MA EBT Minutes

8/19/2020

Attendees: Eversource, NGRID, Customized, Direct Energy Services, Discount, EC Info, Engie, ESG, Hansen, Marketwise, NextEra, Residents/Town Square, Spark, Sunwave, Vistrak

1. Roll Call
2. Approve Meeting Minutes – June. Approved
3. Change Control Updates:
   * 029 – REFQY revision – revised version approved. To be incorporated in redline.
   * TBD – A13 Code update – in progress
4. K2 (kVAR) -> K4 (kVA)
   * NGRID implemented but need to roll back
   * All other deployed
5. NGRID Change Reason Code NM1MA
   * Will review and have suppressed.
6. Cap Tag Effective Dates standardization and documentation
   * When do utilities send and what are the effective dates See attached.
7. Increase Historical Usage from 12 to 24months

* Eversource - most accurate billing is 12m. Not easy to do. Include cost recovery.
* NGRID - tariff states obligated to provide 12m. Would require BPU tariff change.
* Interval data available on EPO but fees involved.
* Utilities in consensus that this would need to be a regulatory order.
* Tom Dougherty advised on other markets, need for the data increasing. Advised group should take look at full need for meter read info. Need access to the info. Bigger project with justification. Group for more cost-effective means for data collection.
  + Form a sub-group to lead initiative.
    - Engie, Direct interested.
  + Is this a call to modernize New England?
    - Something beyond EDI possibly.
  + Are utilities having internal discussion regarding technology updates and data availability
    - Eversource - outside of Daryush's involvement. Wish for legacy NStar integrated to Eversource West.
    - NGRID - echo Eversource.
    - Unitil did a CIS conversion 2 years ago.
  + NGRID has a CIS upgrade in the works.
  + Likely a 3 year initiative at least.
  + Tom to work on framework/outline and organize

1. CC for Unitil to echo back BGN02. - wish list.
2. New Business:
   * Updated Implementation Guides. Kim Wall of Hansen has taken on this task

* Expand to regional, document NH and RI. Please review and advise of any concerns.
* Started with 814E.

1. October meeting 10/14 11am – video call in lieu of annual in person

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