INFORMATION EXCHANGE COMMITTEE MEETING

FOR DECISION

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO COMMENCE CONSULTATION IN Q3 2019

AGENDA ITEM: 10

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the IEC endorse that consultation commence on the matters outlined in this briefing according to the timeline described in Section 3.4.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to seek endorsement from the IEC for the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) to conduct a consultation commencing in Q3 2019 on:

- Procedure-only improvements (not requiring IT system changes) to B2B Procedures resulting from a deferred Power of Choice (PoC) transaction
- An update to the B2B Guide resulting from the Life Support Rule change
- An identified process improvement put forward by Acumen Metering (now intelliHUB)

3. BACKGROUND

In May 2018, the IEC requested that the Business-to-Business Working Group (B2B-WG) review the list of desirable (as opposed to essential) B2B transaction or process changes that were deferred during the Power of Choice (PoC) implementation during 2017. From this original list of 51 deferred potential transactions, the B2B-WG has recommended only one procedure-only change to be advanced to consultation at this point in time - Miscellaneous Service Order definition amendment.

The IEC has also previously endorsed a Change Proposal from Acumen Metering be progressed to consultation during Q3 2019.

The B2B-WG also identified a number of B2B process or transaction improvements that it also recommends be advanced to consultation. These changes involve incorporating the LifeSupportStatus allowable value definitions from the B2B Guide into the Customer and Site Details Notification Process.

These changes are all procedure-only (no system changes) and seek to clarify B2B Procedures rather than introduce new obligations. Further details on each of these changes is provided in Section 3.

4. DISCUSSION - B2B WORKING GROUP REVIEW

A summary of the proposed changes is provided in the following sections.

4.1. Miscellaneous Service Order (MSO) definition amendment

There is currently some ambiguity surrounding when the MSO is to be used, which has resulted in usage of the MSO in scenarios not expected by other participants and potentially covered by other existing B2B transactions. The B2B-WG recommends that the definition of

the MSO be amended to clarify that it may only be used if there exists a bilateral agreement between the parties on use of the transaction to remove the ambiguity.

4.2. Improvements to the Notice of Metering Works (NOMW)

The Information Exchange Committee (IEC) approved consultation on the proposed NOMW improvements in February 2019 (see Section 5 of that meeting's minutes). A summary of the changes and reasons was provided to the IEC in Ref #5 of the IEC meeting pack.

4.3. Incorporating the Life Support Status definitions from the B2B Guide into the Customer and Site Details Notification Process

In January 2019, the IEC gave its approval to v1.3 of the B2B Guide (by Circular), which has been updated to reflect new life support arrangements which were commencing on 1 February 2019. As part of v1.3, definitions were provided in clause 6.3.1(m) for the various allowed values of the "LifeSupportStatus" field. These definitions were identified by the B2B-WG as having been overlooked in the B2B Procedures update for the Life Support Rule change and were included in the Guide as an interim measure. The definitions included in the B2B Guide will only be made binding by their introduction into the Customer and Site Details Notification Process.

The B2B-WG recommends consulting on moving the existing definitions in the B2B Guide into the "Definition / Comments" columns of the Customer and Site Details Notification Process clause 5.5, which details data requirements for the LifeSupportNotification transaction.

The B2B-WG notes that the conclusion of this consultation would also require an update to the B2B Guide to remove the LifeSupportStatus allowable value definitions.

4.4. Timelines

The B2B-WG seeks the IEC's approval for AEMO to commence consultation on the above items in accordance with the timeline proposed in the following table.

Stage	**Date**	**Notes / Comments**
Initial Notice	13/08/2019	IEC approval given in 12 August meeting
Submissions Close	17/09/2019	B2B-WG will draft the discussion paper via circular
Draft Determination	15/10/2019	IEC approval given via circular
Submissions Close	29/10/2019	B2B-WG will draft the final determination paper via circular
Final Determination	10/12/2019	IEC approval given at the 25 November meeting

4.5. Issues Paper and draft B2B procedures

An issues paper and draft copies of relevant B2B Procedures are included in this meeting pack for your approval.

5. B2B WORKING GROUP RESOURCE EFFORT

In November 2018 the IEC requested that a resource impact be captured for each action referred to the B2B-WG for analysis. The following table provides an overview of the current work impacts for the B2B-WG members and the AEMO Secretariat.

Note that the resource impact only reflects attendance at meetings and workshops and does not reflect additional time spent by the AEMO Secretariat and B2B-WG members in preparing for meetings and workshops and consulting with other Participants.

Note also that the resource impact below overlaps with the resource impact given for the deferred PoC changes paper, as the Q3 consultation includes items from the deferred PoC changes.

IEC action requested	Review the 51 deferred PoC potential B2B transactions and provide recommendations to the IEC. Review the ICF on Notice of Metering Work suggested changes and provide recommendations to the IEC. Provide recommendations to the IEC regarding the implementation of life support rule changes.
Start date of work	May 2018
Due date for finalisation	None provided
Overview of analysis	Categorise and prioritise the 51 items and analyse those that may lead to B2B changes. In addition, close out any items no longer required.
Delivery effort B2BWG and AEMO Secretariat	42

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