviewed. These are 75 old issues and 63 new issues. [Note: Detailed issue list is attached separated]
 - In order to resolve issues in an effective manner, five sub-groups have been struck to deal with settlement issues. It is anticipated that each sub-group will meet individually, prioritize issues and bring forward a resolution plan to the next meeting. AUC is seeking volunteer to lead the sub-groups. AUC will have staff attend each sub-group’s meetings.
 - With respect to the PFAM process, AUC indicated that they have engaged a consultant to re-write the PFAM section. A draft will be circulated among market participants for comment once it is completed.
 - Recommendations from SZAWG have been implemented by the AESO and wire owners. AESO is undertaking the compliance monitoring.
- Scope of Work and WG Policy
 - The AUC stated that comments and inquiries are submitted without prejudice and stakeholders will be able to table ideas in an unofficial manner.
 - AUC staff reminded the group that there will be a focus on *interpretation and implementation* of the code rather than fundamental changes to the intent of the code.
 - The WG will attempt to address Settlement System Code issues in such a way that priority issues will be resolved to keep in line with upcoming AMI issues.
 - Issues regarding transitioning Data and Transport Protocols (CSV, Dropchute, XML, sFTP) will be tabled until the AUC conducts further analysis in conjunction with AMI working groups.

Review “2009 SSC WG Issues” – Issue Related Discussions (for detailed review, reference to 2009 SSC WG Issues):

- All issues (#1-93) were reviewed and categorized.
- The bulk of the 2009 issues have been divided amongst the active subgroups. When the participation of the subgroups has been finalized, AUC staff will send out an issue summary highlighting the specific issues each group is responsible for.
- The 5 Subgroups are named as follows:
 - Definitions,
 - Supplementary Table Review,
 - Specific/Cancellation Transactions:

- Retailer De-select Issues,
 - Street Light
- Specific issues are assigned to the following sub-groups:
 - Definitions Subgroup will be dealing with issues (1, 7-11, 13-32, 34, 40, 85).
 - Supplementary Table Review Subgroup will be dealing with issues (39, 87, 93).
 - Specific/Cancellation Transactions Subgroup will be dealing with issues (46, 66, 68, 76, 83,).
 - Retailer/De-select Issues Subgroup will be dealing with issues (49).
 - Street Light Issues Subgroup – The Street Light Subgroup was struck to specifically deal with defining a standard for street light sites.
 - The working group has determined the organizations that will be participating in the subgroups and specific representatives are to be determined by response to the AUC by Friday February 6, 2009.
 - The AESO will follow-up with the AUC in regards to DSM transactions; specifically Daylight Saving Time and separation from the Main SSC (issues 35, 36, 75).
 - AUC indicated that the practice of providing exceptions will no longer be used. Discussion about non-compliance will be conducted. The end-goal is to create a system where participants move from non-compliant to compliant over a series of distinct phases.
 - The AUC, along with the AESO will work together on issues surrounding System Performance Diagnostics. Specifically clarifying the requirements highlighted in sections 6.5.3 and 12.2.2.
 - An extended discussion revolved around the role of LSA's and their requirement to perform self-diagnostics. A System Performance Diagnostic standard may need to be implemented to clarify the role of the LSA in this capacity. ALL LSA's will be submitting a proposal to AUC and AESO (issue 44).
 - ENMAX to submit proposal to review process and set standards for when a site switches from one wire owner to another (issue 47)
 - The AUC will review Meter Data Collection requirements (issue 50).
 - The AUC and AESO will work together in resolving the business days issue (issue 63).
 - The AUC to clarify Loss Calculations notification issue (issue 69).
 - ATCO Electric to submit proposal to review section 6.4.1.1 in respect to line losses (issue 74)

Discussions un-related to specific issues:

- Certain discrepancies exist between practice/implementation and written code. The WG will highlight the rule change process and discuss if/how/when changes to rules will be made to make industry practices coincide with code rules.

- Street Lighting Issues (definitions of a site and application of the code) have been assigned to the Street Light Issues Subgroup. A framework for application of a standard was discussed.

Housekeeping:

- Due to timing, a number of new issues were not addressed on Wednesday January 28, 2009. These issues, including the AESO MDM presentation, will be delayed until the next 2009 SSC WG meeting and be given a top priority at that time.
- Further meetings will be organized and facilitated by AUC staff. These meeting will be help to highlight progress that the subgroups have dealt with and to integrate them into the greater SSC framework.
- Timing of future meetings will be decided in conjunction with other major industry WG such; namely, AMI working groups.
- Next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday February 25, 2009 from 10:00 to 2:00 pm. AUC will co-ordinate the video-conference facility with those parties that prepared to attend from the AUC Edmonton's offices.