



## MINUTES

MEETING:	Information Exchange Committee
DATE:	Monday 25 November 2019
TIME:	11:00 AM (AEST)
LOCATION:	Teleconference and meeting room in AEMO Melbourne office
MEMBER	Mr John Pittard, AEMO Director (IEC chair)
ATTENDEES:	Mr Robert Lo Giudice, IntelliHUB (metering representative) Mr Peter Van Loon, Powershop (discretionary member-retailer) (by phone) Mr Marco Bogaers, Metropolis Metering (discretionary member-metering) Mr Peter Price, Energy Queensland (distributor representative) (by phone) Mr David Havyatt, Energy Consumers Australia (consumer representative) (by phone) Mr David Markham, Australian Energy Council (retailer representative)
ALTERNATES:	Ms Erin Chain, Jemena (alternate distributor representative) (by phone)
APOLOGIES:	Mr Adrian Hill, Ausnet Services (discretionary member-distributor)
IN ATTENDANCE:	Ms Michelle Norris (AEMO Secretariat) Mr Arjun Pathy (AEMO) Mr Paul Greenwood (Vector AMS) (B2B-WG representative) Mr Luke Barlow (AEMO) presenting on Customer Data Right (CDR) Mr Roy Kaplan and Mr Tom Butler (AEMO) presenting on the DER Register Implementation Ms Noura Elhawary (AEMO) presenting on Embedded Networks

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 11:00 AM.

### 1. Apologies

The Chairperson noted Adrian Hill (AusNet Services) as an apology, with Erin Chain (Jemena) attending as his alternate.

The Chairperson welcomed Paul Greenwood (Vector AMS) as the B2B-WG representative.

### 2. Members' Declarations of Interest

The Chairperson noted that there were no conflicts of interest declared.

### **3. Minutes of previous meeting**

The IEC accepted the minutes of the previous meeting without change.

### **4. Matters arising**

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 was accurate at the time these minutes were circulated.

## **Verbal Briefings**

### **6. Consumer Data Right (CDR) update**

Luke Barlow (AEMO) spoke to the state of the CDR reforms, noting that Federal Treasury remains heavily focussed on the banking CDR, and as such advancement in the energy CDR is subdued. In response to IEC questions, Luke noted that:

- AEMO does not currently have the legislative power to deliver CDR services but that the necessary changes will be made advance of the effective date
- AEMO's CDR work to date has been funded by the Department of the Environment and Energy, and the recovery of any future ongoing costs will be consulted on.

### **7. Reducing Customers' Switching Times rule change update**

Michelle Norris (AEMO) provided an outline to the IEC regarding the timeline for the Reducing Customers' Switching Times rule and procedure change consultations and confirmed that there are no B2B changes required as a result of either consultation. The IEC noted the diversity of views among market participants about the proposed benefits of the change and the number of submissions that AEMO had received.

### **8. DER Register implementation**

The Chairperson welcomed Roy Kaplan (AEMO) and Tom Butler (AEMO) to the meeting to provide an update for the IEC on the Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Register.

Roy Kaplan (AEMO) noted that the web portal would go live on 1 December 2019, but that the API would be live at a later date. There have been a number of successful trial uploads of bulk data from distributors and that on 1 December there would be an optional bulk upload of existing data (noting that no data would need to be updated until 1 March 2020).

Roy further noted that AEMO has communicated and will continue to communicate any changes to DER Register timelines on AEMO's website. (*Secretariat note: this information can be found on AEMO's website [here](#)*)

### **9. Embedded Networks**

The Chairperson welcomed Noura Elhawary (AEMO) to the meeting to provide an update for the IEC on the AEMC's proposed embedded networks reforms. Noura noted that AEMO has conducted an impact assessment of the AEMC's final report for both B2B and B2M. (*Secretariat note: the AEMC's final report and the associated draft changes to regulatory documents can be found [here](#)*)

This analysis has identified a number of changes required to B2B Procedures and systems, which were noted in the meeting slides. Key recommendations from AEMO to the IEC included:

- Establishing an Embedded Networks B2B Working Group.
- Consideration of the AEMC's recommendation for the IEC to include an ENSP as a discretionary member.
- Conducting a system impact assessment of the embedded networks changes with AEMO's IT team.

The IEC noted these recommendations.

AEMO will present the draft Terms of Reference for the Embedded Networks Working Group via circular for the IEC's comment and endorsement (**Action 2512-01**).

The Chairperson requested that embedded networks be included as a standing agenda item (**Action 2512-02**) and that AEMO provide an update on the high-level approximate quantum of work for the reforms at the February meeting (**Action 2512-03**).

The IEC also endorsed that the AEMO Secretariat seek to appoint a discretionary third party embedded network participant during its call for nominations in early December (**Action 2512-04**).

