

Meeting Notes – B2B-WG

MEETING: Business-to-Business Working Group
DATE: Friday, 22 January 2021
TIME: 09:30am-12:00pm
LOCATION: Teleconference
MEETING #: 1
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ATTENDEES:

Name	Company
Meghan Bibby (Chair)	AEMO
Jordan Daly	AEMO
Michelle Norris	AEMO
Nandu Datar	AEMO
Noura Elhawary	AEMO
Mark Riley	AGL
Shaun Cupitt	Alinta Energy
Justin Betlehem	Ausnet Services
Dino Ou	Endeavour Energy
Robert Mitchell	Energy Queensland
Robert Lo Giudice	intelliHUB
Joe Castellano	Origin Energy
Helen Vassos	PLUS ES
Christophe Bechia	Red Energy
David Woods	SA Power Networks
Aakash Sembey	Simply Energy
Adrian Honey	TasNetworks
Paul Greenwood	VectorAMS
Wayne Farrell	Yurika

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1.1 Apologies

Meghan Bibby (AEMO) welcomed the B2B Working Group (B2B-WG) to the first meeting of 2021. Apologies were received from Stephanie Lommi (Alinta). Wayne Farrell (Yurika) entered late due to technical difficulties.

1.2 Confirm agenda

The B2B-WG confirmed the agenda. Michelle Norris (AEMO) provided an IEC update and noted that if the Northern Territory adopt a NT version of the NER, there may be a need for a NT representative on the IEC. It is also possible a dual consultation for B2B procedures would need to be run for the NEM and for the NT.

Mark Riley (AGL) noted that AEMO proposed several changes to the NER consultations process in rule change. AEMO confirmed that a verbal update on this rule change will be provided at a later date.

Actions:

- Meghan Bibby and Jordan Daly (AEMO) to request AEMO look at providing an industry overview session on how the NER consultation process will flow as per AEMO's procedure consultation rule change proposal.
- Meghan Bibby and Jordan Daly (AEMO) to provide a summary of B2B changes for the Working Group

1.3 & 1.4 Action items from previous meeting and standing list of consultation items

Meghan Bibby (AEMO) noted that the following items were closed since the last meeting:

Action Meeting Date	Description	Responsible	Date	Follow Up
0109-01	Use cases/scenarios to be created for the NPN NotificationStatus proposal	Helen Vassos (PLUS ES), Mark Riley (AGL).	Helen Vassos (PLUS ES) to outwork the paper based on her discussions with Mark and future discussions with Lenard. On hold until the REEN/DEEN discussion is completed.	Closed. To be incorporated into consultation.
2409-01	Use cases/scenarios to be created for the NPN NotificationStatus proposal	Meghan Bibby, Jordan Daly (AEMO)	On hold pending REEN/DEEN discussions. NPN is sent immediately after the ACK is received back from the SO recipient. The Status is not part of the ACK and as such the NPN cannot have the status applied e.g., Service Order completed, partially completed, not completed.	Closed. To be incorporated into consultation.
2409-03	Christophe Bechia (Red/Lumo) to summarise the problem statements, prior suggestions and key disagreements for submission to the IEC re: NP transaction. This will be on behalf of retailers only and will clarify what Procedure changes need to be made.	Christophe Bechia (Red/Lumo)	On hold pending REEN/DEEN discussions.	Closed. To be incorporated into consultation.
2409-04	Distributors to confirm indicative implementation dates for when Notified Party transaction management changes could be supported, outside of the AEMO roadmap. This to be submitted in writing.	Distributors	Dino requested that Christophe and Stephanie provide the details on how the distributors are expected to use the Notified Party transaction. On hold pending REEN/DEEN discussions.	Closed. To be incorporated into consultation.

