



MINUTES

MEETING:	Information Exchange Committee
DATE:	Monday 23 November 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 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)
ALTERNATES:	Ms Stefanie Monaco (alternate – retailer representative)
APOLOGIES:	Mr David Markham (retailer representative)
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 David Markham was an apology and Stefanie Monaco attended as the alternate.

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 and Secretariat 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.

Verbal Briefings

6. Electricity and Water Ombudsman (EWON) rule change proposal on maintaining life support customer registration when switching

Alisa Toomey (AEMC) was welcomed by the Chairperson. Alisa introduced her two AEMC colleagues, Lauren Taborda and Mitch Grande, who also joined the meeting and are part of the Review of Metering Competition team. Alisa provided an update regarding the EWON rule change proposal, noting that the Draft Determination had been recently published and the AEMC has proposed a more preferable rule to avoid costly system and process changes at this time. The proposed preferable rule establishes a process for a customer to be able to ask for the return of their medical confirmation to use with their new RPO. Alisa discussed how the proposed preferable rule also meets the Privacy Act and noted that a number of submissions whilst outside the scope of this rule consultation highlighted that an additional review of how the life support rules work may be required.

7. AEMC Review of Metering Competition

Alisa Toomey (AEMC) provided an overview of the upcoming AEMC Review of Metering Competition commencing in December 2020. The review will be a holistic look at the positives and negatives of the 2017 rule change. It is intended that the review be completed by October 2021. The AEMC will look to hold workshops throughout the review to discuss the findings.

8. Wholesale Demand Response (WDR)

Meghan Bibby (AEMO) provided an update on WDR retail procedures consultation which includes changes to the B2B Guide to include the Demand Response Service Provider (DRSP) for meter data transactions. AEMO will provide the IEC with the submissions on the B2B Guide as well as the question in the Issues Paper on usage of the Planned Interruption Notification (PIN).

Stefanie Monaco raised whether the IEC should consider a DRSP as a Third Party B2B Participant on the IEC and asked AEMO to confirm if the DRSP is a Third Party B2B Participant (**Action 2311-01**). The IEC will consider whether a DRSP representation should be included in the IEC in the new year (**Action item 2311-02**).

9. AEMO rule change proposal to standardise and streamline consultations for electricity

Meghan Bibby (AEMO) provided an update on rule change proposal being developed by AEMO as part of the Energy Security Board's (ESB's) review of the electricity markets. The rule change proposal seeks to provide consistency on the procedure consultation process and includes changes to Chapter 7 and the B2B Procedure consultation processes. Most of the changes are administrative and still continues the two round consultation process. Stefanie Monaco asked if the IEC could review and provide feedback to the rule change proposal before it is submitted to the AEMC. AEMO to check with their legal team if this is

possible (Action item 2311-03). The Chairperson asked for a summary of the changes to be provided to the IEC specifically on the B2B process changes (Action item 2311-04).

10. Stand Alone Power Systems (SAPS)

Michelle Norris (AEMO) provided an update on AEMO's SAPS impact analysis, noting that any B2B impacts will need to be assessed once the Business to Market (B2M) mechanisms are known. Michelle mentioned that the law changes for SAPS are with the SA Parliament and further information will be known in the New Year. The IEC requested a discussion next year once the SA Parliament decisions are available (Action item 2311-05).

Matters for Decision

11. Endeavour Energy Change Proposal: Addresses

Meghan Bibby (AEMO) highlighted the two change proposals from Endeavour Energy are to align the B2B transactions with the changes finalised in the MSATS Standing Data Review consultation. The IEC accepted the two change proposals and asked that the B2B-WG put together the appropriate change pack and include acknowledgement of all three options proposed for the DP and Section Number data and the decision process to arrive at the preferred one option for consultation (Action item 2311-06).

Matters for Discussion

12. Draft IEC Annual Report for Calendar Year 2020

Michelle Norris (AEMO) provided an overview of the draft IEC Annual Report and that any feedback is required by Friday 18 December 2020 (Action item 2311-07).

13. Draft IEC budget 2021-22

Michelle Norris (AEMO) provided an overview of the draft IEC 2021-22 budget and noted that AEMO is currently in the process of negotiating the insurance costs. The IEC is to provide endorsement of the IEC budget for 2021-22 prior to 28 February 2021 (Action item 2311-08).

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 v3.3.1 and v3.6 consultation;
- issues with the physical and remote de-energisation and re-energisation coincident service orders, particularly for NSW and SA where the remote services can be used; and
- potential changes for the B2B Procedures v3.7 consultation including the two Endeavour Energy change proposals and further minor clarifications for life support.

15. Update on consultation on v3.3.1 and v3.6

Christophe Bechia (Red/Lumo) noted that the B2B Procedures v3.3.1 and v3.6 consultation has been reviewed and the final report will be published on 16 December 2020.

16. B2B-WG Review of Coincident Service Orders for De-energisation and Re-energisation

Meghan Bibby (AEMO) and Christophe Bechia (Red/Lumo) noted that the B2B-WG's efforts on working through the solutions for coincidental services orders now that multiple parties will be involved in de-energisation and re-energisation service orders using physical and remote methods. The discussions have been focussed on achieving the best customer outcome.

17. IEC Forward Work Program

Michelle Norris (AEMO) provided an overview of the proposed 2021 IEC Forward Work Program and highlighted the priorities that would or may have a B2B impact and their potential timings. The IEC is to provide feedback prior to 18 December 2020 (Action item 2311-09).

Other Business

18. Proposed IEC meeting dates 2021

The Secretariat requested input into whether the proposed 2021 meeting dates are suitable. (Action item 2311-10).

19. Other matters

The IEC decided to send a letter of support for the AEMC proposed preferable rule in regards EWON rule change proposal on life support. The Secretariat will draft the letter for IEC review (Action 2311-11).

Michelle Norris (AEMO) noted the work AEMO is currently investigating with the Northern Territory (NT) to provide B2M and B2B services using AEMO's existing systems and the existing B2M and B2B Procedures for the NT jurisdiction. The NT is not a jurisdiction under the National Electricity Market (NEM), nor do they plan to join the NEM. They are looking for services to enable expanded retail competition for NT customers. The IEC requested that the NT discussion be added to the agenda in the New Year to provide the IEC with an update on progress to assess any impact on existing NEM procedures. (Action 2311-12).

The Chairperson thanked everyone for their involvement this year and wished them a happy and safe festive season.

Chairperson closing comments

Meeting Close

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 12:30pm.

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John Pittard
IEC Chair

Date: 23 November 2020