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MEETING:	Information Exchange Committee Meeting Number 32
DATE:	Monday 28 August 2023
TIME:	12:00PM AEDT
LOCATION:	AEMO Office, Sydney
MEMBER ATTENDEES:	Mr Kee Wong (Chair) Mr Robert Lo Giudice (Retailer Representative) Mr Paul Greenwood (Metering 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)
IN ATTENDANCE:	Meghan Bibby (AEMO, IEC Secretariat) Blaine Miner (AEMO, B2B-WG Chair) Kate Gordon (AEMO) Andrew Bell (AEMO) Wayne Farrell (Yurika, B2B-WG Metering Member)

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 12pm AEST.

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) as an apology for this meeting.

3. Members' Declarations of Interest

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

4. Minutes of previous meeting

The IEC accepted the minutes of the previous meeting once they were updated to include an update to section 10.1 to reflect the removed sections from the current B2B NEM RoLR consultation are to be included as part of a broader Retailer of Last Resort review.

ACTION – June meeting notes section 10.1 to be updated to reflect the removed sections from the current B2B NEM RoLR consultation are to be included as part of a broader Retailer of Last Resort review.

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5. Matters arising

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

Kee Wong (Chair) questioned action item 2512-01 which has been an action item since December 2019 and the probability of it continuing without resolution.

Meghan Bibby (AEMO) noted:

- This has been raised for discussion on various occasions.
- The jurisdictions seem to be going down their own pathways due to impatience with the Ministers to start the review.
- It is likely the Ministers would request a refresh before it was picked up again.

ACTION – Meghan Bibby to confirm with the AEMC if the review is going to progress.

6. Verbal Briefings

6.1. B2B Procedure Status including change packs

Meghan Bibby (AEMO) provided an update on the B2B NEM RoLR Consultation Final Determination noting:

- Seven submissions were received.
- AEMO Legal resource is currently on leave resulting in a slight delay to the original proposed reviewing schedule.
- IEC approval will be sought from 8th September to 13th September.
- No material issues were raised.

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

Andrew Bell (AEMO) provided a presentation on IDX, IDAM and PC projects.

This presentation included an overview of the completed transition strategy workshops undertaken with industry and an outline of the next set of business case workshops to deliver that target state aligned with the road map provided.

It was noted as part of the implementation AEMO would enable changes progressively by market participants, have an opt in process over a number of years defined by a sunset period determined by industry. This would be supported by backwards capability provided by AEMO.

ACTION – Continue a watching brief from AEMO to ensure awareness of the progress on the AEMO IDX/IDAM/PC project. The next brief to include the risks and mitigations, critical path and sequencing, and resourcing relevant to the IEC.

7. Integrated Energy Storage Systems (IESS)

Wayne Farrell (B2B-WG Representative) spoke to the IESS B2B Consultation paper noting:

- Rule introduces a new registration category, the Integrated Resource Provider (IRP).
- The B2B-WG review identified no changes were required to the B2B Procedures as:

- Generic terms are utilised in the B2B Procedure rather than specific roles.
- An IRP would be required to be registered as a specific role required to perform functions of that role e.g. an IRP would be required to be registered as a retailer to perform functions of a retailer.
- An IRP is able to register as a third party participant and utilise B2B processes.

- Minor changes are required to the B2B E-hub Accreditation document to ensure clarity around the IRP to be done in parallel with the B2B Guide changes which is currently under review.

The IEC approved the B2B-WG's recommendation that a B2B consultation was not required for IESS.

8. PLUS ES Change Proposal: PERSONNAME Definition Specification Correction

Wayne Farrell (B2B-WG Representative) spoke to the PLUS ES Change Proposal: PERSONNAME Definition Specification Correction paper provided noting:

- PLUS ES discovered a contradiction in the description for the PersonNameTitle and the PersonGivenName in the B2B Technical Delivery Specification.
- The description allows for the field to be blank as well as or providing a condition for an empty string to be populated.
- The proposal is to change to the relevant descriptions to clarify the requirements.

The IEC approved the change proposal for the B2B-WG to progress to a consultation change pack.

9. PLUS ES Change Proposal: Unknown Load ExceptionCode

Wayne Farrell (B2B-WG Representative) spoke to the PLUS ES Change Proposal: Unknown Load ExceptionCode paper provided, outlining:

- PLUS ES seeks to amend the definition of Unknown Load ExceptionCode in the B2B Procedure Service Order Process to allow for wider use.
- The current definition places a criterion of "the customer is not present" which is irrelevant for remote re-energisations.
- The proposal seeks to change the definition to enable use in all instances where load is detected, and safety protocols will not enable the site to be re-energised.

Kee Wong (Chair) suggested the column titled "Optional/Mandatory or Required" should be changed to "Optional or Mandatory or Required" for clarification of the three separate options.

The IEC approved the change proposal for the B2B-WG to progress to a consultation change pack.

ACTION – B2B-WG to prepare change packs for the ICFs.

10. B2B-WG Support

Paul Greenwood (Metering Representative) spoke to the B2BWG Resourcing paper. Paul outlined concerns raised by the B2BWG regarding the lack of clarity concerning the working

groups roles and responsibilities for the preparation of required supporting consultation material. Previously AEMO has undertaken this work, however recently these tasks have been shifted to B2BWG members. It was clarified by AEMO that the provision of this support isn't mandated by the NER, IEC procedures or AEMO's obligations regarding B2B activities, nor is it funded for such purposes. The B2B-WG raised concerns with capacity limitations, primary business commitments, resourcing limitations, insufficient skillset, and the volume of change within in the industry. The B2B-WG also noted these limitation may prevent participants from putting forward improvements.

The B2B-WG are seeking to review and updated the IEC change documentation to ensure an accurate representation of roles and responsibilities for these processes.

The B2B-WG sought funds from the IEC Budget for an additional resource to address the concerns raised and support these processes.

The IEC approved the B2B-WG recommendation of Option 2 provided in the paper of an additional IEC funded resource.

Meghan Bibby (AEMO) noted this would be a formal exercise as part of the November IEC meeting for inclusion in the draft budget. For the current financial year, a request on behalf of the IEC to Violette Mouchaileh (AEMO EGM Reform Delivery) would be required.

ACTION – Meghan Bibby to draft letter on behalf of the IEC and IEC Chair requesting additional support from Violette Mouchaileh (AEMO EGM Reform Delivery) for the current financial year.

11. Update on B2B-WG activities

Wayne Farrell (B2B-WG Representative) spoke to the B2B-WG update, noting the current work being done for the B2B NEM RoLR consultation, review of the impact of IESS on the B2B procedures and keeping abreast of the NEM reform initiatives.

Paul Greenwood (Metering Representative) also noted the B2B-WG have been reviewing the change process to ensure it is robust and the changes being proposed undergo a thorough process to ensure the readiness to proceed.

12. Other matters

The Chairperson noted the next IEC meeting is in person on the 29 of November at the AEMO offices in Melbourne.

The next IEC face-to-face meeting will be at the AEMO offices in Melbourne in late November with the B2B-WG invited to discuss the review of 2023 and plans for 2024.

Chairperson closing comments

Meeting Close

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 1:44pm AEDT.

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