Meeting Notes – B2B-WG

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| MEETING: | Business-to-Business Working Group |
| DATE: | 22 and 23 November 2022 |
| LOCATION: | AEMO Brisbane office |
| meeting #: | 13 |
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ATTENDEES:

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| Nandu Datar | AEMO |
| Meghan Bibby | AEMO |
| Kate Gordon | AEMO |
| Lenard Bull | AEMO |
| Karen Wilbrink | AEMO |
| Justin Stute | AEMO |
| Aakash Sembey | Origin Energy |
| Adrian Honey | TasNetworks |
| Christophe Bechia | Red and Lumo |
| David Woods | SA Power Networks |
| Helen Vassos | PLUS ES |
| Jo Sullivan | Energy Australia |
| Justin Betlehem | AusNet |
| Mark Riley | AGL |
| Paul Greenwood | VectorAMS |
| Robert Lo Giudice | Alinta Energy |
| Robert Mitchell | EnergyQueensland |

## Day 1

# Preliminary matters

## Acknowledgment and Apologies

Carla Adolfo, Graeme Ferguson and Wayne Farrell were noted as apologies.

## Confirm agenda

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

# Items for discussion or noting

## The year that was (Learnings from 2022)

Key points identified during the discussion were as follows:

* Main outcomes during the year were changes related to B2B consultations 3.7 (went live on 7 November 2022) and 3.8 (scheduled to go live on 30 May 2023). The participants noted the changes were not controversial from their internal IT point of view.
* B2B WG meeting frequency and approach
* Agendas and associated content will be determined and provided by members
* Meeting approach i.e. face to face or virtual, location and duration will be determined at least 2mths in advance
* Feb 2023 meeting to be held virtually on Wednesday, 1 February 2023
* Identified agenda items:
  + RoLR IEC Consultation Change Pack
  + Initial NEM2025 B2B assessment
* Mar 2023 meeting to be face to face, location TBD, likely Melbourne
* Proposed timings – Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March 2023
* Identified agenda items
  + IESS IEC Consultation change pack
* Issue/change Engagement
* Proponents responsible to:
* Engage a subset of the B2B members prior to B2B WG engagement.
* Raise potential issues or changes as Other Business to gauge breadth and depth of the item.
* Draft and circulate an IEC ICF prior to the meeting.
* Provide AEMO meeting slide content at least one week prior to the meeting, for inclusion in the consolidated pack for circulation.
* At the meeting B2B WG to confirm next steps and assign actions.
* IEC Engagement
* Information/papers to the IEC to be provided in a clear and concise manner, being mindful of the IEC representatives who are less familiar with the topic and content.
* B2B WG attendance at IEC meetings to be rotated across the B2B WG and/or within the area of an Industry sector expertise where required e.g. rotation of Retailer representation for Retailer centric items.
* Core questions/checklist to be added to the top of any B2B WG initiated IEC papers e.g. checklist to convey the level of B2B WG support, complexity of the issue/change, impacted areas, etc.
* Aakash Sembey to circulate an initial approach.
* It’s the responsibility of all members to ensure an effective flow of information between B2B WG members and IEC representatives.
* Pre-IEC meeting engagement with IEC representatives is encouraged, including with other sectors where items cross-over.
* Items related to the IEC:
* Meghan Bibby to circulate non-commercially sensitive IEC meeting pack on an ongoing basis to the B2B WG members.
* IEC to provide the B2B WG insight into what they expect to receive to enable efficient and effective decision-making.
* Meghan to request a ‘meet and greet’ between the B2B WG and the IEC.
* IEC and B2B WG to meet annually to look at ‘the year that was’ and ‘the year ahead’.

Actions:

* Aakash Sembey to develop and circulate an initial approach as to what needs to be added to the top of any B2B WG initiated IEC papers e.g., checklist to convey the level of B2B WG support, complexity of the issue/change, impacted areas, etc.

## 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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| 0908-07 | Consider publishing a running errata sheet for minor procedure corrections that will be implemented at a later date | AEMO | 13/09 - develop and circulate a new template to capture B2B corrections  11/10 - Now covered by action 1110-01 |
| 0908-12 | Identify which of the survey responses will not require any further action | B2B WG | Now covered by action 0803-01 |
| 0908-15 | Provide their view on how the guide and their handbooks interact | Networks | Now covered by action 0803-01 |
| 1309-07 | Send feedback about B003 to Aakash Sembey | B2B WG | 11/10 - The issue will progress to seek IEC endorsement |
| 1110-04 | Send worked example of IEC paper to Mark Riley and Aakash Sembey | Nandu Datar (AEMO) | Example sent |
| 1110-05 | Draft the IEC papers, Mark Riley for ICFs (B002 and B004) and Aakash Sembey for ICF B003 | Mark Riley (AGL), Aakash Sembey (Origin) | IEC paper prepared and will be on IEC November meeting agenda |
| 1110-06 | Send the IEC paper for ICFs B002, B003 and B004 to B2B WG for review | Nandu Datar (AEMO) | This action not required anymore |
| 1110-08 | Send all current ICFs to the B2B WG members | Nandu Datar (AEMO) | 17/10 – ICFs sent |
| 1110-09 | Amend the status of ICF B005 to suspended in the ICF register and include the reason | Nandu Datar (AEMO) | Status changed |
| 1110-10 | Organise meeting with Mark Riley to discuss the issue related to ICF B007 and include it in the agenda for B2B WG November meeting | Nandu Datar (AEMO) | Meeting organised |
| 1110-11 | Seek clarification about EVM from AEMO IT. This relates to unstructured address in LSN | Blaine Miner (AEMO) | 14/10 – Clarification provided to B2B WG |

Discussion on Open action items:

Action items 1309-01 and 1309-02

* Paul Greenwood noted there may not be a need for B2B Procedure change. AEMC rule change is currently in a draft determination stage. Members from Metering and Distributors need to develop a response to AEMC for their consideration towards the final report. There is need for a clearer direction from the AEMC. B2B WG to communicate to the IEC that this initiative has been considered and more work is required.

