AMWG June Meeting Notes

Tuesday, June 16, 2015 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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1. **Antitrust Admonition** – Esther Kent
2. **Introductions** – Attendees

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| **Name** | **Company** |
| Esther Kent | CenterPoint Energy |
| John Schatz | TXU Energy |
| Kathy Scott | CenterPoint Energy |
| Clint Sandidge | Noble Energy Solutions |
| Andrea O’Flaherty | Solutions Cube |
| Carolynn Reed | CenterPoint Energy |
| Jason Moschos | TNMP |
| Jim Lee | AEP |
| Kyle Patrick | Reliant |
| Steve Brightman | SWES |
| Eric Blakey | Just Energy |
| Taylor Woodruff | Oncor |
| Doug Lewin | SPEER |
| Robert Poor | Blue Dot |
| Jae Son | Samsung |
| Michele Gregg | OPUC |
| Kendall Hestilow | Oncor |
| Steve Davis | Law Offices of Steve Davis |
| Ken Conway | Oncor |
| Norm Levine | Direct Energy |
| Kaci Jacobs | TXU Energy |
| Rebecca Reed | NRG |
| Mike Wissink | Softsmiths |
| Ivan Velasquez | Oncor |
| Cade Burks | Big Data |
| Susana Faz | CenterPoint Energy |
| Debbie McKeever | Oncor |
| Don Tucker | ERCOT |

1. **Review draft meeting notes and action items from the AMWG meeting and make necessary updates/revisions**
   * The group reviewed the May 2015 meeting minutes, and approved them with no revisions.
   * **Action Item:** *Esther Kent to send the notes to ERCOT for posting on the AMWG May 2015 meeting page.*
2. **Update on all RMS “approved” AMWG Change Requests including those voted on at the 6/2/15 RMS meeting**
   * Approved for estimation: CRs 2015-040 and 2015-042
   * Approved for prioritization/implementation:
     + CRs: 2015-029; 2015-035; 2015-036; 2015-037; and 2015-039
   * Tabled: CR 2015-018
   * AMWG Discussion on CR 2015-041 3rd Party receives 12 months usage history automatically upon customer acceptance of Energy Data Agreement. There was brief discussion during the meeting, due to the CR not being on the AMWG agenda.
   * **Action Item:** *Esther Kent to post CR 2015-041 to the July AMWG agenda*
   * **July Agenda Item:** *Discussion of CR 2015-041 and decide whether to “untable” the CR, approve, and send to RMS for approval for cost estimation*
   * **Action Item:** *Andrea O’Flaherty to investigate if the functionality already exists within SMT but is currently “turned off”.*
3. **Continue the categorization and prioritization process on RMS approved CRs**
   * The group reviewed several older, approved CRs and noted that 6 of the CRs (2013-001, 2013-003, 2013-004, 2013-008, 2013-010, and 2013-011) were specific to the development of new reports. The group questions the reasonableness of the cost for each report and the fact that each new report was a “custom build”, as compared to today’s modern data base query tools which allow for robust ad-hoc reporting.
   * The group agreed to table the aforementioned 6 CRs until the JDOA explored flexible, cost-efficient reporting options.
   * **Action Item:** *Andrea O’Flaherty will investigate reporting options, and report her findings to AMWG.*
   * **July Agenda Item:** *Discussion of reporting options to alleviate the need for custom-built reports*
   * CR 2015-029R (Allow 3rd Parties to utilize an API for on-demand data requests): The group agreed to table the CR until the conclusion of the upcoming 3rd Party Workshop or until there is evidence of a more affirmative need for the functionality.
   * **Action Item:** *John Schatz to verify that ERCOT has the “029R” version of the CR posted to the AMWG home page*
   * The group prioritized the following CRs as “Important”: CR 2015-035, 2015-036, 2015-037, and 2015-039
   * **July Agenda Item:** *Discussion of 18 CRs that were sent, upon conclusion of the June AMWG meeting, to IBM for “packaging”*
   * CR 2015-042 (Automate machine to machine consumption of 3rd Party agreement information): This functionality will automate the email notification process during the 3rd party energy data agreement process. The group reviewed the cost estimate (~$80k). The “non-automation” of this function is the primary reason why 3rd parties may not engage in the 3rd party registration process. The group agreed to approve the CR for presentment to RMS for approval for prioritization.
   * **Action Item:** *Esther Kent to post CRs 2015-042 and 2015-040 to the AMWG June meeting page*
4. **Future enhancements/change request process**

