



Peak Reliability (“Peak”) has received a number of questions recently regarding the administration of requests to become a Party to the Universal Data Sharing Agreement (“UDSA”); specifically, what happens when an entity that requests Party status has received the requisite written consent of 80% of the Parties? Because an entity has never achieved the 80% consent required before now (i.e., SPP), Peak would like to take this opportunity to outline the next steps as provided in the UDSA.

Section I(2)(b)(iv) of the UDSA provides that an entity “shall” become a party if 80% of the Parties provide written consent. Once this 80% written consent is achieved, the following occurs in accordance with Section I(3) of the UDSA:

1. Peak will counter-execute the signature page provided by the requesting entity.
2. Peak will update the list of signatories to the UDSA on its website accessible to all Parties. This up-to-date list of signatories serves as notice to all Parties of the current Agreement signatories.
3. As a confirmed signatory to the UDSA, the entity has the same rights and obligations as all other Parties, effective the date on which it signed the UDSA.

Peak recognizes that there is room for improvement with respect to the tracking and administration of the UDSA process, and looks forward to the opportunity to work with the task force recently formed by the Peak Member Advisory Committee to evaluate and implement such improvements.

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