INFORMATION EXCHANGE COMMITTEE MEETING

FOR DECISION

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO CONDUCT VOTE ON UPDATED IEC ELECTION PROCEDURES AND OPERATING MANUAL

AGENDA ITEM: 13

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the IEC endorse:

- The IEC Election Procedures and Operating Manual Final Paper, including the proposed responses to feedback from a small number of B2B stakeholders (Attachment 1)
- AEMO conducting a formal vote on the proposed changes to the IEC Election Procedures and Operating Manual (Attachment 2)

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to seek IEC approval to conduct a vote among all retailers, metering coordinators, metering providers, metering data providers, and distribution network service providers (collectively, "B2B stakeholders") regarding the proposed changes to the IEC Election Procedures and Operating Manual.

3. BACKGROUND

At the February 2019 Meeting, the IEC requested that the Secretariat provide it with a list of proposed changes to the current IEC Election Procedures and Operating Manual (Action 1802-10). These were discussed at the May 2019 IEC meeting with AEMO requested to consult on the proposed changes in June (approval via out-of-session Circular). AEMO consultated on the proposed changes duing July 2019.

4. DISCUSSION

Thirty-one B2B stakeholders submitted feedback on the proposed IEC Election Procedures and Operating Manual, with 27 respondents supporting the changes as proposed and four submissions broadly supported the changes with minor amendments. Where these amendments were stylistic and consistent with AEMO's legal review, the suggested chages were adopted. A full list of B2B stakeholder feedback and the proposed IEC responses is provided in the IEC Election Procedures and Operating Manual Final Paper (Attachment 1).

Several participants (AGL, Red and Lumo Energy, and Sumo Power) noted that they were uncomfortable with reducing the time for IEC papers to be sent out prior to meetings – the IEC had proposed that papers be issued five business days prior to a meeting (down from 10 business days). As such, AEMO has amended the relevant clause to instead read:

"At least 10 business days where practicable and in any event at least five business days prior to a Meeting, the Secretary must provide the agenda and Meeting papers to the Members."

AEMO proposes to conduct the vote via email in the format outlined in Attachment 3.

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ATTACHMENT 3

5. PROPOSED EMAIL REGARDING IEC ELECTION PROCEDURES AND OPERATING MANUAL VOTE

The Information Exchange Committee (IEC) is seeking to amend the IEC Election Procedures and Operating Manual to improve the efficiency of IEC operations. In July 2019, AEMO conducted a consultation on the IEC's proposed changes. Thirty-one B2B stakeholders submitted feedback on the proposed IEC Election Procedures and Operating Manual. Twenty-seven of these submissions supported the changes as proposed, and four submissions broadly supported the changes but suggested minor amendments. These minor amendments have largely been incorporated; the IEC's full responses to submissions can be found in the draft and final papers [insert link to final paper]. You may review the final track-changes IEC Election Procedures and Operating Manual here [insert link to draft track-changes procedures].

The IEC requests that you vote on the changes proposed; you may do so by replying "Support" or "Do not support" directly to this email, or by sending "Support" or "Do not support" to iec@aemo.com.au with subject line "IEC Election Procedures and Operating Manual vote".

Please submit the vote for your organisation by **COB 25 October 2019**.