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Training Guide – Accounts Receivable

Advanced Billing Process

State of Kansas

Applicable Role(s): Billing Administrator, Billing Processor and Central BI Configurator

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Advanced Billing Overview

- Consolidated You may have customers who want to receive multiple invoices grouped together, or consolidated, for ease in processing. With SMART Billing, you can consolidate billing by customers. To consolidate bills, you:
 - Create a consolidated bill header
 - o Attach individual bills to the consolidated bill header
- Non-Consolidated Individual bills or invoices to customers

Note: Bills are NOT invoices. Bills do not have the status of INV. Invoices are bills that have been processed and finalized. Invoices cannot be copied or updated

End-to-End Billing Process

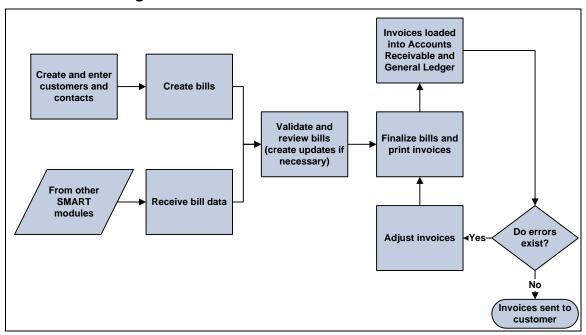


Figure 1. Billing Lifecycle Process

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Billing Roles

The following roles are involved in the Advance Billing Process:

Role	Description
Billing Administrator (BI)	This role is responsible for setting bills to "ready" status and running the finalize and print process to finalize invoices, as needed. This role also maintains agency-configured values in the Billing module.
Billing Processor	This role is responsible for creating new standard invoices and Pro Formas, copy single or groups of bills, reprint and review invoices, setting up and modifying installment schedules, creating new consolidated invoices, and printing invoices.
Central BI Configurator	This role is responsible for maintaining centrally controlled BI configuration values such as Remit To Addresses and Billing Sources.

Table 1. Advanced Billing Roles

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Finalize and Print Bills

Process Invoices

- You create invoices from the bills in the billing system, with the exception of template bills, which are used to create consolidated bills. There are a number of actions, both optional and required, that you perform to generate invoices. For example, you must enter all necessary header and line information and change the status of the bill to RDY (Ready).
- Once you complete these steps, you finalize the bill, print one or more copies or create
 an invoice, and send it to the customer. You control when to finalize the bill, when to
 print the invoice, and when to send it to the customer.
- The Finalize and Print multi-process job runs the following process:
 - Preprocess and Finalization: Runs the actual bill finalization process, which produces an invoice
- Finalization changes the bill status from RDY to INV (Invoiced). Once the invoice status is INV, the invoice information can be loaded into tables for subsequent processing by receivables or general ledger.

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Finalize and Print Invoices Page:

Use this page to select the parameters for printing invoices.

Page Name	Navigation
Finalize and Print	Billing > Generate Invoices > Non-
	Consolidated > Finalize and Print Invoices

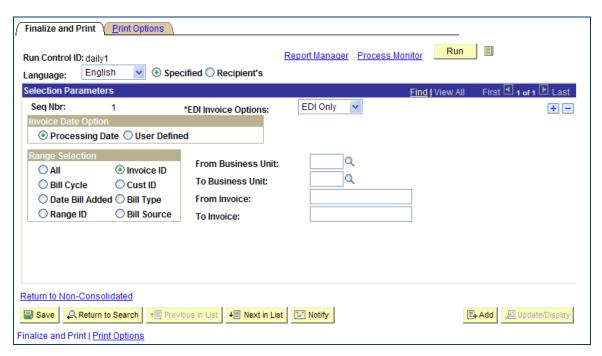


Figure 2. Finalize and Print Page

Field	Description
To and From Business Unit	Use these files to enter the same agency specific business unit. DO NOT leave these fields blank.
Range Selection	Use this section to select the range type of bills you wish to finalize and print. It is best practice to use Invoice ID so one division of an agency does not accidentally create invoices for another division of that agency who might not be ready to create their own bills.
From Invoice	Use this field to enter the invoice number you wish to process. The To and From fields change depending on which Range Selection option chosen.
To Invoice	This field is the same as the From Invoice. The To and From fields change depending on which Range Selection option chosen.

