

INFORMATION EXCHANGE COMMITTEE MEETING

FOR DISCUSSION

SUBJECT: AUGUST MEETING - UPDATE ON B2B-WG ACTIVITIES

AGENDA ITEM: 12

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to report on the status of action items currently being discussed by the B2B Working Group (B2B-WG).

2. DISCUSSION

Since the May 2020 IEC meeting, the B2B-WG have met three times to deliver the actions assigned by the IEC and identify other business processes which require improvements. The major areas of focus of the B2B-WG currently include:

- B2B V3.4 and V3.5 consultation
- B2B V3.3.1 and V3.6 consultation
- Development of life support change requests to improve the efficiency and clarity of current B2B procedures
- Issues with the physical and remote de-energisation and re-energisation service orders in NSW and SA
- Potential removal of the moratorium on remote de-energisation and re-energisation service orders in NSW
- Potential B2B Guide changes arising from the Wholesale Demand Response (WDR) rule change

An update is provided on each of these matters in the following sections.

2.1. B2B V3.4 and V3.5 consultation updates

AEMO sought IEC approval to conduct an additional round of consultation on the B2B Procedures by circular on 2 April 2020. This was approved.

The Final Report of the B2B consultation for V3.4 and V3.5 was published on AEMO's website on 8 July 2020. Implementation of the matters consulted on has been separated into two tranches, which are detailed in the table below.

Changes	B2B V3.4 - 1 October 2021 (5MS)	B2B V3.5 - 10 November 2021 (One Way Notification and Service Order enhancements)
Customer Site Details Notification Process	Amended (Version control only)	Amended (Version control only)
Meter Data Process	Amended (Version control only)	Amended (Version control only)
One Way Notification Process	Amended (Version control only)	Amended (Procedure changes)
Service Order Process	Amended (Version control only)	Amended (Procedure changes)
Technical Delivery Specification Process	Amended (Procedure changes)	Amended (Procedure changes)

2.2. B2B V3.6 consultation requirements

The B2B V3.3.1 and V3.6 Procedure consultation is expected to commence on 17 August 2020. Within its scope are proposed improvements regarding Life Support, After-hours Service for the ACT jurisdiction, and Global Settlement.

The proposed changes are to amend the:

- Customer and Site Details Notification Process (effective 10 November 2021) – to clarify various Life Support processes.
- Service Order Process (effective 1 January 2021) – to reflect EvoEnergy's change of service level for same day re-energisations in its ACT jurisdiction.
- NEM RoLR Process Part B (effective 1 May 2022) – to reflect the implementation of Global Settlement.

The consultation process will occur according to the timeframes set out below. This will avoid consultation occurring across the Christmas, New Year and Australia Day public holiday and school holiday period.

Process Stage	Date
Publication of Issues Paper	17 August 2020
Closing date for submissions in response to the Issues Paper	22 September 2020
Publication of Draft Report and Determination (Draft Report)	20 October 2020
Closing date for submissions in response to the Draft Report	4 November 2020
Publication of Final Report and Determination (Final Report)	16 December 2020

2.3. Physical and remote de-energisation/re-energisation service orders (NSW and SA)

The B2B-WG has identified several issues arising from de-energisation and re-energisation service orders in NSW and SA. These issues have been mapped by the B2B-WG and are to

be discussed in future meetings. A survey was circulated across industry for participants to provide further detail for their issues and proposed solutions. At this stage the relevant proposals and timeframes are being outworked between AEMO and Simply Energy.

It is not yet known if any future proposals will require B2B procedure or system changes. If changes are identified, the B2B-WG will recommend to the IEC that these changes be included in the next consultation.

2.4. NSW update on changes to remote de-energisation/re-energisation

The NSW moratorium on remote re-energisation and de-energisation expires on 1 September 2020. As such, remote re-energisation and de-energisation may commence in NSW as long as market participants meet NSW regulatory requirements.

It is not yet known if the lifting of the moratorium will require B2B procedure or system changes. If it does, the B2B-WG will recommend to the IEC that these changes be included in the next consultation.

2.5. Wholesale Demand Response (WDR)

The Australian Energy Market Commission's (AEMCs) draft determination recommends introducing the WDR changes on 24 October 2021. At this stage, the full impact of the implementation of WDR on AEMO's Business-to-Market systems is unknown. In order to complete the consultation to determine any (likely) system changes, the draft consultation for WDR needs to be completed during 2020 to enable any system changes to be accommodated prior to October 2021. A more detailed briefing has been provided for the IEC on WDR in the August meeting pack.

3. B2B WORKING GROUP RESOURCE EFFORT

In November 2018 the IEC requested that a resource impact be captured for each action referred to the B2B-WG for analysis. The following table provides an overview of the current work impacts for B2B-WG members and for the AEMO Secretariat.

Note that the resource impact only reflects attendance at meetings and workshops and does not reflect additional time spent by the AEMO Secretariat or B2B-WG members in preparing for meetings and workshops and consulting with other Participants.

IEC action requested	25 May 2020
Start date of work	5 June 2020
Due date for finalisation	16 December 2020
Overview of analysis	Issues summarised and solutions proposed. Developed Report, updated Procedures and Guide.
Delivery effort B2BWG and AEMO Secretariat	10.5 hours of meetings and workshops

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the IEC notes:

- The ongoing work being conducted by the B2B-WG; and
- Potential additional consultations under development by the B2B-WG.

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