* Mr. Schatz opined that AMWG leadership will no longer sponsor “anonymous” CRs, particularly those originating from the business or 3rd party segment. The thought is that if a business or 3rd party wants to suggest a change/enhancement, that party will bring the item to AMWG for discussion. If AMWG agrees that a CR is warranted, the party will prepare the CR (ERCOT membership is not needed to sponsor a CR), and “shepherd” the CR through the process, including being available and involved in any subsequent discussions at RMS. Residential-based CRs will continue to be handled per the current process, as the group realized that residential customers may not be able to avail themselves to the ERCOT stakeholder process.
* The group also touched on the recently-issued JDOA/SMT Committee email which stated that no funds will be spent on enhancements/CRs until clearer direction is provided by PUC staff regarding the possible transfer of SMT to ERCOT. At this time, all future CRs will go through the prioritization process, and then will be held.

1. **Continue Planning for Upcoming 3rd Party Workshop**
   * The group briefly discussed ongoing preparations for the 3rd party workshop
   * **Action Item:** *Esther Kent will review the documents for the 3rd party workshop and ensure all appropriate documents are posted to the workshop meeting page*
   * **Action Item:** *John Schatz will confirm with ERCOT that the July AMWG meeting has been moved from July 21st to July 22nd.*
   * **Action Item:** *John Schatz will send respective email addresses to Robert Poor (Blue Dot), Cade Burks (Big Data), and Jae Son (Samsung)*
2. **Discuss any questions related to the SMT monthly Market reports for April**
3. **Overview of the file processing/system issues experienced May 26, May 31, and June 5**
   * Note: Agenda items #8 and #9 were discussed concurrently
   * Andrea O’Flaherty noted that the IBM maintenance processes/procedures will be reviewed in the near future. This was in response to a Market Participant comment concerning IBM’s lack of responsiveness/understanding when issues were reported to the SMT Help Desk.
   * The group had no issues or questions regarding the SMT April reports
4. **Review SMT Market notice expectations for unplanned and planned outages**
   * This group discussed guidelines for SMT Market Notices. During the discussion, there was mention of “SMT SLOs”, and where that information could be located.
   * **Action Item:** *Esther Kent to post the SMT SLOs to the AMWG main page Key Docs. Subsequent note: it was determined that the SMT SLOs were never finalized by AMIT, prior to AMWG’s existence.*
5. **Understanding the validation differences between ERCOT and SMT on LSE processing. Possibility of performing a comparison of SMT data to ERCOT data?**
   * At the conclusion of the AMS Data Workshop series, the item of LSE File Validation at SMT & ERCOT was transitioned to AMWG. As part of this topic, there are 2 items:
     + To understand/synchronize LSE file validation differences between ERCOT and SMT
     + Perform a comparison of SMT data to ERCOT data
   * The questions are aimed at data loading validations, not data integrity/accuracy validations
   * Mr. Don Tucker of ERCOT actively participated in the discussion, and the group concluded: the validation question can’t really be answered until there is definitive direction from the PUC (per project 42786) as to if SMT will transition to ERCOT
   * **Action Item:** *Esther Kent to post the ERCOT-prepared Word document to the SMT June meeting page and also to the AMWG main page Key Docs*
6. **Review AMWG Master CR and Issues Tracking Log and unresolved issues**
   * This item was not discussed
7. **Identify Items to present at the next RMS meeting**

* The following items were identified as agenda items to include with the AMWG update for the 8/4 RMS meeting:
  + 3RD Party Workshop Update
  + CR 2015-042, RMS approval of cost estimate and move to prioritization

1. **Review action items and agenda items**
   * This item was not discussed*.*

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:45 p.m.

**Next Meeting**

* + July 22: 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. – ERCOT Met Center room 168 and WebEx