

MINUTES

MEETING: Information Exchange Committee Meeting Number 29

DATE: Friday 2 December 2022

TIME: 02:00PM AEDT

LOCATION: Teleconference

MEMBER Mr Kee Wong (Chair)

ATTENDEES: Ms Stefanie Monaco (retailer representative)

Mr Paul Greenwood (metering representative)
Mr Luke Jenner (distributor representative)

Mr Peter Van Loon (discretionary member - retailer)

Mr Marco Bogaers (discretionary member - embedded networks)

APOLOGIES: Mr Brian Spak (consumer representative)

Kate Gordon (AEMO)

IN ATTENDANCE: Meghan Bibby (AEMO, IEC Secretariat)

Mark Riley (B2B-WG Representative, AGL)

Blaine Miner (AEMO, B2B-WG Chair)

Justin Stute (AEMO)

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 2:30pm.

The Chairperson asked if Zoom could be used going forward. Meghan to action.

1. Compliance with Competition Law

The Chairperson introduced the Competition Law Meeting Protocol.

2. Apologies

The Chairperson noted Mr Brian Spak's absence.

3. Members' Declarations of Interest

The Chairperson noted that there were no conflicts of interest declared.

4. Minutes of previous meeting

The IEC accepted the minutes of the previous meeting.

5. Matters arising

The matters arising were reviewed.

Review of the Regulatory Framework for Metering Services matters arising

Paul Greenwood provided an overview/update on the AEMC's current consultation/Industry engagements regarding Power Quality Data. Further engagements are expected in early 2023, with the AEMC's Final Report scheduled for June 2023.

Action 0609-01 and Action 0609-02 — Action is in progress by the B2B-WG. Clarifications are required from the AEMC to progress this item. Recommendation to defer this item until the Final Report is published.

Action 0609-03 and Action 3008-01 – The IEC supported feedback on the report being provided via circular. Actions closed.

Action 2405-01 is now completed.

Other matters arising

Action 2512-01 is remains on hold.

Action 1305-06 will likely be impacted by developments in the NEM2025 space.

6. Verbal Briefings

6.1 B2B Procedure Status

Meghan Bibby (AEMO) provided an overview of B2B Procedure v3.7 and v3.8. In response to a question asked, Meghan provided an overview of the Shared Fuse notification inclusion.

6.2 Integrated Energy Storage Systems (IESS)

Justin Stute (AEMO) provided an update to the IEC relating to IESS, including the interim and final releases. Justin highlighted that B2B procedures will be impacted by the Rule and that an initial impact assessment has been completed by the B2B-WG. Mark Riley (AGL) noted that the B2B-WG's initial findings did not identify any significant impacts but that this assessment was based on some key assumptions which needs to be tested in early 2023.

6.3 Review of the Regulatory Framework for Metering Services

Justin Stute provided an overview of the AEMC's Draft Report, including the AEMC's key recommendations, and AEMO's initial view of potential B2B impacts. Paul Greenwood highlighted that the AEMC's draft report started to explore matters associated to local access. Submissions to the Draft Report are due 2 February 2023 and the Final Report due late June 2023.

Mark Riley stated that the B2B-WG recommended that the IEC consider drafting a short response to the AEMC regarding the recently published Review of the regulatory framework for metering services covering:

At this point in time, after an initial discussion at the B2B-WG meeting, the B2B-WG believe there are likely to be some impacts on existing B2B communications. More work is required to determine the extent of the changes, and this cannot be performed until the publishing of the AEMC final report (expected June 2023), and subsequent rule change proposals are affected (late 2023, 2024).

 It may be appropriate for the IEC to remind the AEMC that appropriate lead times are required by industry/B2BWG to fully assess the impacts to current B2B Procedures/Transactions, agree, draft, consult on, and implement any B2B changes, noting the impacts of other reform programs e.g. NEM2025.

The IEC discussed if it should submit a response to the AEMC's Draft Report, noting that some of the proposed processes require further consideration and that the B2B-WG should be leveraged to assist.

Action:

• The IEC has requested the Secretariat to coordinate a draft submission/letter from the IEC to the AEMC by 2 February 2023.

7. Alignment of field lengths and corrections to the NEM RoLR Processes

The Chairperson provided an overview of the papers being presented. The IEC supported the progression of the proposed ICFs, including the creation of the associated change pack, in the most efficient way possible. AEMO to get Legal advice as to if the Expedited Process can be applied to the ROLR changes. The alignment of the field lengths would likely require a Normal/standard consultation process, as the outcome of this consultation will impact Participant systems.

Actions:

- AEMO to seek Legal advice as to if the Expedited Process can be applied to the ROLR changes
- B2B-WG to prepare change packs for the ICFs.

8. IEC forward work program for 2023 including AEMO Regulatory Roadmap

Meghan presented the draft IEC forward work plan for 2023. Meghan noted that the plan was subject to change and that it was not exclusive. The Chairperson noted that the forward plan was generic and allowed sufficient IEC flexibility. The IEC members were supportive of the forward plan.

9. Draft IEC Annual Report for Calendar Year 2022

Meghan Bibby provided an overview of the report, including the successful consultation of B2B v3.8 (coincidental service orders) and the successful implementation of B2B v3.7. The 2022 IEC members confirmed that the report appropriately reflected the work that had been completed. The Chairperson requested that the start dates of the new members to be reviewed to ensure their accuracy. The IEC approved the report subject to the requested changes being completed and the previous Chairperson's review.

Actions:

- AEMO to review members term dates
- AEMO to seek the previous Chairperson's review
- AEMO to publish the annual report once the prior to actions are complete.

10. Draft IEC budget 2023-24

The Chairperson asked a couple of questions regarding insurances, including if the insurance covers committee members during the statutory period. Meghan to confirm. Meghan confirmed that 1-2 face-to-face meetings was assumed in the budget. The Chairperson stated that at least 1 face-to-face meeting should occur. The IEC to provide sufficient notice to members of proposed face-to-face meetings to allow for travel requirements.

Action:

AEMO to confirm coverage of insurances.

11. Update on B2B-WG activities

Mark Riley (AGL) provided an update regarding current B2B-WG activities, including an emerging item involving a broader review of ROLR obligations, activities and data. In response to a question from the Chair, Mark confirmed that the meeting typically met monthly, and the duration of the meetings fluctuated depending on the topic(s) at hand.

Other Business

12. IEC forward meeting dates

The Chair suggested that the first IEC meeting of 2023 should be face-to-face. Stefanie Monaco (Red Energy) requested for the August meeting date to be rescheduled to mid-September in order for her to be able to attend.

The Chairperson requested for him to attend a couple of the B2B-WG meetings in 2023 and suggested for other committee members to make themselves available where possible. Members were supportive of the IEC and B2B-WG to meet once a year to look at the year that was and look forward to the year ahead.

13. Other matters

No other matters raised.

Chairperson closing comments

Meeting Close

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