



MINUTES

MEETING:	Information Exchange Committee Meeting Number 33
DATE:	Wednesday 29 November 2023
TIME:	11:00AM AEDT
LOCATION:	AEMO Office, Melbourne
MEMBER ATTENDEES:	Mr Kee Wong (Chair) Mr Robert Lo Giudice (Retailer Representative) Mr Paul Greenwood (Metering Representative) Mr Graeme Ferguson (Alternate Distributor Representative) Ms Jill Cainey (Consumer Representative) Mr Peter Van Loon (Discretionary Member - Retailer) Mr Marco Bogaers (Discretionary Member - Embedded Networks)
APOLOGIES:	Mr Luke Jenner (Distributor Representative) Robert Mitchell (Energy Queensland, B2B-WG Distribution Member) Justin Betlehem (AusNet, B2B-WG Distribution Member)
IN ATTENDANCE:	Meghan Bibby (AEMO, IEC Secretariat) Kate Gordon (AEMO) Blaine Miner (AEMO) Andrew Bell (AEMO) Aakash Sembey (Origin Energy, B2B-WG Retailer Member) Adrian Honey (TasNetworks, B2B-WG Distribution Member) Camille Beloria (AusNet, B2B-WG Distribution Member shadowing) David Woods (SA Power, B2B-WG Distribution Member) Dino Ou (Intellihub, B2B-WG Metering Member) Gavin Wise (Alinta Energy, B2B-WG Retailer Member shadowing) Helen Vassos (PLUS ES, B2B-WG Metering Member) Jo Sullivan (Energy Australia, B2B-WG Retailer Member) Mark Riley (AGL, B2B-WG Retailer Member) Sean Jennings (Red and Lumo Energy, B2B-WG Retailer Member) Wayne Farrell (Yurika, B2B-WG Metering Member)

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 11.07am AEDT.

The Chairperson gave an acknowledgement of country.

1. Compliance with Competition Law

The Chairperson introduced the Competition Law Meeting Protocol.

2. Apologies

The Chairperson noted Mr Luke Jenner (Distributor Representative) and Robert Mitchell (Energy Queensland, B2B-WG Distribution Member) as an apology for this meeting. The Chairperson noted Mr Graeme Ferguson (Alternate Distributor Representative) as Luke Jenner's (Distributor Representative) alternate.

3. Members' Declarations of Interest

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

4. B2B-WG Update

Mark Riley (AGL, B2B-WG Retailer Member) spoke to the "The year that was (2023)" slides.

Blaine Miner (AEMO) noted:

- Representatives from the Metering Services Working Group (MSR-WG) met with the AEMC.
- Feedback from AEMC was positive suggesting the MSR-WG engagement model between industry and the AEMC should be used moving forward.
- The key message provided to the AEMC was to focus on policy, not process as industry is best placed to decide on process.

Sean Jennings (Red and Lumo Energy, B2B-WG Retailer Member) spoke to the "The year to be (2024)" slides.

Sean Jennings (Red and Lumo Energy, B2B-WG Retailer Member) spoke to Metering Services Review (MSR) noting:

- Parts of the initiative could be pushed back.
- AEMC accelerated roll out to commence 1 July 2025 to include reporting obligations for retailers.
- Business to Business (B2B) and Business to Market (B2M) changes need to be identified e.g. If an MP tries to replace a meter and discovers site defects, this needs to be recorded in MSATS and visible to all industry which is currently not possible and introduces complexities.
- Power quality data could be put back from 1 July.
- The concern from industry is the level of volume and detail AEMC will require by 1 July 2025.
- Meghan Bibby (AEMO) noted two possible paths to extend a consultation due to a significant change being identified the:
 - Dates could be altered; or
 - Production of a second draft resulting in four rounds of consultation.
- Kee Wong (Chairperson) questioned how the concerns are being raised to the AEMC.
- Blaine Miner (AEMO) noted:
 - Representative of the working group and other participants are voicing concerns to AEMC.
 - AEMC are showing no signs of changing implementation date despite feedback from industry.
 - High risk of consultation resulting in industry having to make changes before a final rule is produced has been raised to the AEMC.

