INFORMATION EXCHANGE COMMITTEE MEETING

FOR DISCUSSION

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON B2B-WG ACTIVITIES

AGENDA ITEM: 10

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to report on the status of action items currently being discussed by the B2B Working Group (B2B-WG).

2. DISCUSSION

Since the May 2021 IEC meeting, the B2B-WG has met for further discussion and input on matters relating to the following:

- Finalisation of the v3.7 B2B procedural issues paper and draft determination for which included the following proposals:
    - Endeavour's Addressing ICFs
    - Origin's PersonNameTitle ICFs
- The Metering Coordinator Planned Interruption rule change and the provision of shared fuse information
- Potential solultions to manage coincident service orders across multiple parties

An update is provided on each of these matters in the following sections.

2.1. v3.7 B2B Procedures consultation

Endeavour Energy submitted two change requests (ICFs) to the IEC on 29 November 2020 in relation to site address information. These ICFs are intended to complement the MSATS Standing Data Review and aim to improve the quality of address information. The proposed B2B changes which complement the MSATS Standing Data Review and processes will require a B2B procedural and guide change.

Origin Energy submitted two change requests (ICFs) to the IEC on 16 February 2021 in relation to Person Name information. Each of the proposed changes are focused on delivering uniformity and process efficiencies in B2B communications for person name fields to reflect current naming conventions and align with the current Australian Standard AS4950-2020.

Feedback in the Draft Determination to both of these changes has been broadly positive.

Submissions to the Draft Determination closed on 18 August 2021 and the B2B-WG is currently reviewing comments in submissions and developing a draft of the Final Report and Determination for the IEC.

The IEC will be required to consider the Final Report and Draft Determination out-of-session with publication due on 28 September 2021.

2.2. The Metering Coordinator Planned Interruption rule change

Within Schedule 2 of the National Electricity Amendment (Introduction of metering coordinator planned interruptions) Rule 2020 No. 7, is the requirement for a FRMP and/or MC to provide a LNSP with information about shared fusing at a premises. The B2B-WG

have been discussing what this information flow would initially look like (eg, email) or whether a suitable B2B transaction exists for the communication.

2.3. Potential solultions to manage coincident service orders across multiple parties

The NSW moratorium on remote re-energisation and de-energisation expired on 1 October 2020. As such, remote re-energisation and de-energisation has commenced in NSW as long as market participants meet NSW regulatory and safety requirements. At the time this paper was prepared, the NSW Office of Fair Trading has approved the Safety Management Plans of eight retailers and four metering parties.

Following instruction from the IEC at it's May meeting (Action 2405-04), the B2B-WG has considered a limited number of additional solutions to the Notified Party proposal that was put to the IEC at the May meeting. All of the solutions which have the potential to provide at least a partial solution to managing the customer and participant risk relating to coincident service orders have been developed into a paper which will be issued in the week commencing 23 August 2021 for pre-consultation with participants (retailers, distribution businesses and metering service providers).

It is intended that responses to this pre-consultation will be provided to the IEC and will inform the future consultation on any solutions.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the IEC notes:

- The ongoing work being conducted by the B2B-WG
- Status of the B2B Procedures v3.7 consultation

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