Meeting Notes – B2B-WG

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| MEETING: | Business-to-Business Working Group |
| DATE: | Tuesday, 11 October 2022 |
| TIME: | 9:30am-12:00pm |
| LOCATION: | Teleconference |
| meeting #: | 12 |
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ATTENDEES:

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| Name | Company |
| Blaine Miner (Chair) | AEMO |
| Nandu Datar | AEMO |
| Kate Gordon | AEMO |
| Lenard Bull | AEMO |
| Aakash Sembey | Origin Energy |
| Adrian Honey | TasNetworks |
| Carla Adolfo | intelliHub |
| Graeme Ferguson | Essential Energy |
| Helen Vassos | PLUS ES |
| Jo Sullivan | Energy Australia |
| Mark Riley | AGL |
| Paul Greenwood | VectorAMS |
| Robert Lo Giudice | Alinta Energy |
| Christine Ward | EnergyQueensland |
| Wayne Farrell | Yurika |

# Preliminary matters

## Acknowledgment and Apologies

Christophe Bechia, David Woods, and Meghan Bibby were noted as apologies. Robert Mitchell also was an apology and Christine Ward filled in for Robert.

## Confirm agenda

The B2B-WG confirmed the agenda. No other items.

## Action items from previous meeting and standing list of consultation items

Blaine Miner noted that the following items were being proposed to be closed since the last meeting:

| **Action Meeting Date** | **Description** | **Responsible** | **Outcome** |
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| 1406-04 | Take the feedback regarding RoLR communication for AEMO internal consideration | Meghan Bibby (AEMO) | Now addressed by action 1207-02 |
| 1207-01 | B2B WG members to provide feedback re the proposal to combine all B2B procedures into one procedure | B2B WG | Not enough support. Revisit following completion of B2B guide improvement |
| 0908-01 | Provide further justification regarding the benefits of the proposed B002 and B004 ICFs | Mark Riley (AGL) and Aakash Sembey (Origin) | ICF discussed during the meeting for progressing |
| 0908-03 | Draft the ICF for B001 (One way notification with CSV payloads) including justifications | Mark Riley (AGL) | ICF discussed during the meeting for progressing |
| 0908-04 | Provide potential use cases to Mark Riley in support of the B001 ICF drafting | B2B WG | ICF discussed during the meeting for progressing |
| 0908-05 | Review ICFs B003 and B005 and send any feedback | B2B WG | ICF discussed during the meeting for progressing |
| 0908-10 | Prepare and circulate IESS scenario diagrams | Mark Riley (AGL) | Diagram circulated |
| 0908-11 | Prepare and circulate a table in MS Excel based on the Table 1 - B2B Transactions and Typical Participant combinations from the B2B Guide | Paul Greenwood (Vector) | Spreadsheet provided |
| 1309-04 | Provide the format of an empty string in aseXML transactions | Lenard Bull (AEMO) | Example provided |
| 1309-06 | Include the reason for the withdrawal of the ICF in the ICF register | AEMO | ICF register updated with reason for withdrawal |
| 1309-08 | Circulate a placeholder for member’s calendar for 22 and 23 November meeting | Nandu Datar (AEMO) | Placeholder sent to B2B WG |

Discussion on Open action items:

* Open action items were discussed.
* Blaine Miner noted that feedback regarding RoLR communication has been provided for AEMO internal consideration. Also advised internally to ensure that for any changes they engage the ERCF and B2B WG going forward.
* Mark Riley noted combining actions related to B2B Guide into action 0803-01 and update the description to include other actions.
* 1207-03 - Blaine queried if this action is required. Further discussion identified the issue relates to NOMW transaction. Update the action to reflect that it relates to NOMW. Blaine asked for a volunteer to draft the ICF. It was noted that distributors from NSW and Queensland to consider potential impacts of the perceived misalignment. Mark Riley noted if there is no response from the distributors then the action can be closed.
* 0908-07 – Blaine Miner described the background for creating an errata sheet. Mark Riley also contributed to the background of this request. Paul Greenwood shared the errata sheet document used for the Power of Choice initiative. Nandu Datar noted that when an issue is identified, it will be added to the errata sheet. When the relevant procedure is updated following a consultation, the issue/s will be removed from the errata sheet.
* 0908-12 and 0908-15 - Include these B2B Guide actions in November B2B WG meeting agenda.
* 1309-01 and 1309-02 – Blaine Miner noted these actions came out of last IEC meeting and may be added to the November B2B WG meeting agenda.
* 1309-03 - Amend the description for this action to also state it relates to consultation timeframes and complete this action before next meeting.
* 1309-07 – Blaine queried with Aakash Sembey if he received any feedback from B2B WG members and if it needs to remain open. Members discussed this action and decided the issue can progress and the action can be closed.

