LRITF Meeting

January 10, 2023

1:30 PM

ERCOT

Chris Rowley, LRITF co-Chair opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and proceeded with reading the Antitrust Admonition.

Chris introduced himself and the other 2 co-Chairs; Sheri Wiegand with Vistra and Michael Winegeart with LP&L and stated that Dawn Compton with Oncor will be running the WebEx.

Chris requested those in the room to please introduce themselves.

Attending in person:

NAME COMPANY

* SHAWNEE CLAIBORN-PINTO PUCT
* BILL BARNES NRG
* DEE LOWERREE NRG
* KYLE PATRICK NRG
* LAUREN DAMEN NRG
* NORM LEVINE NRG
* TOMAS FERNANDEZ NRG
* CHRIS ROWLEY ONCOR
* DAWN COMPTON ONCOR
* DEBBIE MCKEEVER ONCOR
* MELENDA MEAZLE ONCOR
* SAM PAK ONCOR
* CLINT GARDNER LP&L
* MATT ROSE LP&L
* MICHAEL WINEGEART LP&L
* STEVE PLINER VISTRA
* JOHN SCHATZ VISTRA
* SHERI WIEGAND VISTRA
* DAVE MICHELSON ERCOT
* ANGELA GHORMLEY CALPINE
* LEE DOUHRING CENTERPOINT
* KATHY SCOTT CENTERPOINT
* BILL SNYDER AEP

ATTENDING VIA WEB-EX

NAME COMPANY

* AMY SUE STIRLAND LP&L
* DAILEY SMITH LP&L
* JAMIE WOOD LP&L
* JENNY SMITH LP&L
* LAURA GREEN LP&L
* PAM SHAW LP&L
* ASHLEY BUSH LP&L
* KATY LP&L
* KRISTA LP&L
* JERRY ERCOT
* CATHERINE MEINERS ERCOT
* BRITTANY ERCOT
* TED HAILU ERCOT
* ERIN WASIK-GUTIERREZ ERCOT
* ERIC LOTTER GRID MONITOR
* DARRELL MILLER ESG
* MARK PEPDJ ESG
* DALE GIBBS JUST ENERGY
* LORI LEE BARFIELD JUST ENERGY
* ADRIENNE DOWNEY GEXA
* AMY MACDONALD POGO ENERGY
* CRYSTAL DIAZ CONSTELLATION
* DEB BELIN EARTH ETCH
* FRANK NUNES VERTEXONE
* YOHAN SUTJANDRA OCTOPUS ENERGY
* TAMELA APC
* KRISTIN ABBOTT
* LUKE CARTRIGHT
* MARISELA AYALA
* MARY MCIVOR
* MICHAEL JEWELL
* MOISES ELIAS
* NEAL ROPER
* NEIL BOSE
* RILLA WOLF
* SAMARA MATTHEWS WILLIAMS
* VICENTE IBARRA
* A TOBIAS
* S FISHER
* LIVIA
* NANCY

Agenda was reviewed.

**Pro-forma tariff**

Shawnee provided an update. Four sets of comments have been received and due on the 23rd which is two weeks from yesterday. PUCT Staff will review those and draft a proposal for adoption and be

reviewed at an open meeting. Goal is by 3/2 OM.

The access agreement is the same as the delivery service agreement that the IOUs use and is included in the proposed tariff language.

Jenny spoke regarding Lubbock Power and Light’s proposed legislation for both the customer data issue, POLR process, and customer choice billing. The draft legislation is prepared. In substance, we are in the same place but some good feedback and in accordance with that the substance…still the same thing and how the referral of retail electric providers is being.

Regarding customer data issue, ERCOT legal and LP&L are working on some drafts to address and clarify really two things there in the provision …data sharing…particularly with ERCOT, other utilities, and just add other retail electric providers. Working on that draft as these are good clarifications to make into law.

Chris asked, if on the customer data issue, if we don’t get legislation in with this issue, can we move forward.

Jenny said they are finalizing the legislation and …is a priority and hopes that is not contested quite frankly. There are other avenues they can look at but hope this is the way we will go.

Sheri asked…

Plan is to move forward with the legislation…”where are we in the process?”

Jenny turned it over to Matt Rose.

Matt replied, as Jenny said in terms of 182, we are still working on the language and plan to take it through them with their group and get the language back.

Have until March 10 to file bills but don’t want to wait until March 10. We want to go ahead and get it filed and with chapter 40, and hope it is just as simple as getting it to pass.

If the votes support, the new legislation will become effective as soon as the Governor signs.

Matt also indicated LP&L is getting pretty close to tell customers what the shopping window is.

They have not actively passed along around their language other than their current delegation.

Bill Barnes said that they will get some good support behind that and is there going to be a house and companion senate bill

Matt said they haven’t thought about that yet but they need to see how it gets received.

Bill said exactly

Matt said that would be ideal and it can be pulled into a larger audience and keep with the local fanfare and get this through. They are saying and keep saying that Lubbock is really unique in this and they are trying to minimize this as much as possible.

Matt said that people get nervous, especially when talking about chapter 40. They are spreading the word that this is unique to Lubbock.

Chris asked, “What would it take to get a/the bill passed”.

Matt responded and thinks they will work with their current delegation and there have been some changes and a new person “Burros or Burrows” who is a new guy and he’s very familiar.

**Customer Choice Billing Operations**

Customer operations and dual billing

Sheri gave an update of what happened at RMS today and what would happen with dual billing option and compared to AMS metering opt out process in that a customer would need to specifically request dual billing and the plan is to not proactively offer.

Shawnee confirmed that this is how they would envision it and it is not something that the commission wanted but it is in the law so it should be available if someone wanted it.

