# **Early Payment Offers** (EPOs)







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### **About Early Payment Offers (EPO)**

- EPOs allow you to be **paid early** in exchange for a **sliding scale discount** (calculated daily)
- EPOs give you greater control over your cash flow
- Rates typically lower rates than many alternatives (e.g., P-Card, asset-based lending, bank lines of credit)
- EPOs don't impact any individual payment terms which may be in your contract
- These offers are completely optional
- You can accept on an invoice-by-invoice basis
- Adjust your settings in Ariba to receive notifications of EPOs
- If you don't want to accept the EPO, and want to continue being paid as usual, you can simply ignore the offer



#### How it works

- No change to the current process; you continue to receive orders and submit invoices through Ariba
- 2. Once an invoice is approved an EPO will be available in Ariba
- 3. If you have adjusted your settings in Ariba, you will be notified of the EPO
- I you haven't adjusted your settings you can navigate to the Early Payments tab to see the details of the EPO
- You can either ignore the EPO or pick one of the proposed Early Payment dates and the corresponding Discount
- 6. Payment of your invoice will be scheduled according to the option you chose
- 7. If you do not choose an EPO your invoice will be paid as usual



#### **Discounting explained**

Discounts are based on the difference between the scheduled payment date and the early payment date selected. The calculation takes the appropriate \$ discount rate and the number of days difference.



Discount based on sliding scale to payment date

The earliest discounts can be taken is day 2 due to +/- processing time

#### **Notifications**

- In order to receive the notification when BC Hydro sends an Early Payment Offer you must ensure your account notifications are enabled
- Log into your account
  - Enter your Username and Password
  - o Click Login
- If you cannot login to your Ariba account, contact Ariba's Help Center for assistance

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User Name		
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Login		
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#### **Notifications**

- On the *Home Page*, locate the Company Settings Drop Down Menu in the upper right corner of the screen
- From this menu, select Accelerated Payments under Network Settings at the bottom of the menu
- If you do not have this option, you must contact your account administrator to either perform the steps for you, or change your access so you can perform the tasks

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#### Notifications

- There are two notifications that must be enabled: checked as shown in the screen shot
- Once checked enter the email address where the notification should be sent
- Enter up to three email addresses per notification: separate the email addresses with a comma no space
- Click **Save** at the top or bottom of the page
- Click Close to return to the previous screen



# **Receiving and Accepting Offers**



### **Locating Early Payment Offers**

- When BC Hydro sends an early payment Ο offer, the designated contact (s) will receive an email letting them know.
- To view the offer, log into your account Ο
- From the Home Page, click Inbox and Ο then Early Payments
- You will see all offers sent by BC Hydro Ο on this screen
- This view provides the invoice num 0 days remaining, invoice amount an discount detail

Invoice TEST-ZMONI-

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TRN-PPINV-N30-1

TESTMAY04A

SIT-USD-INV-2

TRN-PPINV-N30-2

TRN-PPINV-N10-3

TRN-PPINV-1D10-1

16 May 2016

9 May 2016

NN-SIT-01

Early Payment Discounts Offered

BCH151002251892017001

BCH151006864592017001

BCH151006864492017001

BCH151006864452017001

BCH119002078742017001

BCH151006864602017001

BCH151006864612017001

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Payment ID

Ariba Network								
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#### Early Payment Discounts Offered

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5 Jun 2016	9 May 2016	32 Days	\$1,000.00 CAD	0.80%	\$7.95 CAD	\$992.05 CAD			
5 Jun 2016	9 May 2016	32 Days	\$10,000.00 CAD	1.43%	\$143.01 CAE	0 \$9,856.99 CAD			
3 Jun 2016	9 May 2016	31 Days	\$112.00 CAD	1.38%	\$1.55 CAD	\$110.45 CAD			
3 Jun 2016	9 May 2016	31 Days	\$2,000.00 USD	1.38%	\$27.62 USD	\$1,972.38 USD			
27 May 2016	9 May 2016	24 Days	\$10,000.00 CAD	1.04%	\$103.56 CAE	\$9,896.44 CAD			
20 May 2016	9 May 2016	17 Days	\$11,000.00 CAD	0.69%	\$75.95 CAD	\$10,924.05 CAD			
16 May 2016	9 May 2016	12 Days	\$12,000.00 CAD	0.44%	\$53.26 CAD	\$11,946.74 CAD			

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### **Viewing Early Payment Offers**

To see details on the offer click on the Payment ID number in the first column
 This will open the offer

 A detailed schedule based on a payment date and the applicable discount that would be taken if the invoice is paid on that date will display