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Table 2. Finalize and Print Page Elements

Researching Invoiced Bill Lines

• Using the **Bill Line Search** page in the **Locate Bills** menu, you can search for any bill line, regardless of the status. When you choose a retrieved bill line, you can drill down to the **Header – Info 1** and **Line – Info 1** pages in <u>view only</u> mode.

Researching Invoiced Bills

- In SMART Billing, you can search for bills by specifying a search criterion. This enables you to review only those bills that meet your requirements.
- You can drill back into the bill being researched from this page

Bill Search Page:

Use this page to search for invoiced bills.

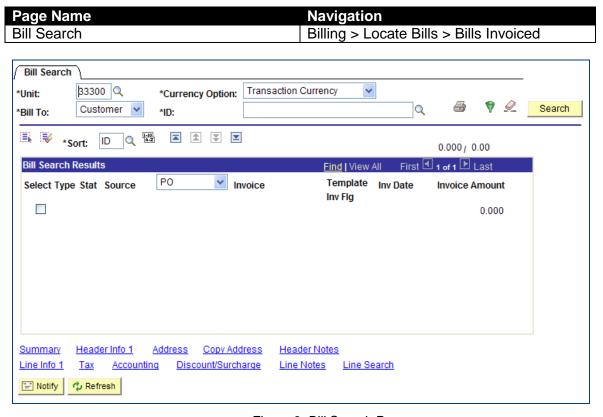


Figure 3. Bill Search Page

Field	Description
Unit	Use this field to enter the Agency specific
	business unit
Bill To	Use this field to select between Customer
	and Contract

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Field	Description
ID	Use this field to enter the Customer ID or
	the contract number
Sort	Use this field to sort the order of the
	searched bill lines. Bills can be sorted
	based on Invoice Amount, Invoice
	Status, Invoice Number by either
	ascending or descending
Bill Search Reset	Use this icon to reset search parameters
<u>Q</u>	
Header Selection Criteria	Use this icon to refine bill search criteria on
♥	the Bill Search Criteria page

Table 3. Bill Search Page Elements

Bill Search Criteria Page:

Use this page to refine bill search criteria.

Bill Search Crite	eria	Billing > Locate Bills > Bills Invoi Header Selection Criteria Icon	ced >
Bill Search Criteri *Currency Option:	a Transaction Currency	Currency Value:	Q
Ref:	Apply to: Header	Value:	
Bill Type: Q Date Q Operand:	Status:	Amount Amount: Curr	rency:

Figure 4. Bill Search Criteria Page

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Header 2 Info Page:

Use this page to view additional general bill information at the header level.

Page Name	Navigation
Header 2 Info	Billing > Locate Bills > Bills Invoiced
	>Header-Info 1 link > Header-Info 2 link

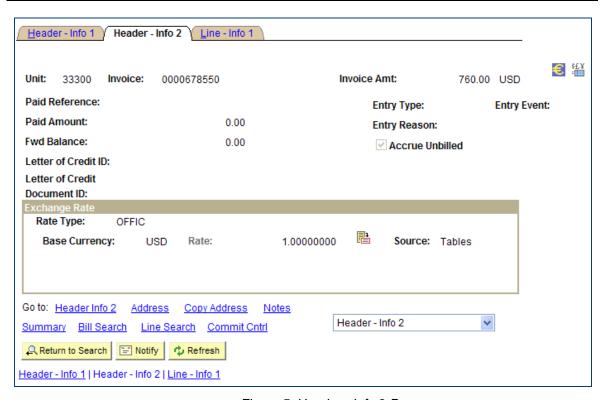


Figure 5. Header - Info 2 Page

Processing and Printing Consolidated Bills

- A consolidated bill groups individual bills for <u>ONE</u> customer into a single bill. This bill
 can be sent to different locations, if required. A consolidated bill consists of the
 consolidated bill header and attached bills.
- The consolidated bill header acts as the "glue" for the attached bills.
- You can pre-process, finalize, and print consolidated invoices. Consolidated bills can be finalized and invoices printed after the individual bills, and bill header status is changed to RDY. The Consolidated Finalize and Print process performs the following actions:
 - Pre-processes and finalizes the specified consolidated bills
 - Prints portrait formatted invoices
 - Prepares invoice information to move to Accounts Receivable
- It is best practice to return to the Address page to verify the address information is correct.