If you actually want a commission opinion then has to be a rule on proactively offering??? If want staff opinion then, informally, Staff envisioned as outlined above.

The revisions to PURA Chapter 40 were presented.

Jenny went through the language and explained that some of it is from ARM comments.

Lauren offered a few suggestions regarding POLR being plural and if needed to discuss further, ARM may discuss/clarify.

**Question from Frank (through Chat function)**

At the last meeting there was discussion as to how a switch from DUAL billing to consolidated billing (or vice versa) could be implemented (via 814PC?). Has this point been addressed yet? Or is this meeting the right forum to address this question? Assuming a customer may ultimately be given this choice, we’ll need to implement this new transaction at our end (EDI example would be needed for testing).

Wanted to know when will the discussion take place. Sheri noted that the discussions have not been that deep into the weeds, only at a higher level. Frank said that at some point they need to see what a test transaction would look like. Sheri indicated testing scripts for the 650\_04 and 814PC with the BLT as Dual were being considered.

**Lubbock Integration Timeline**

Sheri said that there might be a need to incorporate legislative timing into the current timeline. Michael said that they will get things before their approval body. He also noted some of the dates he provided were not right. Some of the dates were available before.

Michael gave an update all the testing being done internally and at each step are they seeing what they need to be seeing. Sheri wanted to know what the timeline looked like on that, 2nd week in February. Michael said that some of this they are coding as they are testing.

**Customer Education**

Matt said that he has an outside group that is helping him put together some of the information for customers. Matt said that they started last summer but had some time to kick it off and he has conducted more than 40 interviews and talked to many community groups and as they get closer they all have some mini group discussions and as different reps come into the market maybe they can help with that effort and want to hold some shopping fairs and if they are going to be in town they can help promote their product.

Matt said that at the end of the day they know some folks won’t choose a provider.

Plans are to hold public forums for shopping for reps. Lubbock will provide the space.

Michael said that they can set up some booths.

Sheri said from a REP viewpoint they are very anxious do to that.

Hard to sign anyone up until they have an ESI id.

Matt said that they are putting things out on their website.

Matt receives questions such as “how many are going to be here, who are they and how can we go look at them?”. Realtor groups have started asking him, when we will know. Matt said that’s not yet known and when it is, he will let them know. Help them steal our customers. Sheri also stated that they need the rate structure, not just the ESI id to develop products.

Matt said that Lubbock had competition starting at 2010 and it was from alley to alley and they could plug in from one side or the other.

He said that there isn’t a good understanding of how the billing will work and it will be a huge component explaining that they will be doing fair billing, not double billing.

Question from Ted Hailu (through chat)

... What high level milestones in the retail transition are impacted if the 30% load transfer is delayed from the May target date? What is LP&L not able to start until after the load transfer is approved or completed?

Matt wanted to make sure that the load can be transferred before they offer customer choice to everyone.

Matt said that he’s more worried about the smaller commercial customers and not so worried about the larger companies like Texas Tech or some of the big churches but there are many churches who have had a worship rate for a long time and how that is going to affect them.

**Flight Testing**

Chris asked about the Lubbock Test Flight and how things are going and if they are confident in testing. Clint said that they are going to be ready with the transaction and will be ready to go.

Jenny said that to be completely transparent, everything that Clint said is true but that something can happen and it all goes away.

Kyle had a comment that from being in the working groups they had talked about it but the working groups that have been trying to help or coordinate, they don’t know how many people are going to be there, how long is the test? Kyle said there are some unknowns. They can’t determine things until they see or know how many and they understand. Jamie said that there are some things they are getting done and from the transactions perspective, ESG chimed in and said that they are doing well and that ESG will be ready. (ESG is LP&L’s EDI provider)

Dave Michelson said that they should be able to connect with ERCOT anytime and not wait until the first day of flight test.

Kathy asked if all the specifications are known and if they are, then can they set up for testing or are they that close.

If all the specifications are known, is that something that can be done and get them set up for.

Kyle provided a good overview of the activities of testing and what has been considered and discussions still taking place in SET.

Dave said that the last time he checked there were 22 CRs.

Kathy asked if they have all the things from the commission that allows them to go forward.

Debbie asked if ERCOT is going to be able to build a test bed sufficient for the number of CRs or will their ability to build the test bed be a driver for limiting the number of CRs able to test. Dave said that won’t be an issue.

**Rate Structure**

Pricing and rate structure are two different things.

Clint said that the rate structure could be the first part of February.

Approval would be late February. Need EUP, their Board and City Council.

**Customer Enrollment Process**

Sheri said when Michael integrates their customer process and get that into the timeline.

Chris asked Sheri, what is meant by “process”. Sheri explained, Access Agreement signed, ESI creation, pricing (rates) available, sending/accepting transactions, DNP blackout period, enrollment blackout period, DREP enrollments, follow-up customer choice enrollments.

John asked, what are the key milestone activities and data to accomplish a customer enrollment?

Maybe we need to look at this another way.

Chris said he is going to get with Melenda with Oncor to revise the document.

John said that this is a multilevel project process.

Jamie said that they have some of the dates in the software project so those are known but will work on getting into Michael’s project timeline???

Sheri went through the activities list and updated each section based on data provided.

It was asked if the Customer Protection piece can be added to the timeline.

Jamie said that they are targeting the first day in May for creating the ESI ids.

Kathy said that does not coincide with the dates for the timeline.

First transactions tested April 24th.

Rate structure to have for the SAC04 codes is early February.

Chris said currently EPS Meters have to be BUSIDRRQ, thus LP&L may have some BUSIDRRQ load profiles.

Next meeting will be held after RMS on February 7th.