Actions:

* Combine all B2B Guide related actions into action 0803-01 and the close them.
* Amend action 1207-03 to reflect that it relates to NOMW transaction
* Include actions 0908-12 and 0908-15 to November meeting agenda.
* Include actions 1309-01 and 1309-02 to November meeting agenda.
* Amend description for action 1309-03 to indicate it relates to consultation timeframes.
* Use the B2B procedures errata document from power of choice as template for ongoing B2B Procedures Errata document.

# Items for discussion or noting

## IESS Feedback (sub types and other impacts) and next steps

Discussion:

* Blaine spoke to the item and noted no further feedback had been received. Blaine noted that the group needs to inform the IEC of its preliminary findings.
* Robert Lo Giudice queried how IESS differs to Flexible Trading Arrangement. Mark Riley noted there may not be much difference.
* Blaine placed an action on AEMO to prepare the initial draft of the IEC IESS paper for the members consideration and feedback.

Actions:

* AEMO to prepare the initial draft of the IEC IESS paper.
* B2B WG to review the paper and provide their feedback.

## B2M Update – Blaine Miner

Discussion:

* Blaine Miner provided an overview of the current B2M activities, more details were provided in the appendix of the slide pack.

## IEC ICFs – Current and emerging – B2B WG

Discussion:

B002, B003, B004 and B006

* The working group has now endorsed these initiatives to proceed to the IEC initial engagement stage.
  + An IEC paper needs to be drafted by the WG and provided to the IEC.
* Blaine noted for B006 quick engagement by IEC is required so it can be progressed as expedited consultation.

Actions:

* Nandu to send a worked example of the IEC paper as a template to Mark and Aakash.
* Mark (B002 and B004) and Aakash (B003) to draft the IEC paper by COB 21 October 2022.
* AEMO to circulate the paper to the broader B2B WG by 24 October 2022.
* B2B WG to provide feedback on the IEC paper by COB 28 October 2022.
* AEMO to confirm what needs to occur to progress B006 with the IEC.
* Nandu to send all current ICFs to the B2B WG with the meeting minutes.

B005

* Blaine noted additional work is required for this ICF and the status of pending is appropriate.
* Mark noted the change relates to Metrology procedure and not B2B procedure.
* Blaine noted it’s status could be made ‘suspended’ and include a reason for it.

Actions:

* Nandu to amend the status for ICF B005 to ‘Suspended’ and include reason in the ICF register.

B007

* Nandu noted this issue was discussed during the August meeting, along with another issue relating to PersonName. The actions captured the request to raise an ICF for the PersonName issue only and this issue was missed out.
* Nandu spoke to the issue. Blaine noted the issue requires a proponent to draft the required ICF.
* Working group discussion identified that there could be an issue with the content in the B2B Guide and it was decided to discuss the item in more detail at the agenda for November meeting.
* Mark noted that he will meet with Nandu in early November to prepare this item for the November meeting.

Actions:

* Nandu to organise meeting with Mark in early November and forward previous email correspondence.
* Nandu to include this item in the agenda for the November meeting.

# Other business

## B2B v3.7 clarification

* Blaine spoke to a query raised internally at AEMO relating to the recipient rejecting an unstructured address in the Life Support notification.
* Blaine noted that according to AEMO IT staff, if an unstructured address is to be rejected then the Electricity Validation Module (EVM) would need to be updated.
* Adrian Honey queried if this was just a business validation, and no technical change was required to the B2B hub.
* Blaine to seek further clarification from AEMO IT about the EVM.

Actions:

* AEMO to seek clarification about EVM from AEMO IT.

## NEM 2025 Governance

* Blaine spoke to the NEM 2025 governance and noted that AEMO is putting in place a structure like the governance for Five Minute Settlement (5MS) and Global Settlement (GS) Program.
  + The Program Consultative Forum (PCF) has already been established and had its initial meeting.
* Blaine noted that it is intended that existing industry forums such as B2B WG will be leveraged for procedural matters, as opposed to establishing a stand-alone Procedures Working Group.

## Wrap-up, actions, questions, parked issues

* Blaine mentioned the upcoming AEMO survey, regarding the level of satisfaction Participants have in various forums supported by the Gas & Electricity Retail Reform Delivery team. Blaine noted that AEMO is more than happy to receive feedback throughout the year at any stage in any preferred manner but noted that the survey provides participants an opportunity to reflect on this year’s engagements and to provide any feedback they may have.
* Blaine queried if the proposed out of session meeting on 24 October for IESS is still required. Blaine noted if there is no opposition then the meeting will proceed.
* The next B2B-WG meeting is scheduled for 22 and 23 November 2022 in Brisbane. Blaine asked the members’ preferences for start times on Day 1 and the End times on Day 2.
  + It was agreed that the meeting will start on Tues 22 November at 10am and the meeting times for Day 2 will be 9am to 1pm. All times are Brisbane local time.
* Members to send through any proposed agenda items for the Nov meeting, plus associated content, to the B2B WG mailbox.

Parked items:

* None