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Wholesale Gas Quadrant (WGQ) Annual Plan Update

Contracts

1. Complete the development of the contract for purchases and sales of natural gas.

Status: Complete with the exception of credit annex.

Contracts

2. Develop the Mexican Addendum to the base contract for purchase and sales of natural gas.

Status: 4'th Qtr, Assigned to the Contracts Subcommittee

Contracts

3. Build an electronic contract for the base contract for purchase and sales of natural gas.

Status: 4'th Qtr, Assigned to the Contracts Subcommittee

Contracts

9. Modify the Funds Transfer Agreement as necessary after several years of use.

Status: Complete.

Electronic Delivery Mechanisms and Related Activities

4. Complete technical implementation of Sandia recommendations.

Status: Complete.

Electronic Delivery Mechanisms and Related Activities

5. Explore additional possibilities for partnership with the Department of Energy similar to that of the Sandia report.

Status: 3rd Qtr, Assigned to EC Officers discussion underway.

Electronic Delivery Mechanisms and Related Activities

6. Review and enhance security standards as required by technological changes.

Status: Complete with the completion of AP Item no. 4, additional work may be required as an outcome of AP Item no. 5.

Electronic Delivery Mechanisms and Related Activities

7. Develop XML technical implementation for base contract and for scheduling documents necessary to complete the pilot program.

Status: Subcommittee work suspended.
Assigned to the XML Subcommittee

Standards Implementation

8. Continue the implementation of FERC Order No. 637 standards as specified in the Order 637 work plan defined by the Order 637 GISB Action Subcommittee.

Status: Complete.

Standards Implementation

10. Develop standards as necessary to implement the FERC order as a result of Docket No. RM96-1-019 (Partial Day Recalls).

Status: 4'th Qtr, in progress.

Provisional Activities

Examine report and determine if an "energy day" standard is needed, including assessment of changes to existing GISB standards.

Provisional Activities

Determine if a standard transportation services agreement is needed and if so, develop it.

Provisional Activities

Determine if a model financial hedging agreement is feasible and if so develop a model financial hedging agreement.

Provisional Activities

Develop standards as necessary to implement the FERC order are a result of Docket No. RM01-10-000 (Affiliate Order).

Program of Standards Maintenance & Fully Staffed Standards Work

- Business Practice Requests
- Continue review against plan for migration to ANSI ASC X12 new versions as needed and coordinate such activities with DISA.
- Information Requirements and Technical Mapping of Business Practices
- Ongoing Interpretations for Clarifying Language Ambiguities
- Ongoing Maintenance of Code Values and Other Technical Matters

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Retail Electric Quadrant (REQ)
2002-2003 Annual Plan Update



Retail Access Uniform Business Practices (UBP)

1. Billing & Payments

Develop practices for billing customers and remitting payments to parties providing services to the customer.

Status: 1'st Qtr 2003, Assigned to the Customer Processes Subcommittee

Retail Access Uniform Business Practices (UBP)

2. Creditworthiness Standards

Develop practices for extending commercial credit by Distributors to Suppliers to cover financial risk.

Status: 1st Qtr 2003, Assigned to the Supplier-Utility Interface Subcommittee

Retail Access Uniform Business Practices (UBP)

3. Customer Enrollment & Switching

Develop practices for market participants to process customer switch requests, for maintaining current customer account information regarding a customer's Supplier, and for notifying affected parties.

Status: 2'nd Qtr 2003, Assigned to the Customer Processes Subcommittee

Retail Access Uniform Business Practices (UBP)

4. Supplier Licensing

Develop practices for licensing Suppliers with state utility commissions.

Status: 2'nd Qtr 2003, Assigned to the Supplier-Utility Interface Subcommittee

Retail Access Uniform Business Practices (UBP)

5. Retail Meter Data Validation, Editing & Estimating

Develop procedures for insuring the integrity and validity of retail customer metering data that is needed by utilities and suppliers for billing, load profiling, settlement, etc. Issues related to unbundled or competitive metering are not to be considered.

Status: 3'rd Qtr 2003, Assigned to the Supplier-Utility Interface Subcommittee

Retail Access Uniform Business Practices (UBP)

6. Customer Information

Develop practices for the release, collection, exchange & maintenance of customer information between Distributors and Suppliers.

Status: 3rd Qtr 2003, Assigned to the Customer Processes Subcommittee

Retail Access Uniform Business Practices (UBP)

7. Load Profiling

Develop practices for using statistical methods to estimate interval consumption by customers who do not have interval meters.

Status: 3'rd Qtr 2003, Assigned to the Supplier-Utility Interface Subcommittee

Retail Access Uniform Business Practices (UBP)

8. Customer Inquiries

Develop procedures for responding to customer inquiries directed to Distributors and/or Suppliers and for notification of the other party.

Status: 4'th Qtr 2003, Assigned to the Customer Processes Subcommittee

Retail Access Uniform Business Practices (UBP)

9. Market Participant Interactions

Develop supplier registration processes for Distributors and protocols for communications and interactions between Distributors and Suppliers.

Status: 4'th Qtr 2003, Assigned to the Supplier-Utility Interface Subcommittee

Retail Access Uniform Business Practices (UBP)

10. Utility - Supplier Disputes

Develop dispute resolution procedures applicable to differences between Distributors and Suppliers.

Status: 4'th Qtr 2003, Assigned to the Supplier-Utility Interface Subcommittee

Retail Access Uniform Business Practices (UBP)

11. Settlement Process

Reconcile energy schedules and energy delivered by suppliers within a given market. Note: will need to be coordinated with the WEQ.

Status: 1'st Qtr 2004, Assigned to the Supplier-Utility Interface Subcommittee

Data Exchange Protocols

12. Electronic Delivery Mechanisms

Develop electronic delivery mechanism guidelines including but not limited to: transactional data interchange, web sites, and bulletin boards.

Status: 4'th Qtr 2002, Assigned to the Technical Electronic Implementation Subcommittee

Data Exchange Protocols

13. Technical Electronic Implementation Standards

Billing & Payments

Status: 2'nd Qtr 2003, Assigned to the Technical Electronic Implementation Subcommittee

Data Exchange Protocols

14. Technical Electronic Implementation Standards

Customer Enrollment and Switching

Status: 3rd Qtr 2003, Assigned to the Technical Electronic Implementation Subcommittee

Data Exchange Protocols

15. Technical Electronic Implementation Standards

Metering

Status: 4'th Qtr 2003, Assigned to the Technical Electronic Implementation Subcommittee

Data Exchange Protocols

16. Technical Electronic Implementation Standards

Load Profiling

Status: 2003, Assigned to the Technical Electronic Implementation Subcommittee

Data Exchange Protocols

17. Technical Electronic Implementation Standards

Customer Information

Status: 2003, Assigned to the Technical Electronic Implementation Subcommittee

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Brief comments on Jim's Law of
Unintended Consequences