

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION
OF ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE
STANDARDS AND UNIFORM BUSINESS
PRACTICES FOR THE ELECTRIC
INDUSTRY.

CASE NO. 18-338-EL-EDI

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on June 20, 2018

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} In this Finding and Order, the Commission approves revisions to the electronic data interchange (EDI) transaction sets recommended by the Ohio EDI Working Group to facilitate customer choice of generation service from certified retail electric suppliers in Ohio.

II. DISCUSSION

A. *Applicable Law and Background*

{¶ 2} R.C. Chapter 4928 was enacted to create a competitive market for electric generation service in Ohio starting in 2001. Pursuant to this legislation, the Commission directed Ohio's investor-owned electric distribution utilities (EDUs) and interested stakeholders to participate in a taskforce for the development of uniform business practices and electronic data interchange (EDI) standards to facilitate customer choice of generation service from certified retail electric suppliers in Ohio. *In re Rules for Electric Transition Plans and Consumer Education Plan*, Case No. 99-1141-EL-COI, November 30, 1999, Finding and Order, at 26-27. On July 19, 2000, the Commission issued an order in Case No. 00-813-EL-EDI adopting EDI standards developed by the Operational Support Planning Ohio Taskforce and Data Exchange work groups, comprised of representatives from the EDUs, generation providers and power marketers (suppliers), EDI service providers, and other interested stakeholders. The Taskforce and Data Exchange work groups were active until 2002 and 2004, respectively.

{¶ 3} The Ohio EDI Working Group (OEWG) was reconstituted in 2010 by the four jurisdictional EDUs, numerous suppliers and EDI service providers, and Staff, to update the Ohio EDI documentation and resolve operational issues in response to increased market development and generation switching activity. The OEWG conducts monthly teleconferences or meetings to develop and document EDI Implementation Guidelines for electric generation choice in Ohio. These EDI Implementation Guidelines consist of standard EDI “transaction sets” that accommodate the various information systems of the EDUs to allow suppliers to enroll, bill, and drop Ohio customers. In developing these guidelines, the OEWG has adopted a transparent change control process that allows members of the working group to propose and reach consensus on modifications to the EDI transaction sets and/or business practices. The updates and modifications proposed through the change control process is documented with the current redline versions of the transaction sets and EDI Implementation Guidelines posted on the OEWG page of the Commission’s website. Since 2010, the Commission has adopted modifications to the Ohio EDI Implementation Guidelines that were approved by consensus of the OEWG participants in annual EDI case dockets.

B. Procedural History

{¶ 4} On April 13, 2018, the OEWG Change Control Manager filed the following updated transaction sets that incorporate all changes adopted by consensus of the OEWG participants since the Commission’s last EDI order:

- 248 Write-off (v2.5.0)
- 810 LDC Invoice Bill Ready (v2.6.4)
- 810 LDC Invoice Rate Ready (v2.6.1)
- 814 Change Request and Response (v2.6.3)
- 814 Drop Request and Response (v2.6.1)
- 814 Enrollment Request and Response (v2.6.3)
- 814 Reinstatement Request and Response (v2.6.0)

820 Payment/Remittance (v2.6.0)

824 Application Advice (v2.6.0)

867 Usage (v2.6.4)

{¶ 5} On April 13, 2018, a resolution was filed on behalf of all the listed OEWG participants requesting that the Commission adopt the above-referenced revisions to the EDI Implementation Guidelines.

C. Commission Conclusion

{¶ 6} The Commission appreciates the efforts of the OEWG participants in developing EDI documentation to support uniform operational practices in Ohio and notes the consensus of both EDUs and suppliers in recommending that these guidelines be adopted for use in Ohio. Consequently, we will adopt the above-referenced EDI Implementation Guideline transaction sets, and encourage the participation and cooperation of all stakeholders in OEWG's refinement of operational guidelines for transactions in the Ohio electric retail market.

III. ORDER

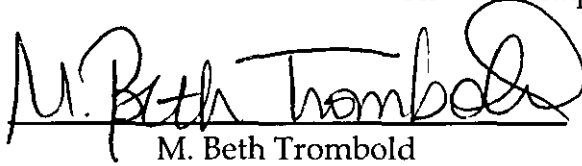
{¶ 7} It is, therefore,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That the above-referenced EDI Implementation Guideline transaction sets be adopted for use in the Ohio electric retail market. It is, further,

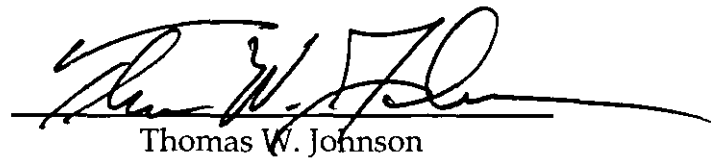
{¶ 9} ORDERED, That notice of this Finding and Order be served via the electric-energy and OEWG listserves, and upon all parties of record.

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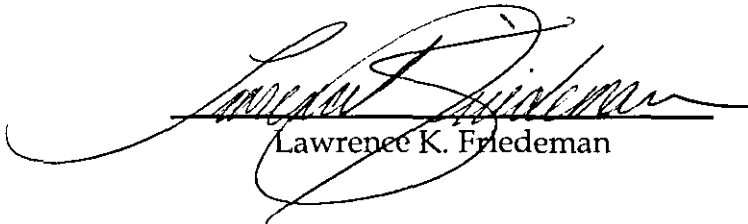
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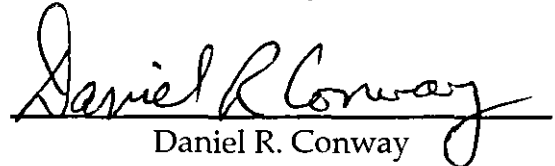
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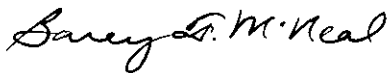
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