

## **Notice of Consultation – Business-to-Business (B2B) Procedures Version 2.2**

This Notice of Consultation was issued on 21 July 2014 and informs all NEM Registered Participants, Metering Providers, Intending Participants and interested parties that the Information Exchange Committee (IEC) is conducting a consultation on B2B Procedures. The consultation is being conducted under Clause 7.2.A.3 (e) of the National Electricity Rules (the Rules) in accordance with the Rules Consultation requirements in clause 8.9 of the Rules.

### **1. Background and Scope**

The IEC is a body established under the Rules. Its functions and powers include managing the ongoing development of the B2B Procedures and any changes to them (clause 7.2A.2 (g)(2) of the Rules).

This consultation proposed further changes to the B2B Procedures. The proposed changes to be consulted on, at the request of industry, relates to;

- **721 Provide Meter Data Timings**

Provide Meter Data Requests (PMD) have been a significant concern for Participants and Service Providers over a number of years.

As a result of requests by the IEC and RMEC various analytical studies and workshops have taken place, resulting in a clearly defined problem statement – timing guidance (although documented) is not evidently prescribed for participants and this results in various PMD requests being raised inappropriately in the National Electricity Market (NEM).

As a result, timings have been defined and changes recommended by the MSWG which has now been reviewed and endorsed by the BMRG.

To take the issue forward to full resolution, the IEC have endorsed the proposed B2B Procedures – Meter Data Process v2.2 consultation.

- **001 Minor & Manifest Changes**

This consultation includes a minor amendment to B2B Procedures – Customer and Site Details Notification Process. A statement regarding the timing of requests for CustomerDetailRequest transaction had been left undefined as an administration error during the previous consultation. This change aligns the document to the original final determination from the B2B Procedures 2.1 consultation.

The IEC considered amendments to the B2B Procedures as recommended by the B2B and MSATS Reference Group (BMRG) and documented in the draft 'B2B Procedures Version 2.1 - Change Pack'. On 07 July 2014 the IEC confirmed that a prima facie case exists for amending the B2B Procedures and endorsed the draft B2B Procedures Version 2.1 Change Pack. The endorsed B2B Procedures Version 2.1: Change Pack is submitted by the IEC for consultation.

### **2. The consultation process**

The matter under consultation is described in the B2B Procedures Version 2.1 - Change Pack, namely:

- i. Section 1 to 7 of the B2B Procedures Change Pack provides the issues statement, B2B proposal with regard to the B2B Objectives and Principles and an impact statement.

- ii. Section 9 of the B2B Procedures Change Pack provides details of the Proposed Changes.

The following is an outline of the consultation process including key dates. Please note that these dates are proposed dates and may be subject to change by the IEC.

Process	Date
Closing date for submissions received in response to this Notice of Consultation	26/08/2014
Publication of the draft determination and invitation to make submissions in response to the draft determination	Currently, proposed date is 24/06/2014
Closing date for submissions received in response to the draft determination	Currently, proposed date is 09/10/2014
Publication of the final determination	Currently, proposed date is 21/11/2014
Proposed Effective Date of the B2B Procedures version 2.0	Current, proposed date is 22/11/2014*

***\*The effective date is integral to this consultation and as such, the IEC welcomes submissions that recommend an alternative effective date in line with the requirements of NEM participants.***

### 3. Objectives of the consultation

The objectives of the consultation are to:

- Provide AEMO, Local Retailers, Market Customers, Metering Providers, Distribution Network Service Providers, Intending Participants, and other interested parties, with the opportunity to be involved in the development of the updated B2B Procedures; and
- To ensure that AEMO, Local Retailers, Market Customers, Metering Providers, Distribution Network Service Providers, Intending Participants, and other interested parties are properly informed about the proposed and final outcome.

### 4. Invitation to make submissions

As part of the consultation process, the IEC invites written submissions on the provided document: **B2B Procedures 2.2 - Initial Consultation Change Pack**. In particular, the IEC would like comments on:

- i. Possible impacts on business processes
- ii. Possible impacts on IT systems
- iii. Changes proposed

However, comments are also invited on any other issues relating to the matter under consultation.

Please identify any information in your submission that you consider to be confidential. The IEC may require you to give reasons as to why you regard information as confidential. The IEC reserves the right to publish material that it does not consider confidential. Material identified as confidential may be accorded less weight in the decision-making process than material that is published and withstands challenge and exposure to the market.

## 5. Closing date for submissions

Submissions in response to this Notice of Consultation should reach AEMO on behalf of the IEC by 5:00pm on 26 August 2014.

The IEC has the discretion to consider late submissions. Any late submission should explain:

- i. the reason for the lateness; and
- ii. the detriment to you if your submission is not considered

## 6. Meetings

In your written submission you may request a meeting in connection with the matter under consultation and, if so, you must specify the reasons why such a meeting is considered necessary or desirable.

Please note that details of matters discussed at a meeting may be made available to other consulted parties.

## 7. Further information

The following lists the documents used for this consultation:

Document Name	Purpose
Notice of Consultation B2B v2.1 – v1.00.doc	This document.
B2B Procedures v2.2 - Initial Consultation Change Pack v1.00.doc	Issues Statement, B2B Proposal with regard to B2B Objective and B2B Principles and Impact Statement Section 9 details the changes proposed to the existing B2B Procedures: Version 2.1.
B2B Procedures v2.2 - Initial Consultation Participant Response Pack v1.00.doc	Template for Participants to provide a response to the items under consultation.

## 8. Contact details

The IEC prefers that submissions be forwarded using the B2B Procedures Version 2.2 Initial Consultation Participant Response Pack in electronic format as they will be published on the AEMO website.

Please send all e-mail submissions to the IEC Secretary c/o AEMO Retail Development to: [enhancements@aemo.com.au](mailto:enhancements@aemo.com.au)

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