Actions:

* B2B WG to communicate to the IEC that this initiative has been considered and more work is required.

Action item 1309-05

* Blaine Miner noted that this initiative is proposed to be progressed as an expedited process. The B2B WG are yet to use an expedited process. This initiative could provide a test of the expedited IEC process. It is necessary to check how an expedited process fits in the legal framework.

Actions:

* AEMO/Nandu to engage the legal team to check how it fits in the expedited process.

Remaining open action items

* No further progress was available on other action items

## 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.

## B2B Guide Improvement

Discussion:

* Nandu Datar spoke to the proposed approach for improving the B2B guide and requested feedback from the members.
* Following further discussions, David Woods noted that he previously provided several suggested changes to the B2B guide v3.7. The members requested bringing up and working on the document modified by David.
* Nandu worked with the members to make further amendments to the B2B guide previously amended by David Woods.
* Members considered the table of content and decided that sections 1 to 5 are required and should be reviewed further to amend the content.
* Further discussions determined that from section 2, sub clauses (b), (d) and (e) to be reworded and relocated to other sections. Remaining sub clauses are proposed to be deleted resulting in section 2 being removed.
* B2B WG determined the diagrams in section 3 need further review. No further action was captured.
* B2B WG discussed section 4 and determined that comments made by David Woods require further consideration. Mark Riley offered to review section 4 and propose changes.
* Following review of section 5, figures 3 and 4 were removed. No further changes were proposed for section 5.
* It was also decided to combine sections 6 and 7 along the lines of each B2B procedure. Mark Riley noted that he will combine the sections along the lines of the procedure One Way Notification and request review by the B2B WG. Merging of the sections for other procedures will then follow.

Actions:

* B2B WG to reword section 2 sub clauses (b), (d) and (e) and determine the new placement for them.
* Mark Riley to review section 4 and propose changes for B2B WG consideration.
* Mark Riley to merge sections 6 and 7 of B2B Guide along the lines of the procedure One Way Notification.

## MSATS Disconnection Status

* Mark Riley described the issue.
* No further actions captured for the B2B WG at this stage.
* ERCF engagement likely required to consider potential new defect related field(s) in MSATS.

**Day 2**

## Looking forward to 2023

Discussion:

* Blaine Miner spoke to the known initiatives proposed for 2023.
* Blaine noted that the NEM2025 implementation roadmap is included in the meeting pack.
* Meghan Bibby provided further update for the NEM reform.
* Blaine noted that AEMO will continue to support members by highlighting upcoming initiatives as soon as it is known.
* Mark Riley requested a soft copy of the initiatives for B2B WG to review and further consideration at the February meeting.
* Blaine spoke to the draft IEC forward plan included in the meeting pack.
* Robert Lo Giudice asked if there was a consolidated view of AEMO’s May 2023 release
  + Blaine responded by saying that this view has been provided via AEMO’s Implementation Forum
* Mark Riley requested a soft copy of release table.
* The initial high-level initiative assessment template has been attached to this email for your consideration and feedback.
  + [Link to AEMO’s NEM Reform Implementation Roadmap webpage](•%09https:/aemo.com.au/initiatives/major-programs/nem-reform-implementation-roadmap)
* Mark Riley to provide the B2B WG’s initial assessment of the AEMC’s report to the IEC on Monday 28 Nov 2022 i.e. overall seems reasonable although some of the detail needs work.

Actions:

* AEMO to include forward view of future initiatives in the meeting pack appendix.
* AEMO to provide soft copy of the future initiative’s documents to the B2B WG.

## AEMC Metering Review

Discussion:

* Justin Stute spoke to the AEMC Metering Competition slides and described the AEMC recommendations.
* Helen noted the AEMC report is too prescriptive re industry processes and that AEMC should leave the processes for discussion among the B2B WG members.
* B2B WG members discussed various scenarios and potential issues.
* Jo Sullivan noted that B2B WG should provide a response to the AEMC noting they should not get into prescribed processes and leave it to the members.
* Members requested discussion about this topic at the November 2022 IEC meeting.

Actions:

* B2B WG to prepare a draft response to the IEC for the Feb 2023 meeting.

## IEC ICFs – Current and emerging – B2B WG

Discussion:

B002, B003, B004 and B006

* Blaine Miner noted that if endorsed by the IEC, these ICFs will likely form part of the IESS B2B consultation

Actions:

* Mark Riley to request the IEC to support expedited changes to RoLR Part B at the IEC on Monday 28 Nov 2022
* AEMO to provide the IEC advice as to if the proposed RoLR changes would fall into an Expedited or Normal consultation process
* Mark and Aakash to draft a RoLR change pack and circulate it for comment by Friday 16 Dec 2022
* Mark and Aakash to work with Gareth Morrah (AEMO) in considering broader RoLR review items

# Other business

## Customer contact flagged as Family Violence

* Aakash Sembey spoke to the issue.
* No further actions captured for the B2B WG at this stage

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

* The next B2B-WG meeting is scheduled for 1 February 2023

Parked items:

* None