INFORMATION EXCHANGE COMMITTEE MEETING

FOR DISCUSSION

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON B2B-WG ACTIVITIES

AGENDA ITEM: 6

1. PURPOSE

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

2. DISCUSSION

Since the February 2023 Information Exchange Committee (**IEC**) meeting, the B2B-WG has met monthly to discuss and consider various matters including:

- The B2B NEM RoLR Consultation
- The upcoming Integrated Energy Storage Systems (**IESS**) B2B consultation
- Potential impacts of other proposed NEM Reform initiatives on B2B documents
- Other immediate to longer term priorities

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

2.1. B2B NEM RoLR Consultation

Feedback received from the B2B NEM RoLR Consultation published on 2 March 2023 highlighted the following issues:

- The identification of additional changes in information that both the failed retailer and distributors could provide the RoLR. Impacted parties required an additional round of consultation to consider these changes and provide feedback.
- Feedback from contestable metering businesses indicated that extending the current LNSP obligations may not be the most appropriate action to address the current gaps in the obligations.

As a result of this feedback, the B2B-WG agreed that the proposed changes associated to obligations in respect of the treatment of inflight work requests where the work is being undertaken by a non-LNSP service provider should be removed from the current Consultation and instead be reviewed and consulted on as part of AEMO's broader RoLR review.

The below recommendations were subsequently presented to and endorsed by the IEC:

- To switch the Consultation to a standard rules consultation process.
- Reduce the scope of the Consultation by removing the proposed changes associated with the gaps in obligations in respect of the treatment of inflight work requests where the work is being undertaken by a non-LNSP service provider.
- Refer these removed changes to AEMO for inclusion in AEMO's broader RoLR review process.

The B2B-WG are in the process of producing the Consultation's Draft Determination, which will include the proposed changes to section 102 and the errata changes to section 104 of the NEM RoLR Processes (Part B) Procedure, which is due to be published by 9 June 2023.

2.2. Integrated Energy Storage Systems (IESS) consultation

The IESS B2M Consultation commenced on 6 March 2023, with the draft determination due to be published by 12 June 2023.

As previously mentioned, the proposed B2M IESS changes included:

- Changes to NMI Classification Codes, including three new codes and amendments to two further codes
- Extensive amendments to terminology introduced by the IESS Rule, which will need to be reflected across the Retail Electricity Market Procedures. Most of these changes will be minor or administrative in nature.
- Other changes, including the location and order of embedded network processing, which will not result in procedure changes but may change the way participants who are embedded network parents undertake reconciliation processes.
- Potential change to the Rule implementation start date from 3 June 2024 to 2 June 2024, alignment to the commencement of a settlement week

The B2B-WG has previously conducted an initial IESS high-level impact assessment, which has identified some minor changes to the B2B procedures. The impact assessment will be reviewed again post the draft determination of the IESS B2M Consultation.

The B2B-WG continues to target a July/August B2B IESS consultation commencement.

2.3. NEM Reform Initial Assessment

The B2B-WG has completed an initial review of the confirmed and proposed NEM Reform initiatives, to identify if any initiatives may have an impact on B2B artefacts. Version 2 of the NEM Reform Roadmap was published by AEMO on 27 April 2023. The B2B-WG will continue to assess NEM Reform initiatives progressively as information comes to hand.

2.4. B2B-WG immediate to longer term priorities

The B2B-WG continues to monitor and progress various matters associated to the B2B procedures; these matters include:

- Immediate/Short Term:
  - B2B NEM RoLR Consultation
  - Implementation of B2B v3.8
- Short/Medium Term:
  - Preparation, including IEC engagement, regarding the IESS consultation
  - Developments regarding AEMO's IDX (Information Data Exchange), IDAM (Identity and Access Management) and PC (Portal Consolidation) initiatives
- Medium/Long Term:
  - AEMC's Metering Services Review (MSR)
  - NEM Reform initiatives, including:
    - Unlocking consumer energy resources (CER) benefits through flexible trading
    - EV Charging/enhancing the DER register

The B2B-WG will continue to provide information and advice to the IEC progressively regarding these and other matters as required.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the IEC notes the ongoing work being conducted by the B2B-WG and the potential ICFs and change packs for future IEC consideration.

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