



## MINUTES

MEETING: Information Exchange Committee  
DATE: Friday 30 November 2018  
TIME: 10:00 AM  
LOCATION: TELECONFERENCE: BRISBANE AND SYDNEY AND IN-ROOM MELBOURNE

MEMBER ATTENDEES: Mr John Pittard, AEMO director (IEC Chair)  
Mr Peter Van Loon, Powershop (discretionary retailer representative)  
Mr Marco Bogaers, Metropolis (discretionary, metering representative)  
Mr Robert Lo Giudice (metering member)  
Mr David Havyatt, Energy Consumer Australia (consumer member)  
Mr Adrian Hill, Ausnet (discretionary distributor representative)  
Mr Peter Price, Energy Queensland (distributor representative) (by teleconference)

ALTERNATES: Ms Stefanie Macri, AEC (alternate retailer member)

APOLOGIES: Mr David Markham, AEC (retailer representative)

IN ATTENDANCE: Violette Mouchaileh (IEC Secretariat), Michelle Norris (AEMO), Justin Betlehem (B2B Working Group member), Roy Kaplan (AEMO presenter on DER Register and NMI Standing Data Review), Chris Muffett (AEMO presenter on 5Minute Settlement (5MS)).

The Chair opened the meeting at 10:10 AM

### 1. Apologies

Mr David Markham was an apology for the meeting. A quorum was present for this meeting.

### 2. Member's Declarations of Interests

The Committee noted there were no conflicts of interest declared.

### 3. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 30 September 2018 were accepted without change.

#### 4. Matters Arising and Actions from Previous Meetings

The Secretariat provided an update on the actions from previous meetings. These updates were noted by the IEC. An updated Matters Arising document has been circulated with these Minutes and were accurate at the time these minutes were circulated.

#### Presentations

##### 5. 5 Minute Settlement (5MS) Presentation

Chris Muffett from AEMO provided an update on the progress of the 5MS Project and the initial assessment of the impact of procedural changes on B2B processes (no impact). **Note** that the B2BWG has met since this time and identified one initial change (information will be circulated separately).

There were concerns raised about embedded networks and the uncertainty of this still evolving area in the market. There was also discussion in relation to the proposal to harmonise the meter data file formats already being used.

The IEC thanked Chris for the update and requested (as per Agenda Item 13) that the B2BWG undertake an assessment of the impact of procedural changes on B2B processes and report back to it in February 2019 (**Action Item 3011-01**).

##### 6. DER Register Presentation

Roy Kaplan from AEMO provided an update on the progress of the DER Register Project including a summary of the DER Register Workshop which was held 2 weeks prior to the IEC meeting. Roy indicated that the workshop material would be posted on a webpage and be available in the coming days. The IEC requested that the Secretariat provide a link to the DER Register Project webpage (**Action Item 3011-02**).

The IEC were also interested in understanding if there were any B2B implications from the introduction of the DER Register. AEMO committed to provide further updates in 2019 as more detailed information requirements were developed and consulted on (**Action Item 3011-03**).

David Havyatt also raised the question of how the Customer Data Rights (CDR) work would link into the B2B framework and e-Hub. David noted that Data61 (CSIRO) were developing the data standards for energy. David Havyatt and Violette Mouchalieh (AEMO) agreed to do a joint presentation on the CDR framework for the next IEC meeting (**Action Item 3011-04**).

The IEC thanked Roy for the update.

##### 7. NMI Standing Data Review Presentation

Roy Kaplan from AEMO provided an overview of the NMI Standing Data Review which was initiated after earlier feedback from the IEC. Roy provided an overview of the project to date and a summary of the DER Register Workshop which was held 2 weeks prior to the IEC meeting. Roy indicated that the workshop material would be posted on a webpage and be available in the coming days.

There was some additional discussion by the IEC in relation to access to retrospective (current) data and the value of this information. There were some concerns raised about the cost of providing these data vs the benefit. The example provided was the usefulness of having a photograph available of the existing meter boards to assist retailers and MPs in understanding the current metering arrangements at site prior to the site visit. It was felt that this would help manage the costs for customers. Peter Price was concerned about the prohibitive cost of doing this for distributors.

The IEC thanked Roy for the update and requested that the Secretariat provide a link to the NMI Standing Data Review webpage (**Action Item 3011-05**).

## **Matters for Decision**

### **8. Future arrangements of the B2B Working Group (B2BWG)**

#### **B2BWG survey results**

The IEC discussed the findings of the B2BWG survey results which indicated that most survey respondents were generally satisfied with the representation and operations of the B2BWG. However, there was some feedback which indicated that there could be improvements in representation on the working group and sharing of information out of the working group. To this end, the Secretariat indicated that AEMO would be developing a B2BWG web page which will include key contact details and actions out of the meetings. In addition, the AEMO B2BWG Secretariat was updating email lists. It was felt that the combination of these elements would assist with timely dissemination of information from the B2BWG.

#### **B2BWG Terms of Reference**

The current B2BWG Terms of Reference (ToRs) were developed to support the Power of Choice Project. An action from the previous IEC meeting was to redevelop the ToRs for the B2BWG to be reflective of the current and future requirements.

The IEC was broadly supportive of the ToRs with some specific feedback provided by Stefanie Macri on behalf of the AEC, specifically that the retailers were wanting to have alternatives available to attend. This was agreed by the IEC, however, it was noted that these alternatives would need to be pre-identified and will only attend in the absence of the nominated representative.

The IEC were also supportive of the additional representation for a distributor from Queensland. Given that there are six representatives proposed for each sector for the B2BWG, additional nominations will need to be sought. In addition the IEC recommended that peak bodies take the opportunity to reconfirm membership for existing B2BWG participants.

