

INFORMATION EXCHANGE COMMITTEE MEETING

FOR DECISION

SUBJECT: IEC ENDORSEMENT OF B2B GUIDE INCLUDING CHANGES
FROM THE WHOLESALE DEMAND RESPONSE RULE CHANGE
REQUIREMENTS

AGENDA ITEM: 7

PURPOSE

This brief seeks the endorsement of the IEC of the B2B Guide version 1.4.1 which includes changes from the Wholesale Demand Response (WDR) rule change.

BACKGROUND

The WDR rule change will come into effect on 24 October 2021. In October 2020 AEMO recommended that the IEC not approve a proposed amendment to the B2B Planned Interruption Notification (PIN) which would require relevant participants to use the PIN to notify the Demand Response Service Provider (DRSP) of an upcoming outage. The IEC endorsed the approach which was reflected by AEMO in a second-round consultation package of Retail Procedures (Wholesale Demand Response) changes to support the rule change.

AEMO continued to consult on the B2B Guide with changes to identify the DRSP as a role that may use the following B2B transactions:

- Provide Meter Data (PMD)
- Validate Meter Data (VMD)
- Meter Data Notification

DISCUSSION

In the Issues Paper, stakeholders were asked whether relevant participants could use the (B2B) PIN to notify the DRSP of an upcoming outage.

Most respondents agreed that the DRSP would need to be notified of an outage. However, respondents did not support the proposed changes relating to the PIN, for two key reasons:

1. The change would be expensive in terms of systems and processes, especially given the investments already underway to meet other significant changes, including 5 Minute Settlement.
2. The National Energy Retail Rules (NERR) requires certain market participants to provide customers with planned outage notifications. The DRSP relationship with the end use customer should include commercial arrangements to pass on these notifications.

The IEC previously agreed that the DRSP and customer relationship is the lowest cost option, in contrast to the higher-cost PIN approach. The IEC also noted that a DRSP may choose to receive communications of outage notifications directly with the end user, irrespective of the availability of the PIN.

The changes proposed in the Issues Paper consequently were not included in the draft B2B Guide which was published with the Retail Procedures (Wholesale Demand Response) draft determination in December 2020.

The changes to the B2B Guide to allow DRSP's to use B2B transactions was supported in the second round of consultation in the feedback received.

Feedback from participants in response to the draft determination, which has been included in Attachment 1, supported the final approach.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the IEC note the feedback from participants on the proposed approach, summarised in Attachment 1.

It is also recommended that the IEC endorse the B2B Guide version 1.4.1 which includes changes from the Wholesale Demand Response (WDR) rule change requirements. Included in this briefing pack is a tracked version of the B2B Guide version 1.4.1 (Attachment 2) and a clean version of the B2B Guide version 1.4.1 (Attachment 3).

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B2B Guide Section	Consulted Person	Respondent Comments
Section 5.1 Inclusion of the DRSP role in the B2B transactions and Participants table.	Origin Energy	Noted
	AGL	Agree
	AusNet Services	AusNet Services supports this amendment.
Table 1 Inclusion of DRSP role as an initiator for PMD Meter Data Process.	Origin Energy	Noted
	AGL	Agree
	AusNet Services	AusNet Services supports this amendment.
Table 1 Inclusion of DRSP role as an initiator for VMD Meter Data Process.	Origin Energy	Noted
	AGL	Agree
	AusNet Services	AusNet Services supports this amendment.
Table 1 Inclusion of DRSP role as a recipient of Meter Data Notification.	Origin Energy	Noted
	AGL	Agree
	AusNet Services	AusNet Services supports this amendment.
Section 6.6.1(a)	Origin Energy	Noted
	AGL	Agree
	AusNet Services	AusNet Services supports this amendment.
Section 6.6.2(a)	Origin Energy	Noted
	AGL	Agree
	AusNet Services	AusNet Services supports this amendment.