 The later the payment date the less the discount will be



	Payment Date 1	Settlement Date	Scheduled Payment Date	Discount%	Discount Amount	Settlement Amount
$\bigcirc$	6 May 2016	9 May 2016	20 May 2016	0.69	\$75.95 CAD	\$10,924.05 CAD
$\bigcirc$	8 May 2016	10 May 2016	20 May 2016	0.64	\$70.52 CAD	\$10,929.48 CAD
0	9 May 2016	11 May 2016	20 May 2016	0.59	\$65.10 CAD	\$10,934.90 CAD
0	10 May 2016	12 May 2016	20 May 2016	0.54	\$59.67 CAD	\$10,940.33 CAD
0	11 May 2016	13 May 2016	20 May 2016	0.49	\$54.25 CAD	\$10,945.75 CAD
0	12 May 2016	16 May 2016	20 May 2016	0.35	\$37.97 CAD	\$10,962.03 CAD
0	15 May 2016	17 May 2016	20 May 2016	0.30	\$32.55 CAD	\$10,967.45 CAD
0	16 May 2016	18 May 2016	20 May 2016	0.25	\$27.12 CAD	\$10,972.88 CAD
0	17 May 2016	19 May 2016	20 May 2016	0.20	\$21.70 CAD	\$10,978.30 CAD
$) \circ$	18 May 2016	20 May 2016	20 May 2016	0.15	\$16.27 CAD	\$10,983.73 CAD



### **Early Payment Offers - Schedule**

## What the data present means:

- Payment Date (Blue): the date that was selected for payment on the supplier side
- Settlement Date (Green): the date the payment would be actually made based on the payment date selected
- Scheduled Payment Date (Red): the original payment date which is the date the invoice would be paid if <u>no early payment</u> is selected; i.e.; the payment date in accordance to your standard terms with BC Hydro

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#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

- The settlement date will <u>always</u> be the payment date selected + a minimum of number of processing days
- If the payment falls on a weekend day, it will add 1 or 2 days to the overall days to payment as no payments are executed over the weekend
- If the payment date falls on a holiday, that would also add to the overall days to payment as no payments are executed on holidays



### **Accepting Early Payment - Offers**

#### Select a payment date then click Accept Early Payment Offer

- If a payment date is not selected, an error message will show that ensures this step has been taken <u>before</u> accepting the early payment offer
- This will trigger an acceptance document to be sent to BC Hydro so that the payment can be processed and paid by the date selected
- If you do <u>not</u> wish to accept the offer, simply click *Done* at the top of the page to close the offer without action

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	9 May 2016	11 May 2016	20 May 2016	0.59	\$65.10 CAD	\$10,934.90 CAD
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### **Confirmation of Offer - Accepted**

- After accepting an offer, a confirmation page will display
- This will provide the details of what was just selected and accepted
- Click **Done** to finish the acceptance process
- You will be returned to the list of other Early Payment Offers if you wish to continue reviewing other offers
- Note: Once an Early Payment Offer is accepted by a supplier it is transmitted to BC Hydro

Scheduled Payment: BCH151006864602017001	Done
Print Export cXML	
Detail Payment History History	
Payment Information	
Payment Date: 11 May 2016 Invoice ID: TRN-PPINV-N30-2	EARLY PAYMENT: Buyer-Initiated BCH151006864602017001 (Scheduled)
	Original Amount: \$11,000.00 CAD Discount Amount: (\$54.25 CAD)
	Amount Due: \$10,945.75 CAD
	0.49% discount rate applied Settlement on 11 May 2016
Additional Information	
Discount Management yes offer accepted:	
orrer accepted: Organization Unit: BCH1 originalInvoiceNo: TRN-PPINV-N30-2 buyerInvoiceID: 5100686460 fiscalYear: 2017	

Print Export cXML



Done

### **Viewing Scheduled Payments**

- To review your scheduled payments and upcoming payment dates click on your Inbox and then Scheduled Payments
- All scheduled payments will be listed with information for the payment; invoice number, payment date, days remaining until payment and the amount
- To review the detail of a particular scheduled payment, click on **Payment Proposal** to open

Search Filters

Scheduled Payments (16)

	Payment Proposal	Customer	Reference
(	BCH151006864592017001	BC Hydro - TEST	TRN-PPINV-N30- 1
	BCH151002251892017001	BC Hydro Development - TEST	TEST-ZMONI- ROLE
	BCH119002078872017001	BC Hydro - TEST	EOPTESTLPO10
	BCH151006864452017001	BC Hydro - TEST	SIT-USD-INV-2
	BCH151006864492017001	BC Hydro - TEST	TESTMAY04A

cheduled Payment: BCH151006	864602017001 Done	Settlement Date	Remaining	Amount Due	Status	Early Pay Status	
Print Export cXML		5 Jun 2016	30 Days	\$10,000.00 CAD	Scheduled	Eligible	
Detail Payment History History Payment Information		5 Jun 2016	30 Days	\$1,000.00 CAD	Scheduled	Eligible	
Payment Date: 11 May 2016 Invoice ID: TRN-PPINV-N30-2	EARLY PAYMENT: Buyer-Initiated BCH151006864602017001 (Scheduled)	4 Jun 2016	29 Days	\$1,050,000.00 CAD	Scheduled	Eligible	
	Original Amount: \$11,000.00 CAD Discount Amount: (\$54.25 CAD) Amount Due: \$10,945.75 CAD	3 Jun 2016	28 Days	\$2,000.00 USD	Scheduled	Eligible	
	0.49% discount rate applied Settlement on 11 May 2016						



### **Cash Optimizer**

The Cash Optimizer is a tool that will suggest which EPOs to take (across all of your clients) to receive a defined amount of capital by a certain date (Working Capital).

