

Transmission Business Line
Aug. 18, 2004 Customer Conference Call
Notes

Customer Participation

Puget Sound Electric, PowerEx, Tacoma Public Utilities, Avista, BPA Power Business Line, Snohomish, Pend Orielle County PUD

Status Report and System Update

TBL signed a contract with Open Access Technology International (OATI) on Aug. 13. TBL has also made significant progress toward implementation of its Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) No-Sanction goals. OATI will have two releases to help TBL meet its January 2005 goal: one for tagging and one for the customizations required to achieve WECC requirements. The team has diligently been going through TBL's process requirements and addressing timelines for deliverables. TBL plans to use OATI for tagging, RODS for scheduling and an internally developed tool for the tag-to-schedule match.

Scheduling Business Practices and Updates

TBL's goal is that no transaction will be untagged. We will be matching all tags with all schedules. Any schedule that is untagged will be denied, any tag without a matching schedule will be denied. Processes are being developed around that goal. In other words, we are re-engineering our current processes towards that end. There will be a posting with regards to syntax requirements (RSPP, Station Service, Losses). Customers should expect this in the next week. How schedules are to be submitted, getting accounts, etc., and processes will also be posted to OASIS in the coming weeks. We are developing a process for matching tags to schedules. The first priority is to match schedules with tags, then balance the energy profiles. There are new processes for checkout and troubleshooting. We will be addressing a miscellaneous set of requirements on curtailments, dynamic schedules, etc. Any changes will be identified through postings. The first posting will be on syntax changes.

Tag-to-Schedule Matching - Salah Kitali

TBL considers matching schedules to tags the most important part of implementing our scheduling automation processes. This will be done using a tool being built in house that resides between our scheduling system and our tagging system. The primary function of this tool: matching and balancing. We cannot approve a tag unless we can schedule it. When a tag is submitted we will find the appropriate RODs account. Additionally, balancing the system will get the information from the scheduling system and match the profile on the tag and see that they balance.

For example: Tags will have to be submitted first. The tag will then find a schedule. You will still need to call in the schedule. Then the system will make sure the schedules and tags balance.

Question: Is this a stopgap solution?

Answer: Yes, this is Phase I. We are working towards the next phases so we can get off RODs as a scheduling system.

Question: What are the timeline changes for submitting schedules?

Answer: The current scheduling timelines will remain.

NOTE: We will be working diligently to come out with postings to make it crystal clear the changes that are coming. We will start phasing these changes in. Nothing changes for submitting a schedule, in Realtime or Preschedule.

Simplification of RODs Accounts - Suzie Stone

Account Building created new SW accounts from "1 to many" to a "1 to 1." The simplification is done and considered successful. This helps us to be more efficient in matching our tags to schedules.

Miscellaneous

You should expect to see us announce when we will cutover to the new OATI tagging system. At the time of cutover, we will have to ask customers with multi-day tags to re-submit tags.