

## **SaMC User Group Meeting Summary**

*July 23, 2008*

### **SaMC Project Update**

The CAISO has been focusing on releasing Charge Codes to the U2 environment as quickly as possible. As of today, 78 or 79 have been released to U2. In addition, the CAISO has added a column to the Daily Charge Code Status Report to identify the date when the Charge Code was first validated.

The status of various statements in process is as follows:

June monthly statement:	Should be published either by COB today or by tomorrow.
May invoice:	The CAISO is reviewing the May invoice internally, but cannot commit to a date certain when it will be published.
Reissue statement for 06/16:	Will be posted today
Reissue statement for 06/18:	Will be posted tomorrow

The CAISO still is considering whether to publish a “mini-monthly” month-end statement for July that includes only some of the Trade Days or to recalculate all Trade Days in July and publish a month-end statement for the entire month.

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

- The CAISO will not produce a recalc statement for April, may produce one for May and likely will produce a recalc for June. We will revisit recalc publication after publishing the initial invoice.
- The CAISO validates all settlements data before releasing Charge Codes (CCs) to U2. By the time CCs are released, Participants should see the same data that the CAISO sees.
- Participants identified several issues with the May month-end statement. Some of them may persist into the June month-end statement, but the July month-end should reflect fixes for all previously-identified month-end statement issues.

### **Pass-Through Bills**

The CAISO has been triggering charges that will be reflected in Pass-Through Bills (PTBs). At the last SaMC User Group call, Participants raised several questions about the PTB statement design. The CAISO sent an e-mail to SaMC User Group members to clarify the following points:

- 1.) Although the original SaMC design specified a separate section for PTBs, the requirement has changed and statements no longer include a separate PTB section. The CAISO is considering whether it would be feasible to revert back to the original design.
- 2.) Participants will see PTBs at the CC interval detail level for adjusted PTBs. Otherwise, PTBs would be included in the total charges.
- 3.) System calculations and PTBs are line items at the interval level.

- 4.) Section 3.3 of the Settlements & Billing BPM as well as Attachment C provides additional details on the different types of PTBs. Attachment C also shows how PTB Charge Code Adjustments factor into reporting hierarchy that ultimately is presented on statements.

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

- Some Participants have designed their systems to accommodate a limited number of characters. If the CAISO introduces a common field with more than that number of characters, it will create issues for Participants as values are truncated.
- It would be helpful for the CAISO to produce and discuss an example of how PTBs will be published.

#### **Market Simulation Settlements Status**

The CAISO published an updated Bill Determinant (BD) Matrix last Thursday and will publish a newer version later this week. It is also updating the BPM to be consistent with the implemented design and will publish an updated SaMC Configuration Guide later today.

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

- It would help Participants if documentation were updated less frequently, perhaps once per week.

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

- It has been necessary for the CAISO to publish frequent updates to the Configuration File because it has been implementing fixes to the settlements systems and must ensure that documentation reflects the current state of the systems.
- As the CAISO publishes new documents such as Configuration Guides, it will begin to include Release Notes to provide greater detail on the changes.
- When the CAISO releases Charge Codes to U2, they are consistent with the most recently-published Configuration File.
- When the CAISO publishes an updated Configuration Guide, Participants should consider it a replacement for the previous versions. If they need to rerun a settlement calculation, they will not need to apply a previous Configuration File; the new version will apply to all settlements calculations from its issue date forward.
- There are some files on the SFTP site that do not follow the naming standards because the CAISO's vendor requested that it post duplicate files with the previous standard, in addition to those using the current standard.
- An example of how PTBs are produced is detailed in Attachment C and the CAISO will plan for a discussion at a future User Group session.

#### **Market Simulation Issues Update**

The CAISO sent a listing to User Group members yesterday, showing the IMS issues that have been set to Market Test status.

For the April invoice, the CAISO did not show Charge Codes that had values of zero and requests that Participants provide feedback on whether this is their desired approach or they would prefer to see zero values. Please send comments to [SaMCUsers@caiso.com](mailto:SaMCUsers@caiso.com) by COB on Friday, July 25, 2008.

**Charge Code Update**

CC 6051 will be released into Market Sim as validated bid-to-bill shortly. It should be noted that when run failures exist, as noted in the Market Simulation dashboard report, the CAISO identified that the HASP settlements are inappropriately being reflected in CC 6470 instead of CC 6051.

**Open Questions and Action Items**

- Assuming there are no problems, if the Interchange ID is shown in CC 6051, will it also appear in CCs 6470 and/or 6475? Clarify whether Interchange ID will appear in CCs 6470 and/or 6475 when there is a HASP/RT failure.
- The Credit run described in the BPM will produce a separate statement, but the TAC run will not. The TAC run will produce an XML output of the rate to be applied.
- Participants would like examples and naming conventions for credit statements, initial and recalc invoices and monthly rerun statements (which excluded FERC CCs).
- The CAISO still is working to identify how Participants will receive meter reports needed to validate CC 6044.
- Participants should submit wheeling HV and LV amounts for IMS and MRTU in general the same way they submit them now. The CAISO will ensure that they are included in IMS for July.
- The CAISO will need to follow up with Participants regarding which CCs will include current quantity, current price and current amount. It will refer to the BPM and provide a comprehensive list of which CCs will include all three items and which will not.
- Clarify whether 6044\_DAY will be rolled up into the total for the day.
- Consider increasing the SaMC User Group meetings to 90 minutes.

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