- If consultation timelines are stretched there is very high risk of industry being unable to meet the effective date of the rule change.
- Kee Wong (Chairperson) questioned where the AEMC is sitting regarding their decision-making process and if they are comfortable with their approach and the high-risk impact is it posing. It was noted:
 - Conversations are being had between AEMO and the AEMC at the leadership level, as well as with industry participants.
- Meghan Bibby ask what level of risk industry is willing to take to ensure 1 July 2025 is met e.g. potential noncompliance risks.

Sean Jennings (Red and Lumo Energy, B2B-WG Retailer Member) spoke to Flexible Trading Arrangements (FTA). It was noted:

- The lack of information and scope of changes by the AEMC and the current proposed timing.
- FTA has the potential to have an informed go live – which would mean there would be engagement with the Reform Delivery Committee (RDC) which includes the AEMO, AEMC, AER and industry representatives as to when FTA should be implemented.

ACTION: AEMO to continue to inform the IEC and B2B-WG of key discussions that occur at the broader NEM Reform committees/forums

ACTON: AEMO to investigate what communication exists between AEMO and the AEMC, at what level and what needs to happen if escalation is required. Kee Wong (Chairperson) to talk to AEMO executives regarding this issue.

5. Industry Data Exchange (IDX) / Identity & Access Management (IDAM) / Portal Consolidation (PC)

Andrew Bell spoke the IDAM, IDX and PC slides.

It was noted:

- AEMO is scheduled to publish a draft business case to industry on the 8 December 2023 for feedback/input.
- AEMO's IT platforms are legacy resulting from many organisations brought together resulting in a lot of variability, multiple different technical standards and no roadmap for capability.
- Future State Architecture (FSA) looks wholly to cope with current and emerging capability – what needs to be across the entire landscape.
- New business services/transactions will only be made available on the new framework:
 - A small change to an existing transaction is not classed a new service.
 - Power Quality data would be a new business service as it doesn't exist today.
 - If a new business service is required before the new platform is available, the business service would be built on an existing platform and then transitioned across at a later date.
 - Participants could choose to stand up all new services at once, or as individual services get stood up.

- AEMO is collaborating with all industry participants.
- The timeline is a statement of intent, rather than locked in. It is a pragmatic view for costing purposes and a governance group will be stood up to manage the timeline.
- AEMO will provide a translation tool between participants for the sunset period to ensure transition strategy is as flexible as possible for participants.
- Development of the foundational protocol will be a part of the IDX initiative; however, any individual new business service would be part of each individual reform and costed as such.
- Consultation would be required to remove specific delivery protocol requirements from procedures potentially in 2025 as a part of tranche 0b.
- Meghan noted the IDX business case has two arms:
 - Arm 1 - The case is appropriate to move forward after input from industry – once an appropriate approach has been decided.
 - Arm 2 - Build out of investments and the timing of when those investments will occur. This would need to go to the investment committee and to the AEMO board.

ACTION: IDX to be continue for the IEC as a watching brief.

ACTION: IDX to be added to B2B WG forward agenda

6. IEC forward work program for 2024 including AEMO Regulatory Roadmap

Kee Wong (Chairperson) noted the distribution discretionary member continues to remain vacant.

Meghan Bibby (AEMO) noted some members terms are coming to an end in 2024 and elections will be required.

7. Minutes of previous meeting

The IEC accepted the minutes of the previous meeting.

8. Matters arising

Meghan Bibby (AEMO) spoke to each of the action items noted in the matters arising.

ACTION: Meghan Bibby (AEMO) to circulate the final letter sent to Violette Mouchaileh (EGM Reform Delivery) regarding additional IEC resourcing to IEC members.

9. Draft IEC Annual Report for Calendar Year 2023

The IEC members endorsed the IEC Annual Report for Calendar Year 2023 subject to the following changes:

- Inclusion of “Broader NEM reform” in table 3 in the IEC Annual Report 2023
- Correction of year in the Forward work program paper
- Correction of November member attendance

10. Draft IEC budget 2024-25

The IEC members endorsed the IEC budget for 2024-2025.

11. IEC forward meeting dates

IEC meeting 11 March 2024 moved to 15 March 2024. The IEC endorsed all other meeting dates for 2024.

12. Other matters

Paul Greenwood (Metering Representative) noted Vector has changed named to Bluecurrent.

Chairperson closing comments

Meeting Close

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 2:11 pm AEDT.

Kee Wong

Date: 19 March 2024