## **Matters for Decision**

### **9. B2B Procedures v3.3 Consultation**

Arjun Pathy (AEMO) noted that the IEC had received no dissenting submissions on the changes proposed in its draft report. The IEC approved the final report of the B2B Procedures v3.3 Consultation (Q3 B2B Procedures Publication) for publication (**Action 2512-05**).

The IEC thanked the B2B-WG for their work in finalising the consultation package.

### **10. B2B Procedures v3.4 Consultation**

Arjun Pathy (AEMO) spoke to the context for the paper, noted that the changes had been developed by the Business-to-Business Working Group (B2B-WG) in line with advice from the IEC to develop a number of Issue and Change Forms items into a single consultation pack. Arjun further noted that clause 5.4.3.1.4 of the B2B Procedures needed to be amended to ensure its consistency with the increased maximum file size for MTRD transactions, which the IEC approved.

The IEC approved the initial consultation change pack of the B2B Procedures v3.4 Consultation for publication (**Action 2512-06**).

The IEC thanked the B2B-WG for their substantial effort in developing this pack.

### **11. Draft IEC Annual Report for Calendar Year 2019**

The AEMO Secretariat spoke to IEC's Annual Report, which sets out:

- The IEC's strategic priorities and key achievements for this year.
- The change proposals that industry has submitted to the IEC this year.

- Other matters that were considered by the IEC over the year.
- IEC member schedule of meeting attendance.
- The B2B-WG's membership.
- The IEC's forward work program.

The AEMO Secretariat requested that comments be provided by COB 13 December 2019, after which point the AEMO Secretariat will distribute by circular the final Annual Report for endorsement.

## **12. Draft IEC budget 2020-21**

The AEMO Secretariat spoke to the draft 2020-21 IEC Budget, noting that the document incorrectly indicated that the IEC's budget included "the costs of the development of the B2B Procedures". The Secretariat noted that the draft budget would be updated to correct this error.

The IEC noted the error and endorsed the proposed 2020–21 IEC Budget.

## **Matters for Discussion**

### **13. Strategic Priorities and IEC Forward Work Program**

The AEMO Secretariat noted that the IEC had requested an overview of upcoming regulatory consultations, both for B2B changes and for electricity retail changes more generally. AEMO included a draft version of this overview in the meeting slides.

The IEC requested that that be included in each meeting pack going forward and that B2B, business-to-market operator (B2M), and "other" changes be coded in different colours. There was also a request to colour differentiate the consultation from the implementation components of the projects (**Action 2512-07**).

### **14. Update on B2B-WG Activities**

Paul Greenwood (Vector AMS) spoke to the B2B-WG's activities and noted that the composition of the B2B-WG has changed:

- Shawn Tan (EnergyAustralia) has left.
- Stefanie Macri (Red Energy and Lumo Energy) has been replaced by Christophe Bechia (Red and Lumo Energy).
- Stephanie Lommi (Alinta Energy) has joined.

### **15. B2B-WG Post-Implementation Review of Life Support Procedures**

Arjun Pathy (AEMO) spoke to the feedback received from industry in response to the B2B-WG's life support survey. The IEC noted that the B2B-WG would be discussing the life support procedures in their December 2019 meeting.

Separately, the IEC asked that the AEMO Secretariat seek the advice of AEMO's legal team to see if there were circumstances in which the B2B Procedure change process might be shortened to reduce the delivery time of reforms.

The AEMO Secretariat will provide a set of options for the IEC’s consideration at the February 2020 meeting (**Action 2512-08**).

**16. Endeavour Energy Change Proposal**

The IEC determined that the changes in Endeavour Energy’s change proposal would, on a prima facie basis, be warranted having regard to the NEO, B2B factors, and B2B principles, as contemplated by NER clause 7.17.4(g). (*Secretariat note: As requested by the IEC, a link to the B2B Change Process has been attached [here](#)*).

The IEC referred Endeavor Energy’s change proposal to the B2B-WG for advice back in the February 2020 meeting (**Action 2512-09**).

**17. Status of Simply Energy’s Proposed Rule Change on Life Support**

David Markham (AEC) outlined Simply Energy’s proposed rule change and noted that the intention was to lodge the proposed changes with the AEMC before the end of the year.

**Matters for Noting**

**18. IEC AEMO-Appointed Discretionary Members**

The AEMO Secretariat noted that AEMO will call for discretionary member nominations in early December, with the new members to be in place by the February 2020 meeting.

The AEMO Secretariat outlined the proposed approach to calling for discretionary member nomination, including:

- Notification of peak bodies (ENA, AEC and CMIG).
- Notification in the AEMO weekly newsletter.
- Information on the IEC AEMO web page.

The IEC was supportive of this approach. The IEC also reiterated its position that AEMO should seek to appoint a discretionary third party member with expertise in embedded networks (refer Action 2512-04).

The AEMO Secretariat noted that the process to seek nominations would be commencing by mid-December.

**Chairperson closing comments**

**Meeting Close**

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 1.15pm.

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**John Pittard**  
IEC Chair

**Date:** 25 November 2019