Appendix B – Glossary of Terms

Activity Code: This code indicates the type of an 810 Invoice transaction. See the BIG segment in the 810 Invoice transaction located in Appendix C-Implementation Guide for the list of possible codes.

Bill To Address: The first address field of data that relates to the Customer's mailing address. This field may contain delivery information such as the mailing street address or a Post Office Box number. Used in the 814 Transaction, located in Appendix C-Implementation Guide.

Bill To City: The mailing address city name. Used in the 814 Transaction, located in Appendix C-Implementation Guide.

Bill To State: The mailing address state name. Used in the 814 Transaction, located in Appendix C-Implementation Guide.

Bill To Postal Code: The mailing address Postal Code. This field would contain the Zip Code, and possibly the Carrier Route, if the mailing address is within the U.S. Used in the 814 Transaction, located in Appendix C-Implementation Guide.

Bill To Country: The mailing address Country Code, if the mailing address is outside of the U.S. Used in the 814 Transaction, located in Appendix C-Implementation Guide.

Billing Cycle: This field indicates the T&D billing cycle the Customer's account is assigned to. A schedule of billing cycles and dates will be made available to all Competitive Suppliers (Usually located on the T7D's websites). Distribution Companies typically process and bill a portion of their Customers each day by a schedule of billing cycles. Used in the 810 Transaction, located in Appendix C-Implementation Guide.

Billing Date: Date on which Distribution Company produced the bill. Used in the 810 Transaction, located in Appendix C-Implementation Guide.

Billing Option for the Account: This field will indicate the billing option chosen by the Supplier for the customer. The Supplier can choose either 'Consolidated' or 'Separate' (Dual) Billing, depending on whether the Customer wishes to receive a separate bill from his Competitive Supplier (Separate/Dual) or one consolidated bill (Consolidated). Used in the 814 Transaction, located in Appendix C-Implementation Guide. Possible values are:

LDC = Consolidated
DUAL = Separate (Dual) Billing

Budget Billing Account: A payment program offered by the Distribution Company to levelize customer payments. See service agreement to see if applicable. Used in the 814 Transaction, located in Appendix C-Implementation Guide.

CEP: Competitive Electricity Provider

Consolidated Billing Option (LDC): A billing option available to Customers whereby the distribution and generation charges are combined on one statement rendered by the Distribution Company.

Completion Status / Reject Reasons: After a set of transactions is processed by the Distribution Company, this field will be used to indicate the status of individual transactions and the appropriate completion status or reject reasons for the transaction. Used in the 814 Transaction, located in Appendix C-Implementation Guide.

Demand Value Used by Distribution Company for Billing: It is the kW or kV demand value that was used by the Distribution Company to calculate the current demand charges. (On a complex Time of Use account, there can be 2 or 3 time periods, each with a demand value, this field tells the Supplier which demand value was used for billing purposes).

Detail Record Indicator: One character that indicates the type transaction being sent, it can derived from multiple codes in the EDI transaction. See the transaction notes in appendix C for the codes. Used for internal mapping in the 810 transactions by Central Maine Power (CMP)

Distribution Company Account Number: The number used by the Distribution Company to uniquely identify their Customer's account. The Competitive Supplier must include the Distribution Company account number in all electronic communications with the Distribution Company. Note: This field will contain the words "standard offer" in the 810-3.

Distribution Company Name: This optional field will contain the name of the Distribution Company.

Distribution Company Identifier: This is the Distribution Company's Dun & Bradstreet number.

Distribution Company Rate Code: The rate code assigned by the Distribution Company to identify the category of service Supplied to the Customer. If no rate is available (i.e. new account), a value of NA will be sent.

Duns Number: The Dun and Bradstreet number used to identify a trading partner.

EDI: Electronic Data Interchange – a standardized set of business transactions for electronic commerce defined by the ANSI x.12 EDI transaction set.

EDI Translator: A computer program that converts electronic transactions to/from EDI format.

Effective Date of Service: This is the effective date of the load requirements - assigned by the Distribution Company. It tells the Competitive Supplier the date that they are responsible for load, or in the case of a drop, the date they end being responsible for load. Used in the 814 Transaction, located in Appendix C-Implementation Guide.

File Creation Date: This is the date the file was created. Used in the 810 &820 Transactions, located in Appendix C-Implementation Guide.

Historical Usage: Historical consumption data provided with the 867 transaction located in Appendix C-Implementation Guide with one set of values for each month of consumption history available.

Kvarh: Kvar hours value used by Maine Public Service Company for power factor billing.

Lighting: Lighting is billed as an un-metered rate, based on a published burn hour table of kwh.

Meter Number: The meter number used for billing purposes on a customer account.

New Distribution Company Account Number: In certain circumstances the Distribution Company must change a Customer's account number. This field will be used to identify the new account number. Used in the 814 Transaction, located in Appendix C-Implementation Guide.

New Supplier Account Number: In the seamless move, or as desired, the supplier can provide a new account number for a customer. Used in the 814 Transaction, located in Appendix C-Implementation Guide.

Non-Metered Service: A service that is billed at a metered rate based on engineered or calculated kwh.

Number of Accounts in a Rate Class: The number of accounts billed in the rate class, used in the Standard Offer summary transaction, 810-3.

Number of Non-Metered Units: Number of billable units pertaining to the value listed in the type of service indicator field.

