INFORMATION EXCHANGE COMMITTEE MEETING

FOR DECISION

SUBJECT: ENDEAVOUR ENERGY CHANGE PROPOSALS: ADDRESS FIELDS

AGENDA ITEM: 11

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to seek a decision from the IEC on two Change Proposals submitted by Endeavour Energy.

2. SUMMARY

The purpose of this paper is to seek a decision from the IEC on two Change Proposals submitted by Endeavour Energy. The Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) recommends that these Change Proposals be developed into a B2B Procedures Change Pack for consultation in Q1 2021.

Each of the proposed changes are focused on delivering uniformity and process efficiencies in B2B communications for address fields as these will be changed in MSATS following the implementation of the Standing Data Review. In turn, these changes will lead to more timely services for electricity customers at the time of NMI allocation.

3. DISCUSSION

On 7 September 2020 AEMO published their final determination on the MSATS Standing Data Review which proposed a number of changes to be delivered in two tranches during 2022 Based on these changes in MSATS, Endeavor Energy has proposed two changes to the B2B Procedures to ensure consistency in address fields. These are as follows:

i. Removal of unstructured address for site address information

The MSATS changes has made improvements to site address information which is intended to become easier to use and more informative by gradually removing the second address format which is currently a “free form” field (unstructured). From 14 March 2022, the structured address fields will become “Required” with the base fields of suburb, state and postcode remaining “Mandatory”. A transitional period of eight months will allow the structured fields to operate whilst the unstructured fields continue to exist, enabling appropriate data to be transferred into the structured address fields. On 7 November 2022 the unstructured address fields will be retired.

For consistency and efficiency, the B2B Procedures should also remove unstructured site address information.

Postal address information is out of scope for this ICF. Postal addresses should continue to have the option to be in an unstructured format.

ii. Add Section and DP Number Address Requirements

Two new fields called “SectionNumber” and “DPNumber” were added to help communicate site address information in the MSATS changes.

These fields are “Required” for NSW and ACT addresses, and “Optional” in all other jurisdictions. In NSW and ACT these fields are required to help uniquely identify legal boundaries for a parcel of land and are used in the “Allocate NMI” Service Order.

Retailers currently communicate Section and DP Number using the Special Instructions field in the “Allocate NMI” Service Order. This is requires manual review and re-typing into appropriate fields to send to MSATS.

For consistency and efficiency, Endeavour Energy has proposed that the B2B Procedure allow the Section and DP Number to be communicated via defined existing fields (FormReference and FormNumber) in the B2B transactions.

Given that the first ICF proposes removal of fields, AEMO envisages this will require IT changes. The second ICF proposes to define using existing fields for communicating the Section and DP Number, and AEMO does not anticipate IT impacts for these changes.

AEMO recommends that these Change Proposals be developed into a B2B Procedures Change Pack for consultation in Q1 2021.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

AEMO recommends that the IEC:

- Accept the following Change Proposals (Issue Change Forms (ICF)) as proposed by the Endeavour Energy:
  - (i) Removal of unstructured address for site address information (Attachment 1).
  - (ii) Communication of Life Support De-registrations (Attachment 2).
- Request that AEMO:
  - a. Provide advice on whether there is a conflict with the MSATS Procedures which would arise if the Change Proposals were implemented.
  - b. Advise whether changes are required to the B2B e-Hub in order to deliver the B2B Change Proposals and, if so, the likely costs and timelines for making the changes .
- Require the B2B-WG develop these Change Proposals into a B2B Procedure Change Pack, including the requested advice from AEMO in accordance with section 7.17.4(i) of the National Electricity Rules (NER).
- Require the B2B-WG to provide the completed B2B Procedure Change Pack for the IECs consideration on, or prior to, the February 2021 IEC meeting.

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ATTACHMENT 1	Endeavor Energy ICF – Removal of unstructured address fields for site address information
ATTACHMENT 2	Endeavor Energy ICF – Communication of life support deregistrations