

PERMANENT STANDARDS WORKING GROUP

APPENDIX E

FUTURE OF PSWG

July 29, 1998

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Ballot Result (Plenary meeting on July 13, 1998)

For: 18	Against: 2	Abstain: 0
ABB	EPRI	
California Energy Commission	SCE	
CPUC-ORA		
Cellnet		
Enron		
eT Communications		
Firstpoint		
GE		
ITRON		
LADWP		
NERTEC		
PG&E		
Phaser		
Schlumberger		
SDG&E		
Sierra Pacific Power		
Southern Company		
TeCom		

Requirements for Future PSWG Work:

The PSWG categorized the different areas of work that has been reviewed within this report, and continuance of the PSWG work process shall be convened as needed or on-going PSWG work which is identified by "X" for each work area as follows:

<i>Subject Area</i>	<i>Convene as needed</i>	<i>Ongoing PSWG Work</i>
Meter Hardware Standards	X	
Meter Communication Standards	X	
Meter Worker Qualifications	X	
Meter Installation Procedures	X	
Meter Maintenance, Testing, and Calibrations	X	
Electronic Commerce/data flows ¹		X
Validating, editing and estimating usage data		X
MDM issues		X

¹ This would include information related to meters and meter change outs, meter usage data, direct access service requests, account maintenance, etc.

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Items in “Convene as Needed” category

For the majority of subject areas, the permanent standards review completed and agreements reached in this document should suffice and do not require immediate ongoing work.

For the issues categorized as “convene as needed,” the procedure for reconvening the PSWG shall be for any stakeholder to file a petition to modify the CPUC-approved requirements. If the CPUC does not need further technical expertise after receiving and reviewing comments from other entities, the CPUC will issue its decision accordingly. If the CPUC wishes market participants to seek solutions on this issue, it will order the PSWG to reconvene, discuss the issue and make recommendations within a reasonable period. However, PSWG shall not be reconvened more often than once within an six month period."

Items in “Ongoing PSWG Work” category

The areas which may require ongoing PSWG work are generally not supported by national standards bodies or have more to be defined before they can become a requirement.

For the subject areas identified as requiring ongoing PSWG work, the Electronic Commerce issues shall be addressed in the Rule 22 working group. A subgroup is currently addressing DASR and account maintenance issues involving EDI and would be preferable to have all EDI issues in the same forum. The interested market participants shall continue to work on permanent (with any required timeline for implementation) informational interactions and exchange standards including outlining areas of responsibility and accountability, and finally compliance and enforcement issues.

Also, ongoing VEE and MDM issues shall be addressed and resolved in the UDC/MDMA meetings that were ordered by the CPUC in D. 97-12-048.