INFORMATION EXCHANGE COMMITTEE MEETING

FOR DISCUSSION

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON B2B-WG ACTIVITIES

AGENDA ITEM: 11

1. PURPOSE

To report on the status of items currently being discussed by the Business to Business Working Group (B2B-WG).

2. DISCUSSION

Since the June 2023 Information Exchange Committee (IEC) meeting, the B2B-WG has met monthly to discuss and consider various matters including:

- The B2B National Electricity Market (NEM) Retailer of Last Resort (RoLR) Consultation
- Potential impacts associated to the introduction of the Integrated Energy Storage Systems (IESS) Rule
- Other immediate to longer term priorities

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

2.1. B2B NEM RoLR Consultation

Submissions to the second round of the B2B NEM RoLR Consultation closed on Monday 10 July 2023. Seven responses were received from stakeholders. Responses received raised no significant material issues to the proposed changes. The feedback received highlighted:

- Some respondents questioned the validity of various proposed fields.
- Correction of incorrect clause referencing throughout the document.
- Minor grammatical errors or expansion of language to make intentions clearer.

The B2B-WG are in the process of producing the Consultation's Final Determination, which will include the proposed changes to section 102, and the errata changes to section 104 of the NEM RoLR Processes (Part B) Procedure. The final determination, including associated documents, are due for publication by 18 September 2023.

In parallel, the B2B-WG continue to consider potential obligation changes to Procedures associated to inflight service orders during a RoLR event.

2.2. Integrated Energy Storage Systems (IESS) Rule

The IESS B2M Consultation commenced on 6 March 2023, with the final determination due to be published by 18 September 2023.

As previously mentioned, the proposed B2M IESS changes include:

- Changes to NMI Classification Codes, including three new codes and amendments to two further codes.
- Extensive amendments to terminology introduced by the IESS Rule, which will need to be reflected across the Retail Electricity Market Procedures. Most of these changes will be minor or administrative in nature.

- Other changes, including the location and order of embedded network processing, which will not result in procedure changes but may change the way participants who are embedded network parents undertake reconciliation processes.
- Potential change to the Rule implementation start date from 3 June 2024 to 2 June 2024, alignment to the commencement of a settlement week.

The B2B-WG has undertaken a detailed review post the draft determination of the IESS B2M Consultation and determined:

- There is no impact to B2B Procedures due to amendments to terminology.
- There is no impact to B2B Procedures due to the introduction of the Integrated Resource Provider (IRP)
- There may be changes required to non-National Electricity Rules (NER) Procedures, for example, the B2B eHub Accreditation document.

The B2B-WG are currently reviewing the B2B Guide for potential impacts and will provide an update to the IEC once this review is completed.

A separate paper has been prepared by the B2B-WG to respond to the IEC's request to review and, if necessary, prepare a B2B procedure consultation pack for the IESS Rule. The paper has been included as a part of the IEC August 2023 meeting pack, providing details and reasoning for the B2B-WG determinations.

2.3. B2B-WG immediate to longer term priorities

The B2B-WG continues to monitor and progress various matters associated to the B2B procedures; these matters include:

- Immediate/Short Term:
  - B2B NEM RoLR Consultation
  - IESS
  - Developments regarding AEMO's IDX (Information Data Exchange), IDAM (Identity and Access Management) and PC (Portal Consolidation) initiatives.
- Medium/Longer Term:
  - AEMC's Metering Services Review (MSR)
  - NEM Reform initiatives, including:
    - Unlocking consumer energy resources (CER) benefits through flexible trading
    - Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging/enhancing the Distributed Energy Resources (DER) register.

The B2B-WG will continue to provide information and advice to the IEC progressively regarding these and other matters as required.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the IEC notes the ongoing work being conducted by the B2B-WG.

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