



## MINUTES

MEETING: Information Exchange Committee  
DATE: Wednesday 9 May 2018  
TIME: 10:00 AM  
LOCATION: VIDEO CONFERENCE

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 David Havyatt (consumer 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 Marco Bogaers, Metropolis (discretionary, metering representative)

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms Violette Mouchaileh (IEC Secretariat)  
Mr Jackie Krizmanic (AEMO, B2B Working Group Chair)  
Mr Mark Riley (B2B Working Group member)

The chairman opened the meeting at 10:00am

### **1. Apologies**

Mr Marco Bogaers 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 15 March 2018 and confirmed these as a true record of the meeting.

### **4. Matters arising**

The Committee noted the status of the matters arising.

### **5. B2B Procedures Changes – Life Support Rule changes**

The IEC noted the stakeholder comments received in response to the B2B procedures consultation paper. In discussing the stakeholder comments:

- Some concern was raised by the retailer representative, Mr Peter Van Loon, concerning the level of prescription contained in the email solution presented. The B2B Working Group representatives commented that the email solution was designed to capture the requirement of the final life support rule and put more rigour in the process to enable auditability.
- The Committee agreed that a common process across the industry for the delivery of the life support obligation was preferred. This would minimise distortions and deliver better outcomes for consumers.
- The Committee noted that a longer term solution could include both a B2B transaction and central repository because it is likely the two will need to co-exist, with a B2B transaction being needed to assist with transitioning to a central repository. The Committee noted that for February 2019 delivery, the options included either an email or B2B transaction solution. Subsequent phases will consider the nature of a central repository and how it would enhance the February 2019 solution.
- In the context of the solution for February 2019 delivery, the Committee noted that the email solution being developed was going to a level of prescription requiring additional processes and changes to put in place to meet the requirements of the new rules. With this in mind, the Committee questioned whether the industry should consider developing a B2B transaction, with the B2B Low Volume Interface (LVI) being available for parties.
- To inform its decision, the Committee requested that B2B Working Group Chair take a poll of the industry on the two options for February 2019 delivery: Option 1- email solution; or Option 2-B2B transaction with LVI available for small players. This would inform the Committee's draft determination.

#### **Action Item 1**

- In parallel to this process, and separate to the B2B procedure consultation to determine a February 2019 solution, the Committee requested AEMO consider the nature of the central repository option, with a paper to be presented at the August 2018 meeting.
- The Committee agreed to the following next steps:
  - The B2B Working Group would circulate draft procedure consultation pack to the IEC on Friday 18 May 2018.
  - The IEC would meet, via teleconference, on Wednesday 23 May 2018 to approve the publication of the draft procedures for consultation.
  - AEMO publishes notice of second stage consultation and draft procedure determination on 25 May 2018.
  - The final determination is expected to be released on 23 July 2018, for an effective date of February 2019.
- The Committee noted the need to determine a position on this matter as part of the draft procedure consultation released on 25 May, to provide industry certainty and inform their preparedness for the new framework to come in from February 2019.

## **6. Distributed Energy Resources Connections program**

The Committee noted and discussed the presentation from Mr Peter Price concerning the Energy Network Association's (ENA) work-program to develop a nationally consistent approach to distributed energy resources connection process to deliver better consumer outcomes. The Committee noted that the ENA should consider the role the B2B framework or e-hub could play in facilitating communication between various parties involved in the connection process. Mr Price invited feedback from the Committee to the ENA following the meeting.

## **7. Five minute settlement**

The Committee noted:

- The overview of the 5-minute settlement rule change and implementation program.
- Based on AEMO's initial analysis, no direct impacts on B2B procedures have been identified. The Committee noted that transitional rules have been included in the final rule which requires the IEC to make a B2B recommendation on five minute settlement by 1 July 2019. Following AEMO detailed planning, AEMO will come back to the IEC in late 2018 to discuss B2B procedures. The Committee encouraged AEMO to consider whether there are any B2B transactions that could facilitate better communication services between parties (i.e. change meter service).

**Action Item 2**

## **8. IEC workplan and focus areas**

The Committee discussed the updated workplan and focus areas to reflect on its March discussion.

The Committee noted that for the projects identified, a work-plan will be put together that identifies if there are any B2B impacts and timeframes to implementation.

**Action Item 3**

The Committee agreed to task the B2B Working Group to review the de-prioritised transactions that did not make it for day 1 Power of Choice commencement and consider whether these are required and if so the plan to address. The Committee also requested the B2B Working Group consider whether there are new transactions required to facilitate better communication between parties. The Committee requested the Working Group advise when this review could be undertaken.

**Action Item 4**

## **9. IEC forward plan**

The Committee noted the forward plan. This will be updated to reflect actions arising from the meeting.

The Chair closed the meeting at 12:30pm.

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**John Pittard**  
IEC Chair

**Date:** 9 May 2018