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Master List of Definitions

- RXQ.0.2.1** **Applicable Regulatory Authority:** The state regulatory agency or other local governing body that provides oversight, policy guidance, and direction to any parties involved in the process of providing energy to retail access Customers through regulations and orders.
- RXQ.0.2.2** **Applicant:** The party seeking credit from another party.
- RXQ.0.2.3** **Assumption of Receivables:** The payment processing method in which the Billing Party assumes the Non-Billing Party's receivables and sends the Non-Billing Party payment at predetermined intervals for all Non-Billing Party amounts that are billed, payable to the Non-Billing Party, and do not have a status of In Dispute, in accordance with the tariff, Billing Services Agreement or other Governing Document regardless of when (or whether) the Customer pays the Billing Party.
- RXQ.0.2.4** **Billing Party:** The party performing billing services for one or more parties.
- RXQ.0.2.5** **Bill Ready:** A Consolidated Billing practice in which the Billing Party receives the calculated charge amount(s) directly from the Non-Billing Party in lieu of the Billing Party calculating it directly from the rate.
- RXQ.0.2.6** **Billing Services Agreement:** A legally binding document between the Distribution Company and the Supplier used when one of the parties is performing Consolidated Billing for the other party. Such document sets forth the expectations and responsibilities of each party.
- RXQ.0.2.7** **Business Day:** As defined in the Governing Documents.
- RXQ.0.2.8** **Cash Deposit:** Money provided by one party to the other to secure performance of an agreement or compensate for possible loss or damage.
- RXQ.0.2.9** **Certificate of Authority:** A document attesting to the name(s) and signature(s) of the officer(s) authorized to execute a particular instrument.
- RXQ.0.2.10** **Challenge:** The Applicant's request for a review of the Creditor's creditworthiness determination made shortly after that determination.
- RXQ.0.2.11** **Confidential Information:** Nonpublic information concerning the financial condition of the Applicant, or any of the Applicant's affiliates, that is disclosed to the Creditor by or on behalf of the Applicant or Applicant's affiliates.
- RXQ.0.2.12** **Consolidated Billing:** The billing option in which the Distribution Company or Supplier renders a Customer bill consolidating the energy, transmission / transportation and distribution charges of the Distribution Company and the Supplier, for which a single payment from the Customer is expected.
- RXQ.0.2.13** **Credit Application Form:** The Creditor's form for obtaining identification and financial data about an Applicant.
- RXQ.0.2.14** **Creditor:** The party granting credit to another party.
- RXQ.0.2.15** **Cure Period:** A period of time specified in a contract allowing a defaulting party to rectify the default, during which time the Creditor would not be allowed to exercise its remedies.
- RXQ.0.2.16** **Customer:** Any entity that takes gas and/or electric service for its own consumption.
- RXQ.0.2.17** **Distribution Company:** A regulated entity which provides distribution services and may provide energy and/or transmission/transportation services in a given area.

- RXQ.0.2.18** **Distribution Company Operational Manuals:** Documents prepared and published by Distribution Companies that describe, in detail the operating processes/procedures used to perform retail access functions.
- RXQ.0.2.19** **Distribution Company-Supplier Service Agreement:** A bi-lateral contractual agreement between the Distribution Company and the Supplier that determines the parties' roles, responsibilities, and interactions in serving retail access Customers. Usually this will be the master agreement that will cover most aspects of providing retail access service. There may be one or more subsidiary agreements, covering specific functional areas.
- RXQ.0.2.20** **Dual Billing:** The billing option in which the Distribution Company and Supplier render separate Customer bills for the products and services each provides.
- RXQ.0.2.21** **Event-driven Reconsideration:** A re-evaluation of an Applicant's creditworthiness performed in response to a Material Change in its credit rating or financial condition
- RXQ.0.2.22** **Governing Documents:** Documents that determine the interactions among parties, including, but not limited to, regulatory documents (e.g., tariffs, rules, regulations), contractual agreements, and Distribution Company Operational Manuals.
- RXQ.0.2.23** **Guarantor:** The issuer of a Guaranty.
- RXQ.0.2.24** **Guaranty:** An obligation to pay the unpaid obligations of a third party Applicant to Creditor upon certain conditions being met.
- RXQ.0.2.25** **Letter of Credit:** A letter issued by a bank authorizing the beneficiary to draw up to a stated amount of money from the issuing bank, its branches, or other associated banks or agencies, provided that the drawing conditions of the letter are met.
- RXQ.0.2.26** **In Dispute:** A bill status that prevents collection action from being taken on the disputed amount.
- RXQ.0.2.27** **Market Participant:** A party engaged in the process of providing competitive retail energy to end-use customers including, but not limited to, the Distribution Company, the Supplier, the Registration Agent, the settlement agent, and the meter reading entity.
- RXQ.0.2.28** **Market Participant Service Agreements:** All contractual agreements between or among Market Participants that determine the parties' roles, responsibilities, and interactions in serving retail access Customers. These include the Distribution Company-Supplier Service Agreement and any other agreements executed by Market Participants to facilitate retail access (e.g. a contract between a meter reading entity, the Distribution Company, and the Supplier detailing how usage data will be provided).
- RXQ.0.2.29** **Material Change:** Any change in the Applicant's (or Guarantor's) financial or other condition that might reasonably affect the amount of credit extended to that Applicant or may impact the Applicant's ability to perform on its obligations.
- RXQ.0.2.30** **Non-Billing Party:** The party whose charges are being combined into a statement (or invoice) prepared and rendered by another party.
- RXQ.0.2.31** **Pay As You Get Paid:** The payment processing method in which the Billing Party forwards payment to the Non-Billing Party for the Non-Billing Party charges only after receiving payment.
- RXQ.0.2.32** **Prepayment:** Money provided by one party to the other to pay for goods or services not yet rendered.
- RXQ.0.2.33** **Rate Code:** A product identifier used in a billing system which contains all information, such as description and price, needed to bill for that product. One or more Rate Codes may be billed on a single account.
- RXQ.0.2.34** **Rate Ready:** Refers to the practice in which the Non-Billing Party provides rate information to the Billing Party sufficient to calculate the Non-Billing Party's charges.

- RXQ.0.2.35** **Registration Agent:** An entity facilitating switches and performing record-keeping for a specified geographical area.
- RXQ.0.2.36** **Security Interest in Collateral:** A right, title, claim, or share in assets that exists by contract as security for payment or performance of an obligation that is acceptable to the creditor.
- RXQ.0.2.37** **Service Delivery Point:** A physical metered and/or unmetered service location supplying energy to a Customer premise.
- RXQ.0.2.38** **Single Retail Supplier Billing:** The billing option in which the Supplier renders a Customer bill for all energy, transmission/transportation, and distribution related charges. The Supplier purchases or otherwise acquires energy, transmission/transportation and distribution services, and therefore all charges on the bill are Supplier charges. A single payment from the Customer is expected.
- RXQ.0.2.39** **Supplier:** Persons engaged in the competitive sale of energy to end-users.
- RXQ.0.2.40** **Surety Bond:** An obligation of a third party that covers payments to the Creditor in the event that the Applicant fails to meet its obligations.
- RXQ.0.2.41** **Switch Request:** A request from a Supplier to switch a Customer to begin receiving service from that Supplier.
- RXQ.0.2.42** **Uniform Electronic Transaction:** Standard data arrangements for trading information, making business requests and exchanging other information, encompassing a number of electronic media and utilizing specified transport protocols.
- RXQ.0.2.43** **Trading Partner Agreement:** A legally binding agreement between any two Market Participants defining each party's expectations and responsibilities for doing business with each other using Uniform Electronic Transactions.