

## **SaMC User Group Meeting Summary**

*May 14, 2008*

### **SaMC Project Update**

The CAISO is currently running the Month-End (ME) statements for March, 2008. We have run into some data base challenges that have delayed the production. It will require a few days to complete the March ME run. The April ME run is also in queue and should follow the March ME statements within five or six days.

### **Market Simulation Settlements**

The CAISO published a revised Billing Determinant (BD) Matrix last night.

### **Participants' Comments and Questions**

- There are discrepancies between BD names, the BPM for Settlements and Billing and the Configuration File.

### **Responses to Participants' Questions**

- The CAISO will need to research the cause for BD names to contain two different effective dates.
- There have been many BPM changes as a result of both repairs to identified variances and of policy changes affecting the BPM. The CAISO recognizes that frequent BPM changes create challenges for Participants and their vendors as they write, test and integrate code and expects BPM changes to be less frequent moving forward.
- Participants should validate statements using the Configuration File dated consistently with the statement they are trying to validate.

### **IMS Variances**

The CAISO still is testing variances discussed at last week's SaMC User Group web conference. There are currently about 40 outstanding settlements-related variances. The CAISO has not yet updated the Configuration File.

Currently, when Expected Energy (EE) is recalculated in MQS, only the corrected payloads, rather than all payloads, are published to CMRI. As a result, the original payload is overwritten making it difficult for Participants to validate EE. The CAISO is changing this process so that, when MQS produces corrected payloads, it will publish the entire data set to CMRI for validation.

### **Responses to Participants' Questions**

- The CAISO runs an executable that generates XML files for back-end internal validations, but also has logged a related defect.
- There was an MQS problem when updating the Master File starting with Trade Day (TD) 05/06/2008, preventing Participants from validating results in CMRI. In such cases, MQS doesn't know which version of the Master File to use. There is a patch in progress that will be in place before go-live, but it will not be installed in the immediate future.

- Participants should use the Daily Charge Code Status Report, posted at <http://www.caiso.com/1c96/1c96acdd1d710.html>, as a reference for the Charge Codes that are valid for any specific Trade Day and thus, can be used to validate settlement statements.

### **Settlement Timeline**

When the CAISO issues a reissue statement, it includes the new current amounts for each item, not the deltas. Alternatively, the recalculation statement shows previous, current and net amounts. Any changes on the reissue statements will appear on the initial invoices.

Participants can dispute the reissue statements issued at T+60, although they should be the same as the statements issued at T+51. The original MRTU design was for the reissue statement not to be included in the initial invoice. If the Participant disputes the reissue statement, the recalculation is the same information.

The CAISO proposes to suppress the reissue statement at T+51. In this event, any statement generated by the initial invoice should be validated. Statements would always be “initial” until the Initial Invoice.

### **Participants’ Comments and Questions**

- This approach would require Participants to double their validation efforts during the second part of the invoicing cycle.
- The status quo which includes the T+51 statement does not present a major problem for Participants.

### **Responses to Participants’ Questions**

- There should be no similar issue with the T+76 statement, as it would always be after the initial invoice and would always be a recalculation.
- It would be a challenge to eliminate the T+60 statement, rather than the T+51 statement, as the CAISO cannot emulate the recalculation with a reissue statement.
- If Participants agree to the proposed change, it only would be in place for about six months, as Payment Acceleration will be implemented six months after MRTU go-live.
- The proposed change would require a Tariff change. Although Tariff changes generally are not fast, if all Participants supported the change, it may be possible to implement a Tariff change before go-live.
- The CAISO requests that Participants send their comments on this proposal to Brad Bouillon at [bbouillon@caiso.com](mailto:bbouillon@caiso.com).

### **Month-End Statement Split**

Currently, the CAISO produces one large file at the end of the month to include the Month-End charges and all of the daily charges. Would it be acceptable to Participants to split the file into two separate files? Doing so would improve significantly the performance of CAISO systems used to prepare the statements.

### **Participants’ Comments and Questions**

- Participants expressed a concern that if the CAISO produced only one of two files, they would have incomplete information.

- Whatever solution the CAISO implements must accommodate the details needed for data changes.

**Responses to Participants' Questions**

- It may be possible for the CAISO to create two separate files and combine them into a single file for distribution to Participants.
- If the CAISO were to split the end of the month file, Participants would not see the daily amounts in the monthly files. However, they already would have received all of the daily information with the daily statements published previously in the month.

**Suggested Topics for Next SaMC User Group**

- Recalculated invoices and related data development.

**Action Items**

- Research the cause for BD names to contain two different effective dates.
- Resolve discrepancies between BD names, the BPM for Settlements and Billing and the Configuration File.
- Write up the options for keeping reissue statements on the initial invoice.

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