1311-03	B2B-WG members to read Life Support survey results and Mark's diagrams in order to discuss the Life Support 'None' issue at the December meeting.	B2B-WG Members	Discussed in December meeting	Closed
1311-04	B2B-WG Members to take the Coincident SO Scenarios and Analysis for further analysis by their business units, including risk and cost/benefit analysis. Complexity of solution also to be considered.	B2B-WG Members	Currently under consideration by IEC	Closed. To be incorporated into consultation.
1311-05	B2B-WG Members to rule out any Coincident SO Scenarios and Analysis options they consider unfeasible and create a shortlist of preferences and provide reasoning.	B2B-WG Members	Currently under consideration by IEC	Closed. To be incorporated into consultation.
0112-01	B2B-WG Members to consider future consultation topics ahead of Jan meeting.	B2B-WG Members	Offline	Closed. No additional feedback received.
0112-02	Joe Castellano (Origin) & Mark Riley (AGL) to redraft the Name Title ICF for IEC consideration and consultation.	Joe Castellano (Origin) & Mark Riley (AGL)	Circulated before Christmas shutdown	Closed
0112-03	Meghan Bibby & Jordan Daly (AEMO) to check with Wayne Lee about whether FirstName is Mandatory or Optional (and can be left blank) in the aseXML schema.	Meghan Bibby & Jordan Daly (AEMO)	GivenName field is mandatory as an element in the schema, but it can be blank (ie zero length string) when used. Zero-length possible, needs to be checked with participant systems. Presumably could be included in Guide.	Closed
0112-04	Meghan Bibby & Jordan Daly (AEMO) to check with Wayne Lee about how often the B2B-WG should check for an update of the Australian Standards.	Meghan Bibby & Jordan Daly (AEMO)	Recommended annually.	Closed
0112-05	Mark to update SA LS 'None' process for circulation	Mark Riley (AGL)	Circulated after meeting. To be discussed and then submitted as an ICF.	Closed
0112-06	Further consideration of LS 'None' issue and the Reconciliation process to take place between now and January meeting by B2B-WG	B2B-WG Members	Consideration took place offline.	Closed

The following action remains open:

1311-02	Meghan Bibby (AEMO) to approach Stakeholder Relations regarding providing more consistent tracking of changes on procedures and documents in consultations and to request .docx versions of procedures be uploaded when they're being consulted on.	Meghan Bibby (AEMO)	Enquired with Legal on 19/11/2020, followed up 13/01/2021.	In progress
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			Can publish .rtfs on website. Unsure about SR.	
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The following items are on the standing list of consultation items. Implementation dates to be consulted on in the March Issues Paper:

Issue	To be included in what B2B Procedures version?	Status	Notes
Wholesale Demand Response	WDR Consultation	4 - Ready for consultation	Consultation underway
NPN Notification Status allowed values	Next version	1 - Determining requirements	Dependent on outcomes of Coincident SO discussions.
Unstructured site address ICF	Next version	2 - Requirements determined, content in development	To be included in next consultation.
DP and Section Number ICF	Next version	2 - Requirements determined, content in development	To be included in next consultation.
NameTitle ICF	Next version	1 - Determining requirements	Received by AEMO 25/11/2020. To be reviewed by B2B-WG & IEC.
Life Support 'None' Issue	Next version	1 - Determining requirements	Being discussed by B2B-WG

Action:

- Jordan Daly (AEMO) to provide IT release timeframes on B2B v3.5 changes as soon as they become available

The following items had an update provided to them:

0112-07	Dino Ou (Endeavour) to discuss whether NSW DBs are willing to adopt something similar to the SA process with regards to the LS 'None' issue.	Dino Ou (Endeavour)	By circular	In discussion, initial discussion shows no appetite for change	In progress
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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION OR NOTING

2.1 Life Support – None - Mark Riley (AGL)

Mark Riley (AGL) has drafted processes for churn and reconciliation, aiming to make the secondary processes identical to minimise change for participants. Recommends inclusion in the Guide.

Actions:

- Mark Riley (AGL) to update diagram to reflect the 'No' flow for LSN=None question and recirculate diagrams to B2B-WG.

- Distributors to compare Mark's Life Support 'None' process to their own internal processes to assess comparability (led by Dino).

