

Summary of 2003 MOSC / CRSC Consultation Activities

Activity in the MOSC Sub-Committee called Commercial Reconciliation Sub-Committee (CRSC) has been fairly quiet in 2003. A point form summary of the activity for 2003 is summarized below:

- February 2003 **Solicited comments through e-mail from members on the addition of CRSC comments on the Market Per Unit Charge**
 - Several options were provided and the CRSC selected an option that would have the least impact their settlement systems.
 - Assessment: Use of e-mail to get a quick response from CRSC members was effective and lead to an implementation that was accepted by all MPs without any negative reactions.
 - Members expressed their satisfaction of being consulted and in helping to decide on an implementation approach, which is most acceptable to the market.
- June 2003 **Solicited comments through e-mail from members of the CRSC and Settlement Contacts on the introduction of New Charge codes/Equations for the implementation of HADL**
 - Prior to sending out formal request for comments, preliminary discussions were held with a few of the major and affected CRSC members on what implementation approach would have the least impact on their settlement processes and systems.
 - Using the information from the proceeding preliminary discussions, the following documentation was issued to the members of CRSC and all Settlement contacts for comments: Quick Take on HADL, Reference to Market Rules, IMO Board Decision to implement HADL and revisions to the File Format and Specs and Charge Type and Equations to include the new charges.
 - All replies concurred with the change to add additional charge codes. Members of the CRSC and Settlement contacts all appreciated the advance notice which allowed them to request their IT support to make the necessary changes to their systems.
- July 2003 **Solicited comments through e-mail from members of the CRSC and Settlement Contacts on the introduction of New Charge codes/Equations for the implementation of Spare Generation On-line**
 - As in the previous case informal comments were solicited from the 2 MP that would be eligible to participate in SGOL and a few MMPs who would be receive the associated uplifts.
 - A formal request for comments was issued the members of the CRSC and all Settlement Contacts which included the following: Quick Take, Reference to IMO Board approval to proceed with SGOL pricing initiative and related IMDC documents.
 - All replies received concurred with the proposal and no impact was expressed as a result of adding new charge codes since many had made the necessary modifications to able to add more charges as result of the June 2003 request to add charges for HADL.
- **November 2003 Request for CRSC Members along with their Finance/Prudential Contacts to attend DAM Working Group Meeting to solicit their comments from a Settlement/Prudential perspective**

- To ensure that the DAM Working Group would receive adequate stakeholder comments for the Settlement/Prudential aspects of the DAM, the members of the CRSC along with their Finance/Prudential contacts were invited to November 10, 2003.
- Reference Minutes of Meeting and presentation material for November 10, 2003 meeting for DAM WG located in the MEP/Consultation area of IMO's Public web site.
- 14 members of the CRSC attending the DAM WG Meeting on November 10, 2003.
- They provided valuable DAM WG Meeting with valuable comments based on their experience and knowledge in the Settlements and Finance/Prudential.
- All members expressed their gratitude to learn about the DAM and to be given an opportunity to provide their inputs.
- January 2003 to September 2003 **MTR Working Group to Address Issue Related to Meter Trouble Reports (MTRs)**
 - A small working group was formed with representatives from both the Revenue Metering Sub-Committee and Commercial Reconciliation Sub-Committee to address metering problems and the issue of MTRs.
 - The Working group consisted of MMP representation (Vaughan hydro, OPG, Falconbridge, IVACO) and MSP (Hydro One).
 - The Working Group held several meetings throughout the year and made over dozen recommendations which were all presented to both the RMSC and the MSP Working Group..
 - As a result of the MTR WG the following accomplishments have been made:
 1. An automated interface with MTR/NoD has been defined and is being developed T&I based on XML.
 2. Improvements in Communication with Meters have reduced the number of failed communications from about 100 to 40 each day.
 3. Improvements in the reliability and performance in retrieving meter data with the introduction of Calling Cycles has reduced the number of busy signals and increased interrogation reliability.
 4. Reporting Meters that are Repeat Offenders for the MMP/MSP.
 5. Recommendation of the use of a Metering Outage Form between the MP and MSP to inform MSP of metering outages caused by power outages has been completed.
 6. Reduction in the number of MTRs resulting from Voltage/Current Presence Check > Turned off via Market Exemption and with new improved technique to be placed in service in March 2004.
 7. Reduction in the number of MTRs resulting from Main/Alternate Comparisons has been completed with a resulting reduction in MTRs from 200 to 7.
 8. Implementation of a priority list of error codes and removal of redundant validation checks have been implemented successfully.
 9. Establishment of a Metering Infrastructure Standard is underway by the WMG.

Very successful working Group. The VP of MS has received comments on the effectiveness of this working group in addressing problems and implement improvement to IMOP systems/processes.