

IEC B2B Procedures v3.9 Draft Report Publication Time Limit Extension - 6 Sep 2024 to 18 Dec 2024

B2B Procedures v3.9 Issues Paper

On 29 May 2024, IEC published its issues consultation paper in respect of the B2B Procedures v3.9 Consultation (**IEC Paper**).

The IEC Paper indicates that:

- Among other matters, the IEC Paper relates to the implementation of IEC's draft amendment rule on accelerating smart meter deployment (**AEMC Rule**). The AEMC published the AEMC Rule, along with the AEMC's draft rule determination, on 4 April 2024.
- The respondents to the IEC Paper were due to make their submissions by 11 July 2024.
- IEC would publish its draft report (**IEC Draft Report**) by 6 September 2024.
- IEC may adjust the relevant consultation dates and include additional steps, if necessary.

On 4 July 2024, the AEMC published its notice to extend the date to make its final determination (**AEMC Determination**) from 11 July 2024 to 28 November 2024 (**AEMC Extension**).

The AEMC Extension will enable the AEMC to consult further on the customer cost impacts of accelerating smart meter deployment.

Given the AEMC Extension, under NER 8.9.2(d) and (e):

- IEC considers that IEC needs a time limit extension to 18 December 2024 to publish the IEC Draft Report (**IEC Extension**), given the AEMC Extension is a material change in circumstances.
- **However, the IEC Extension may be to a different date, depending on the AEMC Determination.**
- **Further, IEC may adjust IEC's relevant consultation dates and include additional steps, if necessary.**
- The IEC Extension will enable IEC to appropriately consult on the IEC Draft Report after the AEMC Determination.