



Transmission Business Line

CUSTOMER CALL NOTES

CUSTOMER CONFERENCE CALL – SCHEDULING AUTOMATION

July 16, 2003

ATTENDEES

BPAT Attendees:

Neal Sherry

Sean Egusa

Wes Hutchison

Richard Gillman

Correne Surface

Barry Lyons

Customers on the Bridge:

PBL

PWX

Welcome & Introductions

- Richard Gillman is sitting in for Shirley today.
- Comments about the meeting announcement from PBL.
- Notice not sent by E-Tag.com
- Cancellation notice wasn't received for the last meeting.

STATUS REPORT & SCHEDULING AUTOMATION SYSTEMS UPDATE

Tags received during the past week:		Tags received during the past month	
6494	Received (2% - 118 late)	28,658	Tags Received (2% - 697 late)
5974	Approved (92%)	25,716	Approved (91%)
8	Denied (<1%)	212	Denied (<1%)
164	Adjusted (3%)	2391	Withdrawn (8%)
		36	No action (<1%)
		409	Adjusted (1%)

If you have questions, please send a request to etag@bpa.gov and we will get back to you.

The Score Cards go to anyone who asks for them. Use etag@bpa.gov to let us know if you do not now, but would like to, receive them.

SCHEDULING AUTOMATION SYSTEM STATUS UPDATE

(BPAT): Rich announced his new role as “Process and Implementation Manager” – meaning he’ll become the fulltime Scheduling Automation Manager within the scheduling group. Expect Rich to take a very active role in expediting the transition to make E-Tag the schedule.

Comment (PWX): Glad to see this new position filled.

Question (BPAT): What is important to you when making this transition?

Response (PBL): We need to understand the touch points amongst the automation systems.

(BPAT): A Business Practice Forum was held last week. Focus at the meeting was what TBL is doing with systems. Scott Simons, BPAT’s Scheduling Automation project manager, reported that he was reviewing the project from a process perspective. He promised to present key milestones for BPAT’s Scheduling Automation project soon.

(BPAT): Rich would like to coordinate the next Scheduling Automation project update with the Schedulers Power Pool Meeting. There is a push to hold a control area operators’ meeting to review the results of the recent BPAT control area survey.

(PWX): Thought the control area operators’ meeting an excellent idea.

(BPAT): Customer input from the Business Practices Forum was tying into the Scheduling Automation project. There was a growing synergy between these two activities.

Firm Redirects Update

(BPAT): Tariff revision is now with FERC for revised STF reservation process. Please make sure your comments are submitted if you have them.

BPAT has promised to have the new firm redirect process in place by mid October. Expect to have revised short term firm (STF) first come first serve reservation process ready for testing by mid to late August, testing for STF redirect of existing STF reservations by mid September and testing of redirection of long term firm (LTF) by late September.

(BPAT): Notices for Scheduling Automation issues will be distributed via etag@bpa.gov. An update is planned for distribution next week.

Path Demand Summary

(BPAT): Path demand is the part of BPAT’s Scheduling Automation that enables a transmission request to be submitted using the transmission customer’s enabling agreement number in the contract number field of the E-Tag. When a suitably authored E-Tag, using the path demand format, is processed by ETMS the enabling agreement number will be used to locate the customer’s existing short term and long term firm demand on the requested path. The requested path is defined by the POR/POD in the transmission leg associated with the transmission

customer's enabling agreement number. If there is sufficient existing demand for this request and all prior requests using the same path and enabling agreement number, the request will pass the path demand test. If there is no existing demand or all existing demand has been used by prior requests, it will fail the test. More details about path demand will be published in future Scheduling Automation updates.

Comment (PBL): PBL would like a walk through of the Path Demand process.

Comment (PWX): PWX would also like to participate in a walk through presentation.

Action(BPAT): Will arrange venue and presentation for this, probably within the next month.

REVIEW OF OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS

- Minutes from June 18th meeting need to be reissued.
- "Loss Return Mythology" has been reposted.
- Douglas – tags in and on timely basis – Outstanding.
- Meeting with PBL/Douglas – Done.

SCHEDULING BUSINESS PRACTICES AND NOTICES

Question (PBL): When was the last message sent out from ettag@bpa.gov? She hasn't received many messages lately.

Comment (PWX): Thought they were still getting their email from ettag@bpa.gov. Mike noted he's also been involved in dialogue outside this conference call for Firm Redirects.

OPEN & NEW ISSUES

None

ACTION ITEMS REVIEW

- Douglas – E-Tag in and on a timely basis. BPAT to follow-up.
- Path Demand – Arrange process walk through presentation.
- New Score Card – Ask what details to include.
- Scheduling Automation Milestones – Publish new milestones when available.
- Next Power Pool Schedulers Meeting – Send out data.

CLOSING: SCHEDULE FOR NEXT CALL

August 13, 2003

503-230-5566. The passcode is 2008#.

Send items for next call or questions to etag@bpa.gov and we will have a response for you.