2.2 Name Title ICFs – Joe Castellano (Origin)

Joe Castellano (Origin) spoke to his NameTitle ICFs. They propose the ASWG manage the list but there is an initial consultation to confirm this. David Woods (SAPN) asked how a participant would find the latest version of the list of valid titles if not the Australian Standards – the ASWG need to explicitly state which elements are available. Shaun Cupitt (Alinta) also asked what the ASWG change process is as it's unclear.

Actions:

- B2B-WG members to look into the [ASWG change process](#) and whether it's suitable for the NameTitle ICFs.
- Joe Castellano (Origin) to tweak NameTitle ICFs regarding responsibility for updating and maintaining the list and submit documents to the IEC.
- B2B-WG members to look into other fields tied to an AS with an enumerated list and how to ensure they're kept up to date.
- Mark Riley (AGL) and David Woods (SAPN) to map out the process of managing the respective lists and the Technical Specifications with respect to updating the ICF and accommodating for the ASWG change process.

2.3 NotifiedParty Consultation

Meghan Bibby (AEMO) spoke to the IEC discussion that occurred on 17 December 2020. AEMO to manage the cost/benefit analysis to ensure confidentiality and competition issues are avoided. The IEC noted that it wants the cost/benefit information to ensure the change is appropriate for industry. The B2B-WG discussed which jurisdictions should be included in the request for cost/benefits and questioned whether it should be:

- limited to jurisdictions where remote services can be utilised, or
- cover all jurisdictions given B2B Procedure changes may have future impacts. (

The WG also discussed consultation timings, in particular if a consultation isn't feasible to begin by February, the IEC would be informed accordingly. It was agreed that while there will be a March 2021 consultation, it doesn't need to include the Coincident Service Order NPN Transaction changes.

Aakash Sembey (Simply) asked how detailed the procedure changes should be, and whether it should be a simple proposal. Adrian Honey (TasNetworks) stated that detailed procedures would inform a cost/benefit analysis. Meghan Bibby (AEMO) noted that the OWN Procedures doesn't include business processes – the SO processes do.

Helen Vassos (PLUS ES) proposed her NPN ICF be considered in the consultation. Aakash Sembey (Simply) noted that the IEC would prefer no schema change be made, so they may have to be consulted on separately.

Dino Ou (Endeavour) proposed it be called out in the Issues Paper that Victoria are not subject to these changes as they don't have metering contestability. Robert Mitchell (EQ) stated that QLD is not a hard and fast regarding the Remote De-en but does have hard rules around the requirement to have the DB perform a visual inspection on any type of Re-en, so should be considered in the cost benefits etc. Robert also mentioned that QLD will be revisiting these

rules. Robert Lo Guidice (intelliHUB) replied that whilst QLD's rules are revisited, the rule has not changed.

B2B-WG to confirm preference to consult on all items together rather than running them in parallel.

Actions (due 5 February, IEC papers due 8 February, proposed B2B-WG meeting 15 February. Can be presented via circular):

- Meghan Bibby and Jordan Daly (AEMO) to recirculate prior NotifiedParty documents to B2B-WG for consideration in Issues Paper (ie: Helen's ICF).
- Aakash Sembey (Simply), Mark Riley (AGL), Christophe Bechia (Red) and Paul Greenwood (Vector) to outwork details of track-changed Procedures for the proposal. The SO Procedure, B2B Guide and possibly OWN Procedure will need changes.
- AEMO to propose options for consultation timelines.
- Nandu Datar and Noura Elhawary (AEMO) to set up skeleton Issues Paper for B2B-WG members to fill out.
- B2B-WG to decide whether to propose specific implementation dates for the proposed change in the Issues Paper or whether to leave this open-ended as a question for respondents.

3 OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 Action items

Jordan Daly (AEMO) informed the B2B-WG of the actions generated at this meeting. These are reflected in the Action register.

3.2 Next meeting / meeting close

Meghan Bibby (AEMO) noted that the next meeting would be on 15 February 2021.