

IL Post 2006 Initiative - Competitive Issues

Data Transactions Sub-group

Final Recommendation

August 11, 2004

Objective of Sub-Group

- Identify data fields and business transactions between and among, LDCs, RESs, and Customers necessary post 2006.
- Discuss ease of implementation and benefits to marketplace if changes are adopted.
- Formalize a recommendation for consideration by the ICC.

Conclusions of Sub-group

- Need for centralized forum to advance change regarding electronic data transactions;
- Market participants with appropriate customer authorization must have equal access to all relevant pricing determinants utilized by the LDC for its tariffed services to allow consumers to shop alternatives comparatively;
- High level feasibility reviews by LDCs indicate technology capability is not an issue; and
- LDCs shall be permitted to recover all expenses related to the establishment and maintenance of a centralized data exchange working group and implementation and maintenance of data transaction changes.

Necessary Data Post 2006

- Two important sets of transactions: (1) Data Transactions for Retail Pricing and (2) Data Transactions for Retail Switching and Billing.
- Spreadsheets of specific data elements are attached to this presentation and are intended to be the starting point for change under a new centralized forum for electronic data transactions.

Recommendation

- Establish a new centralized forum – “Uniform Electronic Business Transaction Working Group” beginning early 2005; and
- Adoption of the data fields identified in the attached spreadsheet as the starting point for business transactions necessary Post 2006.

Mechanics for Uniform Electronic Business Transaction WG

- Open to all interested stakeholders;
- ICC hosted website shall be designed to house all Working Group meeting minutes, agendas, guidelines, etc;
- Establishment of a Working Group e-mail distribution list through ICC website;
- Meetings initially shall be held monthly to effectively establish the organizational structure and timeline for project objectives. All meetings will provide conference bridge access; to be provided by requesting party. Meetings following the initial set-up phase for the Working Group will be on an as needed basis; and
- Utilities will be permitted to recover all expenses related to establishment and maintenance of this effort, including, but not limited to, any costs of enhancing the utilities' processes and IT systems to effect the agreed-upon recommendations of the working group.