The Secretariat will update the draft ToRs and circulate with the meeting minutes for final comments / endorsement by the IEC (**Action 3011-06**).

The IEC also discussed the lack of visibility of the B2BWG workload and performance of the working group in delivering on requests from the IEC including:

- What specifically was requested;
- What was delivered by the B2BWG;
- Was it delivered on time; and

- How much work was involved in delivering the work requested by the IEC.

There was concern by the IEC that the B2BWG was potentially being given too much work / unreasonable timeframes. The IEC is looking to gain a better appreciation for the work that the B2BWG is undertaking. To achieve this the IEC has requested that the Secretariat (**Action 3011-07**):

- Include a new standing agenda item for each IEC meeting which is for a B2BWG report; and
- For each paper / report / advice provided by the B2BWG, capture and report on the following characteristics:
  - Start date for the work / advice request;
  - Date work / advice is due to be finalised, and when it was delivered to the IEC;
  - A brief description of what was involved in delivering the work / advice; and
  - Number of person-days work that this involved (it was requested that this should be the time spent in meetings).

## 9. Change Request from Acumen Metering

Robert Lo Giudice addressed the agenda item and the updates that were made to the original Change Request as per the previous action from the IEC in September 2018.

The IEC formally referred this matter to the B2BWG to develop a solution to alert the LNSP to notify the MDP if there is no read in the case of a meter exchange (NOMW) and to provide a final substitute reading.

The B2BWG is to provide advice back to the IEC meeting at (or before) the February 2019 meeting (previous **Action Item 1109-05** updated to reflect this discussion).

## 10. IEC Annual Report

Under the NER, each calendar year the IEC is required to develop an Annual Report covering:

- A review of the performance of the IEC function during the year;
- Details of changes to B2B Procedures;
- Key priorities and strategic objectives for the future; and
- An indicative schedule of meetings for the upcoming year.

A draft Annual Report summarising the key accomplishments for 2018 and the major themes for 2019 was presented to the IEC. The key activities for 2018 included:

- Development and consultation of B2B procedural solution for the life support rule change;
- Ongoing refinements to the Power of Choice B2B framework;
- Redefining the B2B Working Group Terms of Reference and operating framework; and
- Preliminary consideration of 5MS impacts to B2B frameworks.

Some minor edits have been made consequently to the document, which has not impacted the content of the draft Annual report was supported by the committee. The Chairperson requested that the final Annual Report be recirculated with the minutes with the Secretariat to ensure publication on the IEC webpage by the end of 2018 (**Action 3011-08**).

## **11. IEC Budget 2019**

The IEC endorsed the proposed budget for 2019.

## **Matters for Discussion**

### **12. Deferred Power of Choice Transactions (update from B2BWG)**

There were 51 potential B2B transactions identified during the PoC project that were not considered 'high priority' that were consequently deferred for later review by the IEC. On 16 May 2018, the IEC requested that the B2BWG undertake two tasks:

1. Review the deprioritised transactions and consider whether these new transactions are required, and if so, the plan to address; and
2. Whether there were new B2B transactions required to facilitate better communications between participants.

Of the 51 transactions reviewed by the B2BWG, the following Action Categories were developed:

- 19 potential transactions no longer required;
- 7 potential transactions to be reviewed at a later date (if volumes increase);
- 3 were considered to not be B2B transactions, but were rather change requests to be reviewed under MSATS;
- 1 potential transaction requires better definition;
- 9 potential transactions to be scoped further with the potential for either a new transaction required, or a change to an existing transaction; and
- 10 potential transactions are to be deter defined before a determination can be made as to determine their Action Category.

Justin Betlehem provided the IEC with an overview of the review process that the B2BWG undertook and that there was a 2-day meeting scheduled in January 2019 to scope and prioritise the potential 20 transactions which may require solutions. It is anticipated that the B2BWG will put forward a series of recommendations to the IEC following this meeting.

The Chairperson requested that the Secretariat circulate the spreadsheet which includes all of the 51 potential transactions and the position of each of the participant categories (**Action 3011-09**).

### **13. B2B Impacts from 5MS**

Refer to the discussion and action from Agenda Item 5.

### **14. [Note from Secretariat – there was no agenda item 14]**

## 15. IEC Forward Plan

The IEC endorsed the proposed Forward Plan for 2019, noting that it would change as priorities in the market evolved during 2019.

## 16. Other Business

- i. The Chair requested that the opportunities to improve the IEC election process be discussed at the next IEC meeting. The Secretariat will prepare a paper on this matter for the February 2019 meeting (**Action 3011-10**).
- ii. Stefanie Macri indicated that the B2BWG have developed a Transition and Cut Over Plan to understand when the gateways / participants are going to stop working in the current system and when participants are going to start working in the new environment.

The IEC acknowledged that the B2BWG have developed a voluntary process to ensure that participants will not provide life support processes to those who are not ready to receive them. The IEC requested that a draft of the Transition and Cut Over Plan be circulated with the minutes to IEC members (**Action 3011-11**).

- iii. Stefanie Macri asked AEMO on behalf of AEC members to provide an update on e-Hub performance given the number of time that the e-Hub had been unavailable in recent times (**Action 3011-12**).

## Chairperson closing comments

The Chair thanked the members and the B2BWG for their work this year and wished everyone a safe and happy Christmas break.

## Meeting Close

The next meeting is scheduled for 18 February 2019.

The Chair closed the meeting at 12.30 PM.

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**John Pittard**

IEC Chair

**Date:** 17 December 2018