Meeting Notes – B2B-WG

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| MEETING: | Business-to-Business Working Group |
| DATE: | Tuesday, 13 September 2022 |
| TIME: | 9:30am-12:00pm |
| LOCATION: | Teleconference |
| meeting #: | 10 |
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ATTENDEES:

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| Name | Company |
| Blaine Miner (Chair) | AEMO |
| Nandu Datar | AEMO |
| Meghan Bibby | AEMO |
| Lenard Bull | AEMO |
| Aakash Sembey | Origin Energy |
| Adrian Honey | TasNetworks |
| Carla Adolfo | intelliHub |
| Christophe Bechia | Red/Lumo |
| David Woods | SA Power Networks |
| Dino Ou | Endeavour Energy |
| Graeme Ferguson | Essential Energy |
| Helen Vassos | PLUS ES |
| Jo Sullivan | Energy Australia |
| Mark Riley | AGL |
| Paul Greenwood | VectorAMS |
| Robert Lo Giudice | Alinta Energy |
| Robert Mitchell | EnergyQueensland |
| Wayne Farrell | Yurika |

# Preliminary matters

## Acknowledgment and Apologies

Kate Gordon was noted as an apology.

## Confirm agenda

The B2B-WG confirmed the agenda. No other items.

## Action items from previous meeting and standing list of consultation items

Blaine Miner noted that the following items were being proposed to be closed since the last meeting:

| **Action Meeting Date** | **Description** | **Responsible** | **Outcome** |
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| 2303-01 | The Initial high-level assessment of IESS impact on B2B procedures is required by 31 May 2022. | B2B WG | Now covered by action 0908-08 |
| 1406-02 | Consider the implications of the proposed changes from ICF for Alignment of field lengths on their organisations | B2B WG | ICF raised |
| 1406-03 | Review the amended clause in the RoLR procedure and provide feedback | B2B WG | ICF raised |
| 1207-07 | Assess the potential impacts of IESS on the B2B procedures in preparation for the Aug B2B WG meeting | B2B WG | B2B WG members reviewing the rule in preparation for the meeting on 26 SEP. Covered by action 0908-08 |
| 0908-02 | Locate justifications for previous B2M field length change | Nandu Datar (AEMO) | The justification is harmonisation and insufficient field length |
| 0908-06 | Discuss and develop an ICF for the PersonNameTitle and PersonNameGiven issue | Helen Vassos (PLUS ES) and Nandu Datar (AEMO) | ICF provided by Helen Vassos |
| 0908-09 | Organise an out of session IESS meeting to discuss findings from review of the rule | Nandu Datar (AEMO) | Meeting organised for 26 Sep 2022 |
| 0908-13 | Identify which responses to additional information in network handbook were from the networks | Nandu Datar (AEMO) | Further analysis done and included in the analysis report |
| 0908-14 | Identify which responses to questions about improvements and additional information in the guide were from the B2B WG members | Nandu Datar (AEMO) | Further analysis done and included in the analysis report |
| 0803-06 | B2B WG members to check with their internal stakeholders and provide feedback on whether to progress the ICF for Update OWN to include NCOMUML inventory files | B2B WG | 12/04 - Mark Riley (AGL) noted that this could be put on hold pending additional work to be completed for the ERCF |

Discussion on Open action items:

* Open action items were discussed.
* 1406-04: Meghan Bibby noted that the Metering team will be performing a review of the RoLR processes. They are currently busy with RoLR events in the market. Blaine Miner proposed closing action 1406-04 as there is an associated action 1207-02 where any proposed changes in communication associated with RoLR will be brought to the ERCF and B2B working groups progressively. It was decided to include this action in the proposed face-to-face meeting in November. Adrian Honey queried about the review following RoLR events and if RoLR communication is part of it. Blaine noted that this will be discussed with the Metering team.
* 1207-01: Blaine Miner asked the group if any member is an advocate of combining the B2B procedures. Christophe Bechia and Helen Vassos indicated their preference for combining the procedures and provided justification. The discussion also suggested a lower priority for this work. Mark Riley noted improving the B2B guide should provide Industry more value. Helen Vassos noted that PLUSES don’t depend on the B2B guide. Blaine suggested that to realise any real benefits of combining the procedures that the approach and sequencing of information may need to be reconsidered i.e. little value in just appending one procedure to the other. Blaine Miner also noted that there seemed to be insufficient support to prioritise the combining of the procedures at this stage and proposed to close this action and revisit the matter following the completion of the improvements to the B2B guide.
* 0908-01, 0908-03, 0908-04 and 0908-05 were deemed closed as they were on the agenda for discussion.
* 0908-07: Blaine Miner spoke about the errata sheet discussion from the August meeting. Paul greenwood queried if the errata sheet is required as the new consultation format may allow quick implementation of minor changes. Mark Riley suggested collecting the errors for 6 or 12 months and then have one consultation for fixing them. Blaine proposed developing a new template to start capturing the corrections.
* 0908-08: Blaine Miner noted the out of session IESS meeting on 26 September and requested members to send through their feedback to the B2B mailbox at least a week prior to the meeting (19 Sept) so AEMO can consolidate and circulate the feedback to members prior to the meeting. Mark Riley requested circulating the storyboard to the members.
* 0908-12 and 0908-15: Mark Riley suggested an out of session meeting to discuss these actions. Blaine suggested these items could be discussed at the face-to-face meeting in November.

