



## MINUTES

MEETING:	Information Exchange Committee
DATE:	Monday 24 August 2020
TIME:	11:00 AM (AEST)
LOCATION:	Teleconference
MEMBER	Mr John Pittard (Chair)
ATTENDEES:	Mr Robert Lo Giudice (metering representative) Mr Doug Ross (discretionary member-metering representative) Mr David Markham (retailer representative) Mr Peter Van Loon (discretionary member-retailer) Mr Marco Bogaers (discretionary member-embedded networks) Mr Peter Price (distributor representative) Ms Emma Youill (discretionary member-distributor representative) Mr David Havyatt (consumer representative)
ALTERNATES:	Nil
APOLOGIES:	Nil
IN ATTENDANCE:	Ms Michelle Norris (AEMO Secretariat) Ms Meghan Bibby (AEMO) Mr Christophe Bechia (Red/Lumo) (B2B-WG representative)

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 11:00 AM.

### 1. Apologies

The Chairperson noted there were no apologies.

The Chairperson welcomed Christophe Bechia (Red/Lumo) as the B2B-WG representative.

### 2. Members' Declarations of Interest

The Chairperson noted that there were no conflicts of interest declared.

### 3. Compliance with Competition Law

The Chairperson introduced the Competition Law Meeting Protocol.

### 4. Minutes of previous meeting

The IEC accepted the minutes of the previous meeting without change.

## 5. Matters arising

The Chairperson provided an update on the actions from previous meetings. These updates were noted by the IEC. An updated Matters Arising document has been circulated with these Minutes and was accurate at the time these minutes were circulated.

Regarding the Embedded Network reforms, Marco Bogaers queried if there was any feedback from the AEMC. At the time of the meeting there was no feedback.

## 6. IEC Members – Membership Outcome

The Chairperson welcomed the returning sector representatives, Robert Lo Giudice, David Markham and Peter Price. Peter Price advised of his new position title EGM Engineering. The Chairperson noted this meeting is David Hayvatt's last meeting as he is stepping aside. ECA has been requested to nominate their new representative.

### Verbal Briefings

## 7. MSATS Standing Data Review (MSDR) update

Michelle Norris (AEMO) provided an update regarding the MSDR, with additional detail provided in the meeting pack slides. Peter Price noted that he had received no new feedback from his Energy Networks Australia (ENA) colleagues. David Hayvatt asked about the ACCC CDR request for standing data information. The IEC discussed that the CDR changes were not included in the MSDR project as further work was required by the ACCC to determine requirements.

## 8. Stand Alone Power Systems (SAPS) update

Michelle Norris (AEMO) provided an update on the current status for the SAPS Priority 1 currently with the SA Government for law changes. Initial high-level impact analysis suggests there may be an impact to B2B, and this is still under investigation by AEMO. The IEC asked what the schedule and likely stages of work are for these impacts. Peter Price asked how the jurisdictional opt in will work. Michelle Norris took the questions on notice and will provide an update prior to, or at the November 2020 IEC meeting ([Action item 2408-01](#)).

## 9. AEMO Strategic Prioritisation of Projects

Michelle Norris (AEMO) provided an update on AEMO's Strategic Prioritisation of Projects with questions posed in the current round on timings for:

- Customer Switching;
- MC Planned Interruptions and MSDR; and
- B2B changes.

Roadmap to be provided to IEC members after the meeting ([Action item 2408-02](#)). Additional information is available on AEMO's website [here](#).

The IEC discussed the collective industry and AEMO costs for these projects and suggested an exercise needs to be performed to understand these costs. John Pittard took an action to discuss this issue with the AEMO Board as to whether this exercise is something AEMO could perform or should it sit with another one of the industry regulatory bodies ([Action item 2408-03](#)).

## **Matters for Decision**

### **10. AEMC Issues Paper on EWON Life Support Rule Change Proposal**

Michelle Norris (AEMO) took the IEC through EWON's Life Support Rule Change Proposal. The IEC discussed the proposal and decided they would explore if a submission was warranted on the AEMC's Issue Paper. David Markham provided some views from the AEC (Australian Energy Council) and Peter Price decided to explore the AEC's views with his ENA colleagues ([Action item 2408-04](#)).

The IEC tasked the B2B-WG to provide the IEC with input on the EWON's rule change proposal and the AEC's views. The B2B-WG is to provide the IEC with suggestions for a clean and simple way to implement changes in the short term for B2B ([Action item 2408-05](#)). The IEC noted the tight turnaround for submissions to the AEMC by 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 and the actions would need to be completed via circular.

## **Matters for Discussion and Noting**

### **11. Wholesale Demand Response (WDR)**

Michelle Norris (AEMO) provided an update on the WDR project and highlighted the priorities that would have a B2B impact and their potential timings. Question raised on life support for large customers, will a DRSP need to know this? ([Action item 2408-06](#)).

### **12. IEC Forward Work Program**

Michelle Norris (AEMO) provided an update on the IEC Forward Work Program and highlighted the priorities that would or may have a B2B impact and their potential timings. It was noted that the dates on the IEC Forward Work Program would move as the AEMC consulted on different matters and provided firmer dates.

### **13. Australia Energy Foundation (AEF) Life Support Roundtable**

Meghan Bibby (AEMO) provided an update on the AEF Life Support Roundtable held on 13 August 2020. It was noted that the AEF trials for engagement with life support customers around electricity interruptions may touch on information sharing between retailers and distributors and if suggestions arose for changes to B2B they would be explored post the completion of the AEF's trials.

### **14. Update on B2B-WG Activities**

Christophe Bechia (Red/Lumo) noted that the B2B-WG's recent focus had been on:

- the finalisation of the B2B Procedures v3.4 and v3.5 consultations;
- initiating the consultation for the v3.3.1 and v3.6 B2B procedural consultation;
- development of life support change requests to improve the efficiency and clarity of current B2B procedures
- issues with the physical and remote de-energisation and re-energisation service orders in NSW and SA

- potential removal of the moratorium on remote de-energisation and re-energisation service orders in NSW; and
- potential B2B Guide changes arising from the Wholesale Demand Response (WDR) rule change.

### **15. Other matters**

The Chairperson thanked David Hayvatt for his time spent supporting the IEC and wished him the best of luck with his next steps.

### **Chairperson closing comments**

#### **Meeting Close**

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 12:30pm.

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**John Pittard**

**IEC Chair**

**Date:** 25 August 2020