

Smart Metering Entity (SME) License Order Working Group

Excerpts from Meeting No. 1

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Project Planning – Preliminary Feedback, Timelines

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Review of the Preliminary Feedback from LDCs

Highlights of initial feedback gathered through a joint call of the Smart Metering Steering Committee (SSC) and the MDM/R Technical Panel members on February 8th:

Privacy

- Points raised around the collection of Postal Codes
- LDCs are authorized to collect their customers' data; however they expressed concerns regarding their ability to share it with the SME
- Any initiative that involves the collection of personal information must be properly managed and communicated to consumers
- Agreement that privacy considerations and analysis may take a longer than expected or anticipated period of time

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Timelines

- The timelines in the Order are ambitious and will require a concerted effort among multiple stakeholders

Data Gathered – Postal Code

- Advised that Postal Codes are not necessarily associated to the service location where the energy consumption occurs, but rather can be the billing address or a Post Office box address.
- Not all LDCs have a validation process for Postal Codes for their customers
- Many advised that GPS Coordinates are used within their CIS systems to identify service location

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Data Gathered – Distributor Rate & Commodity Rate Class

- There isn't common nomenclature being used by all LDCs and would need to be defined throughout the province for consistency
- Potential for a single customer being coded to a specific Distributor Rate Class

Data Gathered – Occupant Change Data

- Require verification that “Occupant Change Data” is equivalent to “Move-in/Move-out Data”
- Move-in/Move-out Data can be captured but does not determine if there has actually been an occupancy change

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Third Party Access

- Clarification is required around what is meant by Third Party Access
 - Direct access to the system?
 - Ability to request information?

Implementation Considerations

- Implementation Plan should not compromise the billing operations of the LDCs and options should be investigated to minimize any costs

Preliminary Project Plan

Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17
Early meetings with various groups	Working Group Formed and Kick off Meeting	Ongoing Working Group Meetings									
Technical Scoping & Requirements (IESO, LDCs)							Technical Implementation and Testing (IESO, LDCs)			Go Live	
							SME License Application & 3rd Party Access Plan	Documentation & Training			
Regulatory Activities											

Meeting Conclusions, Next Meeting Planning

Working Group Co-Chairs

Next Steps

- Publish the meeting minutes and distribute to members
- Conduct discussions with Canada Post
- Evaluate the option to contract with a third party to conduct a Re-identification Analysis
- Start the technical assessment for the collection of the new fields
- Next meeting: April 7th, 2016