INFORMATION EXCHANGE COMMITTEE MEETING

FOR DISCUSSION

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON B2B-WG ACTIVITIES

AGENDA ITEM: 12

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to report on the status of action items currently being discussed by the B2B Working Group (B2B-WG).

2. DISCUSSION

Since the August 2021 IEC meeting, the B2B-WG has met for further discussion and input on matters relating to the following:

- Finalisation and publication of the v3.7 B2B procedural issues paper and draft determination for which included the following proposals:
  - Endeavour's Addressing ICFs
  - Origin's PersonNameTitle ICFs
- The Metering Coordinator Planned Interruption rule change and the provision of shared fuse information
- Potential solutions to manage coincident service orders across multiple parties
- Discussion of November Life Support changes
- B2B Guide refresh requirements

An update is provided on each of these matters in the following sections.

2.1. v3.7 B2B Procedures consultation

Submissions to the Draft Determination closed on 18 August 2021 and the comments in submissions were reviewed. A Final Report of the B2B consultation version 3.7 was published on the AEMO website on 28 September 2021. Changes for this consultation are effective 7 November 2022.

2.2. The Metering Coordinator Planned Interruption rule change

Within Schedule 2 of the National Electricity Amendment (Introduction of metering coordinator planned interruptions) Rule 2020 No. 7, is the requirement for a FRMP and/or MC to provide a LNSP with information about shared fusing at a premises. The B2B-WG have been continuing discussions on what this information flow would initially look like (e.g., email) or whether a suitable B2B transaction exists for the communication.

A Shared Fuse ICF was circulated on the 21 September 2021 seeking specific responses and preferences from the following:

1. Option 1 - The NOMW transaction has a free text field 'Notes'. This can be used to explicitly inform the DNSP of a NMI's Shared Fuse status e.g., 'N' or "I".
2. Option 2 - Add a new field to the NOMW specifically to contain the Shared Fuse indicator.

Alternative approaches also discussed included:

3. Alternative 1 - DNSP's update MSATS based on the receipt of a NOMW in its current form. DNSP's can use the receipt of the NOMW transaction to update the shared fuse indicator in MSATs to 'I' or 'N'.
4. Alternative 2 - DNSP's triggers the update of the Shared Fuse Indicator in MSATS as a result of attending a shared fuse site to perform a Temporary Isolation Group supply.
5. Alternative 3 - DNSP triggers updating of Shared Fuse Indicator in MSATS by monitoring for CATS meter change notifications CR3xxx & CR which alert participants to a successful meter change. When this occurs DNSP updates Shared Fuse Indicator to 'N' or 'I'.

However, none of these options were considered suitable. A proposal, as part of agenda item eight, is to create a new One Way Notification (OWN) to enable the communication between MCs and DNSPs.

B2B-WG members were also asked to state their preference for communicating the presence of shared fuses as:

A. Initially being placed in the B2B Guide
B. Proceed straight to procedural consultation.

It was noted that the interim solution is to use CSV, with agreement that communicating the presence of shared fuse in B2B guide is an interim step until consultation on inclusion in the procedures occurs.

2.3. Potential solutions to manage coincident service orders across multiple parties

The NSW moratorium on remote re-energisation and de-energisation expired on 1 October 2020. As such, remote re-energisation and de-energisation has commenced in NSW as long as market participants meet NSW regulatory and safety requirements. At the time this paper was prepared, the NSW Office of Fair Trading has approved the Safety Management Plans of eight retailers and four metering parties.

Following instruction from the IEC at its May meeting (Action 2405-04), the B2B-WG has considered a limited number of additional solutions to the Notified Party proposal that was put to the IEC at the May meeting. All of the solutions which have the potential to provide at least a partial solution to managing the customer and participant risk relating to coincident service orders was developed into a discussion paper and issued the week commencing 23 August 2021 for pre-consultation with participants (retailers, distribution businesses and metering service providers).

The responses to this pre-consultation have been provided to the IEC in agenda item nine.

2.4. Industry Workshop on Life Support Processes

With regard to the changes in B2B related to life support on 10 November 2021, the AGL life support team had questions about how the Networks are going to respond and how people were going to request further actions in the new environment. A workshop for Life support was held on 27 October 2021.

2.5. B2B Guide refresh

The B2B guide was written pre-Power of Choice and was not completely reviewed at the time of Power of Choice. The draft guide has been circulated for review by participants with feedback from the B2B-WG to be collated.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the IEC notes:

- The ongoing work being conducted by the B2B-WG

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