



MINUTES

MEETING: Information Exchange Committee
DATE: Thursday 15 March 2018
TIME: 1:00 PM
LOCATION: TELECONFERENCE: MELBOURNE AND BRISBANE

MEMBER
ATTENDEES: Mr John Pittard, AEMO director (IEC Chair)
Mr David Markham, Australian Energy Council (retailer member)
Mr Peter Van Loon, Powershop (discretionary, retailer representative)
Mr Marco Bogaers, Metropolis (discretionary, metering representative)
Mr Dean Van Gerrevink, Vector (metering member)
Mr David Havyatt, Energy Consumer Australia (consumer member)
Mr Adrian Hill, Ausnet (discretionary, distributor representative)
Mr Peter Price, Energy Queensland (distributor representative)

ALTERNATES:

APOLOGIES: Mr David Havyatt, Energy Consumer Australia (consumer member)

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms Violette Mouchaileh (IEC Secretariat)
Mr Paul Lefavi (AEMO) – item 6
Mr Jackie Krizmanic (AEMO, B2B Working Group Chair)
Mr Roy Kaplan – item 7

The chairman opened the meeting at 1:00pm

1. Apologies

Mr David Havyatt was an apology for the meeting. A quorum was present.

2. Member's Declarations of Interests

The Committee noted there were no conflicts of interest declared.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The Committee endorsed the minutes of the meetings held on 21 November 2017 and 23 February 2018 and were confirmed as a true record of the meetings.

4. Matters arising

The Committee noted the status of the matters arising.

5. B2B Procedures Changes – Life Support Rule changes

The IEC approved the release of the consultation paper on changes to B2B procedures resulting from the Australian Energy Market Commission's rule determination in late 2017 on life support.

In the consultation paper, the Committee agreed to note that as a short term measure, life support requirement be met through an email for February 2019 implementation. In

parallel, the IEC agreed to present two options (B2B transaction or life support be stored in a central repository via MSATS or something similar) aiming for an end of 2019 implementation, noting that more work will be done on the MSATS options. Should this be the preferred approach, it will be progressed as part of the AEMO standing data work.

6. Post POC go-live debrief

The Committee discussed post live activities following commencement of Power of Choice reforms from 3 December 2017. The Committee noted that overall it was a successful implementation across the industry, recognising some of the soft-start arrangement that have been put in place. The Committee however notes there were some system issues during December relating to the e-hub (market incident on 4 December 2017 and 11 December 2017), which were resolved, and some participants also experienced some system performance issues.

One of the key learnings discussed was around reform commencement dates. The Committee noted that in future it was important that the AEMC should avoid reforms commencing over the summer period or close to shutdown periods – i.e. Christmas/new year.

7. NMI standing data review – scoping paper

The Committee supported the need for a standing data review, commenting that the data set has not been reviewed since market commencement. In discussing this item, the Committee noted:

- The e-hub (shared market protocol) should be extended to business to market processes – one interface for business to business and business to market processes.
- The review should consider the need to pick up items currently performance through business to business transactions that could more effectively be performed through a business to market process (i.e. life support).
- The processes were, in the past, designed around settlement with overnight batch handler processes. The market needs are different and evolving. The Committee encouraged AEMO to consider more live updates.

8. IEC forward plan

The Committee noted the forward plan.

9. IEC workplan and focus - discussion

The Committee discussed its workplan and potential areas of focus for the IEC that would result in more improved industry processes that deliver better outcomes for consumers. In addition to the items outlined in its Annual Report, the Committee noted:

- The Energy Network Association is looking at connection processes for distributed energy resources (DER). The status, outcomes and next steps will be presented to the IEC at its next meeting.

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- There is a lot of work progressing on data including DER register, third party access to data, 5 minute settlements etc. The Committee noted the importance of looking at better ways to deliver better outcomes for consumers.

- There may be a need for some additional B2B transactions that were de-scoped from the Day 1 Power of Choice reforms that need to be revised over the next 12 months.
- There are a number of post Power of Choice activities. There may be some rule changes put forward by various parties to clarify meter provider processes and timing for meter installations.
- State based harmonisation including same day re-energisations or real time e-hub.

The Committee was requested to advise the secretariat of any items for discussion at the IEC to be included as part of the forward plan and work program.

Action Item 2

The Chair closed the meeting at 3:00pm.

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John Pittard
IEC Chair

Date: 9 May 2018