INFORMATION EXCHANGE COMMITTEE MEETING

FOR DECISION

SUBJECT: VECTOR METERING CHANGE PROPOSAL: SHARED FUSE OWN

AGENDA ITEM: 8

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to seek a decision from the IEC on a Change Proposal submitted by Vector Metering.

2. SUMMARY

The purpose of this paper is to seek a decision from the IEC on a Change Proposal submitted by Vector Metering. The B2B-WG recommends that this Change Proposal be developed into a B2B Procedures Change Pack for consultation in Q1 2022.

The proposed change is focused on delivering uniformity and process efficiencies in B2B communications for shared fuse arrangements to support the Metering Coordinator Planned Interruption (MCPI) rule change which introduced new obligations for Retailers and MCs to provide information to the DNSP regarding the shared fuse status at a site.

3. DISCUSSION

As a result of the MC Planned Interruption Rule change new obligations were introduced for Retailers and MC's to provide information to the DNSP regarding the shared fuse status at a site.

Typically, the MC will need to communicate this after the MC (or MC's agent) has attended a site to undertake metering work. Work to date has explored several mechanisms to efficiently communicate this information but no suitable mechanism has been agreed.

It is expected that this transaction will be high volume due to the initial value of the Shared Fused indicator in MSATS being set to 'U'nknown as part of the MSATS Standing Data Review (MSDR) project. This means that every meter exchange attempt (successful or not) will generate this information flow. Over the course of the next few years it is expected that 5.5 million transactions will flow between MCs and DNSPs.

An interim process has been established under an agreement between MCs and DNSPs to cater for the situation where the MC attends the site and cannot complete the work. This involves sending .csv files via email and due to the expected high volume of transactions required is not suitable as a the long term solution.

In developing this ICF a number of proposals were considered by the B2BWG of which details are provided in Attachment 1 Vector Metering ICF – Shared Fuse OWN. This change, which received the largest support within the B2B-WG, proposes that a new formal B2B One Way Notification (OWN) transaction be added to the schema to allow the initiator to provide

Shared Fuse arrangements as required by the Rules and CATS Procedures.The B2B-WG recommends that this Change Proposal be developed into a B2B Procedures Change Pack for consultation in Q1 2022.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

The B2B-WG recommends that the IEC:

- Accept the Change Proposal (Issue Change Forms (ICF)) as proposed by the Vector Metering update requirements for One Way Notification for Shared Fuse (Attachment 1).
- Request that AEMO:
    a. Provide advice on whether there is a conflict with the MSATS Procedures which would arise if the Change Proposals were implemented.
    b. Advise whether changes are required to the B2B e-Hub in order to deliver the B2B Change Proposals and, if so, the likely costs and timelines for making the changes .
- Require the B2B-WG develop this Change Proposal into a B2B Procedure Change Pack, including the requested advice from AEMO in accordance with section 7.17.4(i) of the National Electricity Rules (NER).
- Require the B2B-WG to provide the completed B2B Procedure Change Pack for the IEC's consideration on, or prior to, the February 2022 IEC meeting.

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ATTACHMENT 1	Vector Metering ICF – Shared Fuse OWN
ATTACHMENT 2	B2B Procedure OWN Process – Shared Fuse Change Marked