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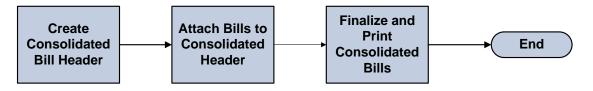


Figure 6. Processing and Printing Consolidated Bills Process

Header Page

Use this page to create a consolidated bill header. A consolidated bill header has its own payment term, invoice date, and due date.

Page Name	Navigation
Header	Billing > Maintain Bills > Create
	Consolidated Header

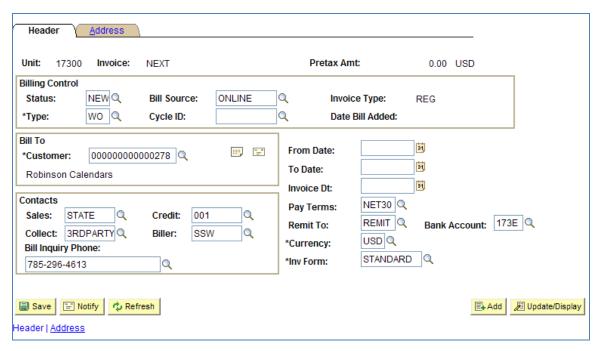


Figure 7. Header Page

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Field	Description
Туре	This field is also known as Bill Type, which represents a category of activity that should be grouped together on a particular bill. A different Bill Type can be established for each type of service. Bills can be searched for and reported on based on bill type. Some Bill Type examples might be <i>Professional Services</i> , <i>Real Estate and Leasing</i> , <i>Printing</i> , or <i>Assets</i> . Bill Types are not printed on the invoice.
Bill Source	SOK is only using Online or Contracts for Bill Source
Status	Use this field to enter the status of the consolidated bills: <i>NEW</i> when creating the header, <i>RDY</i> after the bills have been attached
Contacts Section	This section information defaults based on the customer ID

Table 4. Header Page Elements

Page Name	Navigation
Address Page	Billing > Maintain Bills > Create
	Consolidated Header > Address

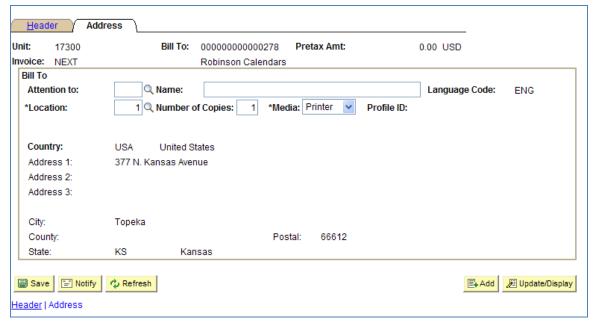


Figure 8. Address Page

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Field	Description
Attention to	SMART populates this field with contact
	information for one contact within the
	customer, if one exists. This field is
	optional.
Name	Use this field to enter the name of the
	contact person
Location	Use this field to specify the location the
	consolidated bill is to be sent to if the
	customer has more than one address.
	Location 1 defaults.

Table 5. Address Page Field Data

Attach and Detach Bills Page:

Use this page to locate and select the bills you want to attach to the consolidated bill header.

Page Name	Navigation
Attach and Detach Bills	Billing > Maintain Bills > Attach and
	Detach Bills