Actions:

* AEMO to develop and circulate a proposed new template to capture B2B ‘corrections’.
* AEMO to circulate the storyboard from Mark Riley to the B2B WG

# Items for discussion or noting

## ICF Update – Meghan Bibby

Discussion:

* Meghan Bibby provided an update from the recent IEC meeting. Meghan called out key items from the agenda, including changes to the IEC membership and updates on the B2B v3.8 consultation, the new NER 8.9 consultation process, IESS and the AEMC’s Metering Competition review. Meghan noted a couple of actions assigned to the B2B WG.
  + The B2B WG to review if the current procedures are ‘fit-for-purpose’ for the transmission communication of power quality information and what sort of scalability would need to occur to allow for that transmission of information.
  + Could the B2B procedure changes be accelerated to allow power quality transactions to flow rather than waiting for AEMC rule change.
* Mark Riley queried if this would require a new procedure. Meghan noted that these transactions were established during the Power of Choice, and it was more about if they were fit for purpose.
* Adrian Honey queried if there is another working group looking at power quality and stated that the B2B WG currently has insufficient information to complete the requested IEC actions. He also noted that his understanding was that the B2B eHub was not the preferred option to transport power quality data.
* Paul Greenwood spoke to Adrian’s query and noted that the group is looking at technical implementation and trying to get some agreement between metering providers and networks for the provision of that service effectively. Paul noted one approach being considered is using a peer-to-peer transaction that was built during Power of Choice. Another option is to use SMP or build some other protocol such as secure FTP.

Actions:

* The B2B WG to consider what information is required to determine if the current procedures were sufficiently fit for purpose for the transmission of power quality data and what sort of scalability would need to occur to allow for that transmission to occur
* The B2B WG to consider and recommend if the B2B procedure changes could be accelerated to allow for power quality transactions to flow rather than waiting for an AEMC rule change

## New ‘fit-for-purpose’ consultation rules – Blaine Miner

Discussion:

* Blaine Miner spoke to the slides.
* Helen Vassos queried if there was flexibility to increase the stages in consultation if required. Meghan Bibby noted that it is possible to extend beyond 2 stages.
* Mark Riley requested if the table of timeframes from the slides could be combined. Blaine said yes and will be added to the appendix of future meeting packs for easy reference.

Actions:

* AEMO to combine the timeframe tables from the meeting pack and add them to the appendix for all future meeting.

## B2M Update – Blaine Miner

Discussion:

* Blaine Miner provided an overview of the current B2M activities, more details were provided in the appendix of the slide pack. Blaine noted the ERCF’s preference to consult on Retail & Metering IESS procedure changes in mid-2023 and that there would be ongoing engagement with the ERCF and B2B working groups to minimise any ‘surprises’ when the consultations commence.
* Regarding MSDR, Blaine noted and thanked distributors for their assistance and flexibility in helping flatten out planned SIPF volume updates during Sept and Oct.

## IEC ICFs – Current and emerging – B2B WG

Discussion:

B006

* Helen spoke to the ICF for PersonName definition spec correction and noted the discrepancy in field definition where it states the field can be blank when not available and another part of the description states an empty string is required.
* The members discussed what is meant by an empty string. Lenard Bull noted he will need to confirm how to specify the empty string and will respond back.
* Mark Riley noted that the empty string format needs to be communicated to the industry.
* The B2B WG discussed if such a change could be considered a minor administrative correction.

Actions:

* Lenard Bull to provide the format of an empty string in aseXML transactions
* The B2B WG to prepare the change pack to support an expedited consultation on the PersonName definition.

B001

* Blaine Miner noted the ICF for Notification with CSV payloads has been withdrawn.
* Mark Riley noted it was related using the OWN transaction to transport any CSV file. The reason it is being withdrawn is that investigation by Lenard Bull identified there is no validation of the content. This allows 2 parties to exchange information via CSV package through the OWN.

Actions:

* AEMO to include the reason for the withdrawal of the ICF in the ICF register.

B002 and B004

* Blaine Miner noted the justifications provided by Nandu Datar re B2M field length changes. Regarding Section and DP number fields (length 20 char in B2M), Nandu Datar noted the FormReference and FormNumber fields (length 15 char) in B2B were repurposed for specifying the section and DP numbers in NSW.
* The group discussed potential timeframes for any associated schema changes. It was determined that there was no room in the schema change scheduled for May 2023. The group noted this could wait until the following schema change.
* Mark Riley spoke to the Australian standard and noted that the impacted fields have been identified.
* Blaine noted that the group supported progressing the 2 ICFs and that the proposed solution and timing is yet to be decided.

B003

* Aakash Sembey spoke to the ICF for RoLR procedure updates and noted there is no technical impact. It relates to errata and clarification of couple of clauses. Aakash also noted he will be preparing a proposal for the ERCF and that this ICF could still progress.
* Blaine requested the members to send any feedback to Aakash Sembey.

Actions:

* B2B WG to send feedback about B003 to Aakash Sembey asap

B005

* Blaine Miner noted this ICF will wait for the ERCF ICF to progress.

# Other business

## MSATS outage windows

* Blaine Miner noted that the proposed changes to the outage windows was supported by Industry (Sundays 10am to 2pm market time).

## Wrap-up, actions, questions, parked issues

* The next B2B-WG meeting is scheduled for 11 October 2022.
* Members to send through any proposed agenda items, plus associated content, to the B2B WG mailbox.
* Blaine noted the proposal to hold December meeting as face to face.
  + The members discussed possible dates and it was agreed to meet on 22 and 23 November in Brisbane. There will be no December meeting, but the November meeting would remain in member’s calendars in case it was required.

Actions:

* AEMO to circulate a placeholder for member’s calendar for 22 and 23 November meeting.

Parked items:

* None