

1. NOTICE OF FIRST STAGE OF CONSULTATION

National Electricity Rules – Rule 8.9

1.1. B2B Procedure Changes

Date of Notice: 14 August 2019

This notice informs all B2B Parties, relevant B2B Change Parties, AEMO and such other persons who identify themselves to the Information Exchange Committee as interested in the B2B Procedures (Consulted Persons) that AEMO is conducting a consultation on B2B Procedures on behalf of the Information Exchange Committee (IEC).

This consultation is being conducted under clause 7.17.4 of the National Electricity Rules (NER), in accordance with the Rules consultation requirements detailed in rule 8.9 of the NER.

Matter under Consultation

The IEC has developed the changes proposed in this consultation in the interests of clarifying existing B2B Procedures. The changes being consulted on do not require any B2B e-Hub system changes. These changes were recommended to the IEC by the Business-to-Business Working Group (B2B-WG) on behalf of industry.

This document lists the proposed changes to the B2B Procedures as developed, discussed and primarily agreed through consultation with the B2B-WG. The proposed changes under the B2B consultation have an effective date of 3 February 2020.

In summary, the proposed changes are:

- To amend the Miscellaneous Service Order definition in the Service Order Process to clarify that the Miscellaneous Service Order is only to be used when there is bilateral agreement between parties on its use.
- To amend the One Way Notification Process clauses concerning the Notices of Metering Works (NOMW) Removed Reading process to incorporate changes made to the B2B Guide in February 2019.
- To amend the definition of the allowed values for the "LifeSupportStatus" field of the Life Support Notification (LSN) transaction in the Customer and Site Details Notification Process to incorporate changes made to the B2B Guide in February 2019.

A consultation draft of the following list of procedures which the IEC is proposing to amend and develop under this consultation are published with this notice.

INSTRUMENT	NEW / AMENDED
Customer Site Details Notification	Amended (Procedure changes)
Service Order	Amended (Procedure changes y)
Meter Data Process	Amended (Version control only)

One Way Notification	Amended (Procedure changes)
Technical Delivery Specification	Amended (Version control only)

The Consultation Process

The consultation process is outlined below. Dates are indicative only and subject to change.

PROCESS STAGE	INDICATIVE DATE
Closing date for submissions in response to this Notice	19 September 2019
Publication of Draft Report and Determination	18 October 2019
Closing date for submissions in response to the Draft Report	4 November 2019
Publication of Final Report and Determination	17 December 2019

Invitation to Make Submissions

AEMO invites written submissions on the matter under consultation, including any alternative or additional proposals you consider may better meet the objectives of this consultation and the national electricity objective in section 7 of the National Electricity Law.

Please identify any parts of your submission that you wish to remain confidential, and explain why. AEMO may still publish that information if it does not consider it to be confidential, but will consult with you before doing so.

Please note that material identified as confidential may be given less weight in the decision-making process than material that is published.

Meetings

In your submission, you may request a meeting with AEMO to discuss the matter under consultation, stating why you consider a meeting is necessary or desirable.

If appropriate, meetings may be held jointly with other Consulted Persons. Subject to confidentiality restrictions, AEMO will generally make details of matters discussed at a meeting available to other Consulted Persons, and may publish them.

Closing Date and Time

Submissions in response to this Notice of First Stage of Rules Consultation should be sent by email to NEM.Retailprocedureconsultations@aemo.com.au, to reach AEMO by 5.00pm (Melbourne time) on 19 September 2019.

All submissions must be forwarded in electronic format (both pdf and Word). Please send any queries about this consultation to the same email address.

Submissions received after the closing date and time will not be valid, and AEMO is not obliged to consider them. Any late submissions should explain the reason for lateness and the detriment to you if AEMO does not consider your submission.

Publication

All submissions will be published on AEMO's website, other than confidential content.