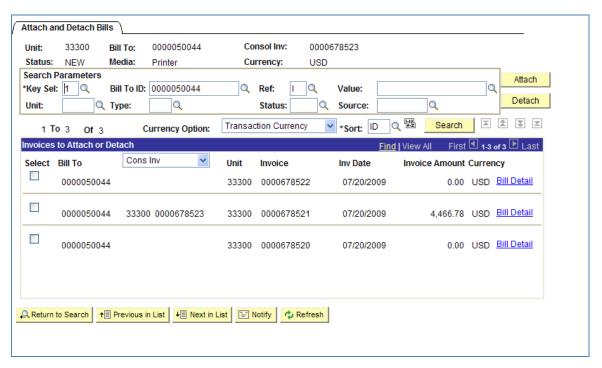


Figure 9. Attach and Detach Bills Page

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Field	Description
Key Sel	The selection in this field determines the
	values that are available in the other
	search fields and the invoices that are
	returned. The SOK values are Customer,
	Contract, or Consolidation Key.
Bill To ID	This field is directly related to the selection
	in the Key Sel field. For example, if Key
	Sel is <i>Customer</i> , then the Bill To ID would
	be Customer.
Ref	Use this field to reference what you want to
	search by. For example, C (Contract
	Number), I (Invoice), or J (Project ID).
Value	Use this field in association with Ref to
	narrow down your search. For example, if
	you selected N in the Ref field
	(Consolidated Invoice) then the look up for
	Value would only show the consolidated
	invoices.
Unit	Use this field to enter the Agency specific
	Business Unit
Туре	Use this field search by bill type, if
	necessary
Status	Use this field to enter the Bill Status. Bills
	in any status other than INV can be
	attached to a consolidated header, but the
	consolidated header cannot be processed
	until all attached bills are in the status of
	RDY.
Source	Use this field to enter the bill source. SOK
	Bill Sources are Contracts and Online.
Sort	Use this field to view the bills in a specific
	sorted format by Invoice Amount, Bill To
	Customer, Invoice Number, or Invoice
	Status. All sorted information can be in
	ascending or descending order.

Table 6. Attach and Detach Bills Page Elements

Consolidated Final and Print Page:

Use this page to enter the process request parameters.

Page Name	Navigation
Consolidated Final and Print	Billing>Generate Invoice > Consolidated >
	Finalize and Print Invoices

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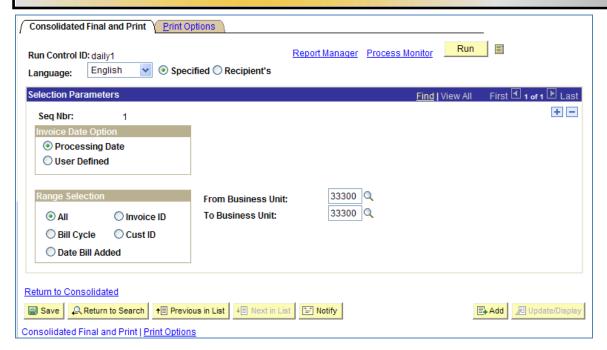


Figure 10. Consolidated Final and Print Page

Field	Description
Range Selection	Use this section to select the range type of bills you wish to finalize and print. It is best practice to use Invoice ID so one division of an agency does not accidentally create a consolidated bill for another division of that agency who might not be ready to create their own bills.
Bills To Be Processed	Use this icon to open the Bills To Be Processed Page. It is best practice to use this page to review bills before finalizing and printing.

Table 7. Consolidated Final and Print Page Elements

Bills To Be Processed Page:

Use this page to view all the bills in the range selection. The bills reflect the options that you define on the main page. Depending on how you access the page, some fields may not appear. Each line item, or invoice number, is a consolidated invoice that could have several bills attached. Only bills in a RDY status display on this page.

Page Name	Navigation
Bills To Be Processed Page	Billing > Generate Invoice > Consolidated
	> Finalize and Print Invoices > Bills To Be
	Processed Icon

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Figure 11. Bills to Be Processed Page

Review Accounts Receivable

 An automatic (batch) process loads invoice information into AR pending items after consolidated and non-consolidated invoices have been generated, or after the bills are in INV status. There is no user action required. However, verification of a successful load of pending items into AR is necessary.

AR Pending Items Page:

Use this page to search and verify that all bills and bill types (consolidated and non-consolidated) were loaded successfully into Accounts Receivable. The only field that is of value is **Group Unit**. All other fields are unknown to the end user at the time of the search.