Off Cycle Reading Date: The date the meter reading was obtained or estimated other than the normal scheduled meter reading date. To request or confirm a change off cycle, will be indicated by qualifiers in the various transactions.

Off Peak kW Demand: The highest demand measured in kilowatts during the Distribution Company's off-peak hours.

Off Peak KVAR Demand: The highest VAR demand measured during the Distribution Company's off-peak hours

Off Peak Kilowatt Hour Usage: The total kilowatt hour use during the Distribution Company's off-peak hours.

Payment Amount/Adjustment Amount: The payment/correction amount that was posted to the Customer's account for the Competitive Supplier portion of the bill. Used in the 820 Transaction, located in Appendix C-Implementation Guide.

Payment/Correction Posting Date: The date the payment/correction amount was posted to the Customer's account for the Competitive Supplier portion of the bill. Used in the 820 Transaction, located in Appendix C-Implementation Guide.

Adjustment Reason Code: This field will contain a code that identifies the type of 820 transaction is being sent. See the RMR segment in the 820 Transaction, located in Appendix C-Implementation Guide for the list of possible codes

Peak or Highest kW Demand: For non time-of-use meters, this will contain the actual highest demand measured in kilowatts. For time-of-use meters, it is the highest demand measured in kilowatts during the Distribution Company's on-peak hours.

Peak KVAR Demand: The actual peak demand measured in kilovars during the Distribution Company's on-peak hours.

Peak or Total Kilowatt Hour Usage: For non-time-of-use meters, this is the total kilowatt hour usage for the billing period. For time-of-use, it contains the total kilowatt hour use during the Distribution Company's on-peak hours

Read Cycle: The scheduled meter reading cycle for a customer account. The distribution company typically reads meters 20 times each month, referred to as cycles. A numeric value will indicate a cycle, while an NV will be provided if no valid read cycle is available. Used in the 814 Transaction, located in Appendix C-Implementation Guide.

Read Date: The date the meter was last read

Reason for Change: A code that indicated what information has been changed on the 814-2 and 814-3 transaction sets. See the REF Reason for Change segment in the 814 Invoice transaction located in Appendix C-Implementation Guide for the list of possible codes
Request for Historical Usage Information: The indicator on the 814-1 and 814-10 where a Supplier can request up to 12 months of historical usage data, provided via 867 transaction. The value used to request history is HU, the default value will be blank. See the 814 Invoice transaction located in Appendix C-Implementation Guide.

Sales Tax Exempt: This field is required to describe the exemption status of an account. The possible values are: See the AMT segment in the 810 Invoice transaction located in Appendix C-Implementation Guide for the list of possible codes

Sales Tax Indicator: Field to indicate the type of Maine sales tax being applied to the account. See the REF "Sales Tax Indicator" segment in the 810 Invoice transaction located in Appendix C-Implementation Guide for the list of possible codes

Separate (Dual) Billing Option: A billing option whereby the distribution and generation charges are billed separately.

Service Identifier: Some systems offer multiple types of services to a particular account. This field will be used in conjunction with the Type of Service Indicator to identify the specific service referenced by the transaction (it typically contains a meter number or an unmetered plan description) depending on the type of service. On a new account, it can indicate the account is inactive. . Used in the 810 & 814 Transactions, located in Appendix C-Implementation Guide.

Shoulder kW Demand: The shoulder demand measured in kilowatts.

Shoulder KVAR Demand: The total shoulder demand measured in kilovars.

Shoulder Kilowatt Hour Usage: The total shoulder kilowatt hour usage.

Standard Offer Rate Class: The profiling/settlement class of an aggregated number of customers, used in the Standard Offer summarized transaction.

Supplier Account Number: The number assigned by the Competitive Supplier to uniquely identify their customer account.

Supplier Past Due Dollar Amount: The amount of outstanding debt owed to the Competitive Supplier for this account.

Supplier Identifier: This is the Supplier's Dun & Bradstreet number.

Supplier Qualifier: A 4 digit field added to the supplier identifier to further define the supplier Dunn and Bradstreet number.

Supplier Rate Code: The rate code assigned by the Competitive Supplier to identify the category of service supplied to the Customer. Must be consistent with a Distribution Company's existing tariff.

Total Amount Due Supplier: In the 810, this is a summation of all current charges, late charges and arrears for this account within the Usage/Billing record. On a cancel or re-bill 810 transaction, no past due amounts will be included in the total. In the 820, this field will contain the total amount that has been applied to the Supplier portion of the bill and will be sent to the Supplier.

Type of Reading: One character to indicate the type of reading on the account. Used in the 810 Transaction, located in Appendix C-Implementation Guide. Valid codes are;

AN = Actual
EN = Estimated/Prorated

Measurements and Attributes: The type of consumption being measured by a meter. A meter can have multiple registers. See the MEA segment in the 810 & 867 Historical Consumption transactions located in Appendix C-Implementation Guide for the list of possible codes

Type of Service Indicator: Used to identify the type of service. This is important to include when identifying multiple services on different rates on one account. See the REF "Type of Service Identifier" segment in the 810 Invoice & 867 Historical Consumption transactions located in Appendix C-Implementation Guide for the list of possible codes

Unique Tracking Number: A number assigned by the sender of a transaction, included in the header, used as a reference for identifying each individual transaction. Needs to be truly unique and repeated (echoed back) in confirmation or error transactions.

Unmetered Rate Plan Description: Free form description of T&D service plan.