

Settlement Meter Data Applications Working Group (SE-113)



Minutes of Meeting

Date held: October 31, 2013	Time held: 9:00 am – 11:00 am	Location held: Webinar only
Invited/Attended:	Company name:	Attendance Status: (R)egrets; (S)ubstitute; (TC) Teleconference
Campbell, Bob	Enersource Hydro Mississauga	TC
Hakeem, Ramez	Enersource Hydro Mississauga	TC
DeLuca, Kristy	EnWin Utilities Ltd.	TC
Broadfoot, June	EnWin Utilities Ltd.	TC
Maddix, Melanie	Goreway Station Partnership	TC
Kant, Xenia	Hydro One	TC
Stewart, Marj	Innisfil Hydro	TC
Chan, Andrew	Ontario Financing Authority	R
Chang, Monica	Ontario Power Generation	TC
Sederias, Florin	Ontario Power Generation	TC
Bremner, Shawn	Portlands Energy Centre	TC
Nunes, Gary	Rodan Energy Solutions Inc.	R
McMillan, Erin	Utilismart Corporation	TC
Stojanovic, Zoran	Utilismart Corporation	TC
Gash, Julie	Veridian Connections Inc.	TC
Tandon, Geetika	Veridian Connections Inc.	TC
Alexandru, Dan	IESO	TC
El-Madhoun, Mohamed	IESO	TC
Orozco, Luis	IESO	TC
Smith, Hanna	IESO	TC
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Please report any corrections, additions or deletions e-mail to stakeholder.engagement@ieso.ca .		

All meeting material is available on the IESO web site at:
http://www.ieso.ca/imoweb/consult/consult_se113.asp

Item 1 Welcome, Review of Meeting Agenda

Hanna Smith of the IESO welcomed attendees to the second (SE-113) Settlement Meter Data Applications Working Group session.

Item 2 Project Overview and Survey Results

Luis Orozco of the IESO provided an overview of the settlement meter data applications project and the results of a customer survey on current MV-Web system features. In terms of stakeholder participation, Luis explained that the market testing phase will be subject to input from working group members.

Item 3 Proposed System Changes

Mohamed El-Madhoun of the IESO described the current versus proposed IESO practices relating to the versions and availability of meter and delivery point data in the IESO's revenue metering system.

Member Questions, Comments and Discussion

A member asked if the file formats for retrieved meter data are intended to remain the same.

The IESO responded that the file formats will not change and may be expanded on (e.g. to XML) if possible and useful to system users. This matter will be discussed at later working group sessions.

A member asked if the proposed changes to delivery point data will have an impact on EDI data.

The IESO responded that there will essentially be a one-day delay for market participants to receive their EDI data.

A member expressed concern that the delay may affect the ability of distributors to submit their Form 1598 data by the deadline (4 business days after the end of each month).

The IESO committed to look into the matter and follow up with members before or during the next stakeholder meeting.

A member asked if the settlement calendar will be affected.

The IESO indicated that the settlement calendar will not be affected. The proposed changes would only affect the timing in which data is pushed within IESO systems.

A member suggested that a slide representing the timing of meter data availability would be improved by using a future year rather than 2013.

The IESO noted the suggestion.

A member requested further clarification that EDI data wouldn't be phased out as part of the proposed changes.

The IESO confirmed that it does not plan to change the availability of EDI data.

A member requested clarification on the availability of data for a month's period in the proposed new system – would the data be provided for a full month leading up to the request, or would it be only for the calendar month in which the request was submitted?

The IESO responded that it would confirm the answer and follow up with the working group after the stakeholder session.

A member reiterated the concern that distributors would have one less day to prepare and submit Form 1598 data.

The IESO committed to look into the matter and follow up with members before or during the next stakeholder meeting.

A member requested clarification on the term “post-final”.

The IESO explained that “post-final” refers to data that has already been finalized and used to prepare invoices, which is older than 18 trade dates. In the current system, adjustments to post final data could negatively impact the calculation of data that hasn’t yet been finalized. The proposed new system would resolve this issue.

A member asked if post-final versions are currently available.

The IESO explained that it is only available in certain circumstances, provided examples and confirmed that the calculations are currently done off-line.

A member asked if the translation of the MV-90 flags would be maintained in LPS, and recommended that the IESO carefully consider warning status messages.

The IESO noted the recommendation and explained that it intends to maintain current functionality. Any changes would be subject to stakeholder consultation.

A member inquired whether delivery point data versions (current, initial, preliminary, final) for a particular trade day would be made available in a single document, like a report, in the proposed new system.

The IESO committed to providing an answer to members before or during the next stakeholder meeting.

A member requested a definition of “RMS push”.

The IESO explained that, in the proposed new system, LPS would store data and push, or transmit, it for invoicing purposes.

A member requested clarification on the term “on demand”, and communicated an understanding that channels 1 and 3 may be calculated or adjusted. The member asked if channels 2 and 4 would also be adjusted.

The IESO committed to clarifying if channels 2 and 4 are currently adjusted. The IESO also explained that the process currently used to totalize and calculated losses isn’t expected to change, nor are the results.

A member recommended that the IESO establish reasonable limits for the “on demand” accessibility of data by market participants to reduce resulting system delays.

The IESO explained that, unlike today, data in the new system will be stored, which will allow data to be available more efficiently (i.e. instead of having the system process calculations, a look up function methodology will be used).

A member asked how much of the combined data will be provided.
The IESO indicated that documentation will be provided to stakeholders on how the flags will be recognized.

Item 4 Closing Comments

Hanna Smith thanked all members for their participation and encouraged the submission of feedback to stakeholder.engagement@ieso.ca. She asked if an in-person meeting would be preferable for the next stakeholder session and attendees responded that the webinar format is sufficient.

Action Item Summary				
#	Date	Action	Status	Comments
1		Provide answers and clarification in response to questions asked during the stakeholder session.	<i>Information to be provided before or during the next stakeholder session.</i>	Stakeholder requested of the IESO