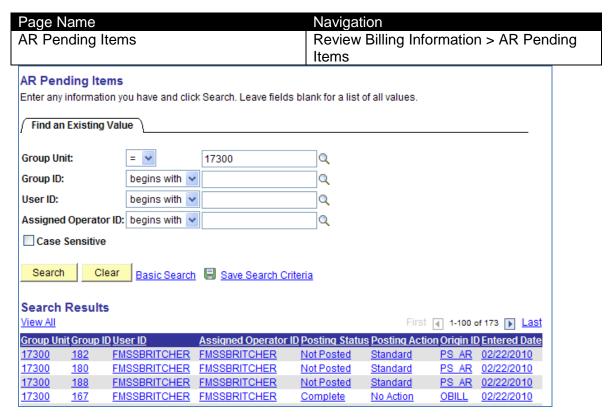


Figure 12. AR Pending Items Page

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Field	Description
Group Unit	Use this field to enter your agency specific
	business unit

Table 8. AR Pending Items Page Field Description

Maintaining Bills

Key Concepts

- When adjusting bills you can
 - o Associate new entry types, reasons, and distribution codes within the bills
 - Calculate new totals
- You can adjust a bill header or line only <u>once.</u>
- **Rebill** You may need to credit an entire bill and rebill. For example, you discover a shipment was sent to the wrong customer.
- **Bill Line Reversal** You may need to adjust bill lines after invoices are generated. For example, if a customer returns items shipped on an order or if the original bill line has incorrect information, you can adjust the bill line.
- **Net Bill Line Adjustment** This is used to create an adjustment for a particular bill line. For example, a customer has been overcharged for an item.
- To adjust bills and bill lines, SMART provides the Adjust Bills function. Use the Adjust Bills function when you must make invoice changes. You can credit entire bills and rebill with one action, or select only certain lines to rebill. You can also add lines of activity and rebill, associate new entry types and reasons with the bills, associate new distribution codes, and calculate new totals. Once the new bill has been created, you can then make the necessary corrections.
- You can adjust any bill in SMART except consolidated bill headers.
 - However, if the bill originated from an external source, you can initiate the adjustment directly from Billing.

Credit a Bill

- If a customer returns goods shipped or the original invoice has incorrect information, you
 can adjust the entire bill by using the Adjust Entire Bill function.
- For a bill to be adjusted, the bill must have a status of INV (Invoiced)

Adjust Entire Bill Page:

Use this page to credit entire bills and reverse original invoices or to credit entire bills and rebill with the correct information.

Page Name	Navigation
Adjust Entire Bill	Billing > Maintain Bills > Adjust Entire Bill >
	Find an Existing Value

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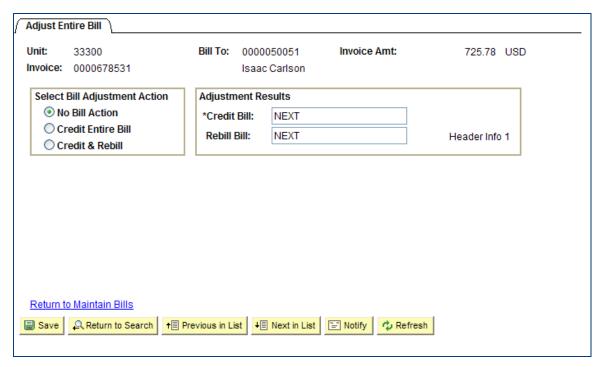


Figure 13. Adjust Entire Bill Page

Description
Use this field to select the radio button for
Credit Entire Bill
It is best practice to override the NEXT
default value to keep a credit line history of
the original bill. By using the original
invoice <i>ID</i> with <i>CR</i> that precedes or follows
the invoice allows for bill location.
It is best practice to override the NEXT
default value to keep a credit line history of
the original bill. By using the original
invoice ID with <i>RB</i> that precedes or follows
the invoice allows for bill location.
No action for the displayed bill occurs at
this time. When you first access the page,
the system uses this value as the default
action. This prevents you from adjusting a
bill unintentionally. Whenever you save
the process, this default action resets.
Create a credit bill for the displayed bill.
The bill has a status of RDY (ready).
Create a credit bill and create a copy of the
displayed bill. The rebill copy has the
status of NEW.

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Table 9. Adjust Entire Bill Page Elements

Adjustment History Page:

Use this page to review bill adjustment history.