- Enter the amount you need into Working Capital Needed
- Enter the Need by Date
- o Click on Recommend

Based on your criteria and the invoices available for EPOs (across all clients that use this Ariba feature), Ariba will present a list of suggested discounts to give you your targeted Working Capital Needed

Example result on next slide

#### Early Payment Discounts Offered

	Paym	ent ID	Invoice	Due Date ↓	
	BCH1	51002251892017001	TEST-ZMONI- ROLE	5 Jun 2016	
	BCH1	51006864492017001	TESTMAY04A	3 Jun 2016	
	BCH1	51006864452017001	SIT-USD-INV- 2	3 Jun 2016	
	BCH1	19002078742017001	NN-SIT-01	27 May 2016	
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### **Cash Optimizer**

 After clicking
 Recommend the cash optimizer tool allows you to acquire the capital you need by the date you need it in a way that is most beneficial to you

Under Recommended Early Payments, you will see the invoices recommended for early payment with the least amount of discount, that will still provide you with the amount of capital you need

Working Capital Requirem	ents								
Working Capital Needed :*	\$20,000.00 CAD								
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BCH119002078862017001		EOPPRTEST8		BC Hydro - TEST	10	May 2016	\$6,000.00		CAD
BCH151006864482017001		ILSC11		BC Hydro - TEST		Vay 2016	\$9,199,73		CAD
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Recommended Early Payn	nonto								
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BCH1190020787420170	01 NN-SIT-01	25 Apr 2016	27 May 2016	10 May 2016	24 Days	\$10,000.00 CAD	0.99%	\$98.63 CAD	\$9,901.37 CAD
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*Discount							\$106.30 CAD		
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**Gap			(\$1,	476.72 CAD)		9	9,416.98 CAD		
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 By selecting invoices for early payment, you can convert a receivable into cash rather than affecting your bottom line or credit rating through other methods such as a loan



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### **Setting up auto-acceptance of EPOs**

- You have the option of determining parameters under which all EPOs will be automatically accepted
- EPOs that do not fit the parameters you define will still be available for optional manual review and acceptance
- To access these settings click on Company Settings then on Accelerated Payments
- Choose the Settlement tab and click on Create under Supplier Auto Acceptance Rule
- You can also manage all the rules you set up, including deleting them

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#### **Setting up auto-acceptance of EPOs**

- You can now define the 0 parameters under which you are willing to automatically accept **FPOs**
- The rules you define here will Ο apply to all of your clients
- Enter a Name and Description for Ο this rule
- Enter the start and end dates for  $\bigcirc$ which this rule is valid
- Enter the lower and upper limits Ο for the transaction amount
- Enter the lower and upper limits Ο for the APR amounts
- Choose **Yes** under **Active?** To  $\bigcirc$ make the rule effective from the moment you press OK
- Remember you can later edit or Ο delete rules you create

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OK Cancel





#### **1.** I have contractual terms with BC Hydro, reflected in my invoices. Will EPOs affect

#### my individual payment terms?

 $\circ~$  No they will not

#### 2. Do I need to change the way I invoice to take advantage of EPOs?

Not if you are already sending your invoices through Ariba

#### 3. Which invoices are eligible for a discount?

- All approved invoices are eligible for discount
- The last date a discount can be taken is on the 27th day of your net 30 payment term

#### 4. Is the discount fixed?

• Once you accept an EPO, the discount rate will not change

#### 5. I don't want to manually review every EPO.

- You can set up auto-acceptance rules in Ariba based on the APR you are willing to accept
- $\,\circ\,\,$  It also allows you to define limits to dates and values



#### Who to call

Invoicing, Payment and Early Payment Offers (EPOs) Questions	Accounts Payable Helpdesk         o       604 663 3572         o       AccountsPayable@bchydro.com			
Step by step instructions	<ul> <li>The Supplier Information Portal</li> <li>From your home page click on the Company Settings drop down menu, under Account Settings select Customer Relationships</li> <li>From the Customer Relationship page and the Current Relationships tab click on Supplier Information Portal</li> <li>You will find training videos, tip sheets and guidelines</li> </ul>			
Business Process IssuesoCancelled invoiceoOrder not in AribaoInvoice not paidoNeed a work inspection	<ul> <li>Your BC Hydro representative</li> <li>Contact the person who ordered the work / the invoice approver / your BC Hydro rep</li> </ul>			
Ariba Network Account Issues	<ul> <li>From <u>Supplier Login</u> page click on Help Center in the upper right corner</li> <li>From the drop down menu click on Support in the bottom right corner</li> <li>From the Support Center you can enter a request for a phone call or an email or participate in a live chat with an Ariba representative</li> </ul>			
Forgot your user name or password	<ul> <li>Supplier Login page</li> <li>Click; Having trouble logging in?</li> <li>Follow the steps as prompted</li> </ul>			