INFORMATION EXCHANGE COMMITTEE MEETING

FOR DISCUSSION

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON B2B-WG ACTIVITIES

AGENDA ITEM: 7

1. PURPOSE

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

2. DISCUSSION

Since the May 2022 IEC meeting, the B2B-WG has met for further discussion and input on matters relating to the following:

- Alignment of B2B and B2M field lengths
- Integrating Energy Storage Systems (IESS)
- Updating of B2B Guide
- Gap in NEM RoLR Process

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

2.1. Alignment of B2B and B2M field lengths

The B2B-WG identified five fields to date which have inconsistences between the B2M and B2B procedures. The purpose of the draft ICF is to harmonise the field lengths in both sets of procedures. As a result, it has also been identified that field lengths have changed as a part of the 2019 Australian Standards which aren't reflected in the procedures. The B2B-WG asked the ICF proponents to provide further justification regarding the benefits of the proposed changes.

2.2. Integrating Energy Storage Systems (IESS)

AEMO has completed a preliminary impact assessment review on the IESS rule change and presented the findings to the B2B-WG at the August meeting. The B2B-WG agreed that the obligations the IESS rule would place on an IRP and the subsequent responsibilities of an IRP in the B2B procedures is not clear. It was agreed that the B2B-WG will review the IESS rule to determine which B2B procedures may be impacted and the impacts on the industry sector they represent. Mark Riley (AGL) agreed to prepare and circulate scenario diagrams to the B2B-WG in preparation for this review. AEMO has scheduled an out of session meeting on 26 September 2022 to review the IESS rule and the B2B-WG impact assessments.

2.3. Updating and improvement of the B2B Guide

An Industry survey has been conducted to collect feedback regarding the objective and value of the current B2B Guide. It has been determined that the guide is still required but requires formatting and content improvement. An action has been taken for Networks to provide insight into how the B2B guide and the Network Handbooks can more effectively interact.

2.4. Gap in NEM RoLR Process

A draft ICF has been raised regarding an incorrect reference in clause 104.5 of the NEM RoLR process. The issue identifies a potential gap in the procedure where obligations similar to the LNSP do not exist for the MC, MP and MDP roles. The obligation relates to ensuring the service order (SO) response contains all fields according to the B2B procedure Service Order process. The clause is currently being amended by the Proponent of the ICF to be provided to the B2B-WG for review.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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