Page Name	Navigation
Adjustment History	Review Billing Information > Adjustment
	History > Adjustment History

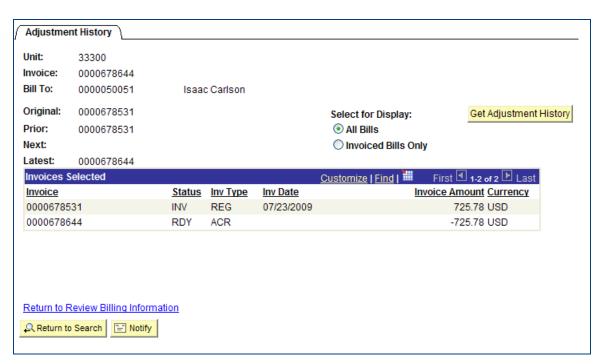


Figure 14. Adjustment History Page

Credit an Entire Bill and Rebill

- The **Adjust Entire Bill** function enables you to adjust the bill either by crediting the entire bill or by crediting the original bill and rebilling. The credit and rebill actions are performed in one-step.
- After the new bill is created, you can make any modifications as required. The credit bill
 is created with a status of RDY (Ready) and the rebill is created with a status of NEW
 (New).

Credit a Bill Line and Apply to an Existing Bill

You may need to adjust bill lines after invoices are generated. For example, if a
customer returns items shipped on an order or if the original bill line has incorrect
information, you can adjust the bill line.

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 You can choose to adjust specific bill lines and add it to an existing invoice. To do this, there must be an existing bill for the customer, and that bill must have a status of RDY (Ready) or NEW (New).

Note: You cannot add an adjustment line to an invoiced bill.

Adjust Selected Bill Lines Page:

Use this page to adjust specific bill lines.

Page Name	Navigation
Adjust Selected Bill Lines	Billing > Maintain Bills > Adjust Selected
	Bill Lines > Find an Existing Value

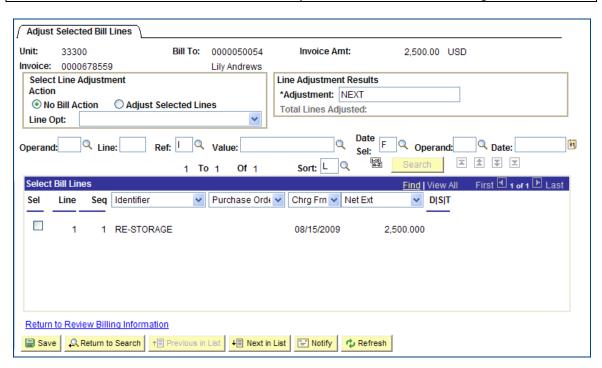


Figure 15. Adjust Selected Bill Lines Page

Creating a Bill Line Reversal and Rebill

SMART enables you to adjust specific bill lines for an invoice. When you adjust a bill
line by using the Create Reversal and Rebill action, SMART creates two new lines – one
that credits the original line and another that reflects the adjustment.

Adjustment Line Summary Page:

Use this page to review the summary details of adjustment lines for a particular bill.

Page Name	Navigation
Adjustment Line Summary	Review Billing Information > Review Line
	History > Find an Existing Value

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Figure 16. Adjustment Line Summary Page

Adjustment Line History Page:

Use this page to review details, including all adjustments, for each bill line.

Page Name	Navigation
Adjustment Line History	Review Billing Information > Review Line
	History > Find an Existing Value
	>Adjustment Line History

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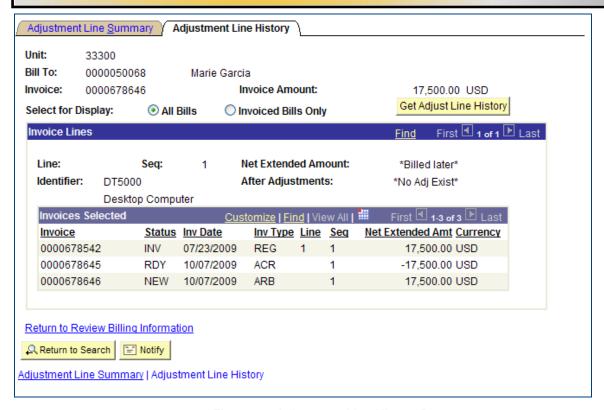


Figure 17. Adjustment Line History Page

Creating a Net Bill Line Adjustment

SMART Billing enables you to create a net adjustment for the bill line. You can choose
to apply the adjustment to an existing bill that has not been invoiced for the customer, or
create a new bill. Creating a net adjustment for a bill line creates a new bill line for the
net change.

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