

**Shared Market Protocol – proposed rule drafting based on draft
National Electricity Amendment (Expanding competition
in metering and related services) Rule 2015**

[1] Part H of Chapter 7

Omit Part H of Chapter 7 and substitute:

Part H B2B Requirements

7.17 B2B Arrangements

7.17.1 B2B e-Hub

- (a) *AEMO* must provide and operate a *B2B e-Hub*.
- (b) The *B2B e-Hub* must:
 - (1) have the capability to facilitate the *B2B Communications* in accordance with the *B2B Procedures*; and
 - (2) meet any minimum standards of performance specified in the *B2B Procedures*.
- (c) A person must not use the *B2B e-Hub* unless they are a *B2B e-Hub Participant*.
- (d) Each *B2B Party* and *AEMO* must comply with the *B2B Procedures*.
- (e) Subject to paragraph (f), each *B2B Party* must use *B2B e-Hub* for *B2B Communications* in accordance with the *B2B Procedures*.
- (f) *B2B Parties* may, on such terms and conditions as agreed between them, communicate a *B2B Communication* on a basis other than through the *B2B e-Hub* provided the *B2B Communication* is otherwise made in accordance with the *B2B Procedures*.
- (g) [Despite paragraphs (d) and (e), a person:
 - (1) appointed as a *Metering Coordinator*¹ in respect of a *transmission network connection point*; and
 - (2) not accredited as a *B2B e-Hub Participant*,is not required to:
 - (3) comply with the *B2B Procedures*; and
 - (4) use the *B2B e-Hub* for *B2B Communications*,in respect of that *transmission network connection point*.]

7.17.2 B2B e-Hub Participants

- (a) A *B2B e-Hub Participant* is a person so accredited with *AEMO*.

¹ “Metering Coordinator” is defined in the Draft National Electricity Amendment (Expanding competition in metering and related services) Rule 2015.

- (b) *AEMO* must establish and maintain an accreditation process for *B2B e-Hub Participants* (including circumstances under which accreditation can be revoked by *AEMO*) and *publish* information relating to the process by which parties can apply to be accredited as *B2B e-Hub Participants*.
- (c) To be eligible for accreditation as a *B2B e-Hub Participant*, a person must:
 - (1) satisfy *AEMO* that it is complying with and will comply with the *Rules* and the procedures authorised under the *Rules*;
 - (2) satisfy such other requirements as reasonably determined by *AEMO*, which may include (but are not limited to):
 - (i) systems and information technology requirements necessary for secure use of the *B2B e-Hub*; and
 - (ii) fee payment and credit support requirements.
- (d) *AEMO* may exempt persons or classes of persons from any one or more requirements of the accreditation process for *B2B e-Hub Participants* established under paragraph (b), subject to such conditions as *AEMO* deems appropriate.

7.17.3 Content of the B2B Procedures

- (a) The *B2B Procedures* may be constituted by one or more separate documents and:
 - (1) must provide for *B2B Communications* to support each of the services set out in the *minimum services specification*²;
 - (2) may provide for any other *B2B Communications* determined in accordance with the *Rules*;
 - (3) may include obligations in relation to the information to be maintained and provided to support *B2B Communications*;
 - (4) must not restrict *B2B Parties* from communicating *B2B Communications* on a basis other than through the *B2B e-Hub* as permitted under clause 7.17.1(f); and
 - (5) may include minimum performance standards for the *B2B e-Hub*.
- (b) For each *B2B Communication*, the *B2B Procedures*:
 - (1) must specify:
 - (i) the required *B2B Data* inputs and *B2B Data* outputs;
 - (ii) the required business process flows and related timing requirements;
 - (iii) the required content and format;

² “Minimum services specification” is defined in the Draft National Electricity Amendment (Expanding competition in metering and related services) Rule 2015.

- (iv) the required delivery method; and
 - (v) the back-up delivery method to be used where the required delivery method cannot be used; and
- (2) may specify:
- (i) details for testing and certification;
 - (ii) provisions relating to contingency arrangements; and
 - (iii) examples of how a *B2B Communication* may operate in practice.
- (c) *B2B Data* is *confidential information* and may only be disclosed as permitted by the *Rules*.

7.17.4 Changing B2B Procedures

Change date for B2B Procedures

- (a) Any change to the *B2B Procedures* must specify the date on which the change to the *B2B Procedures* will commence (**B2B change date**). The B2B change date must be not less than 10 *business days* after the *B2B Decision* to make the change is *published*.
- (b) The *Information Exchange Committee* may change the B2B change date to a date later than that previously specified by the *Information Exchange Committee* following consultation with *AEMO* and any affected *B2B Parties*. If the B2B change date is changed by the *Information Exchange Committee*, the *Information Exchange Committee* must provide *AEMO* with that date and *AEMO* must *publish* that date.
- (c) A change to the *B2B Procedures* may also include provisions relating to a date for the end of a process related to a *B2B Communication*. That date may be after the date of commencement of the change and may be left to the discretion of the *Information Exchange Committee*. If the date is set by the *Information Exchange Committee*, the *Information Exchange Committee* must provide *AEMO* with that date and *AEMO* must *publish* that date.

Minor and procedural changes to the B2B Procedures

- (d) If a change to the *B2B Procedures* is of a minor or procedural nature or is necessary to correct a manifest error in the *B2B Procedures*, the *Information Exchange Committee* may recommend the change to *AEMO* and need not consult on the change in accordance with the *Rules consultation procedures*. Paragraphs (a) and (c) and (n) to (q) (inclusive) and clause 7.17.5 apply to such a change (with any necessary modifications).
- (e) In addition to *publishing* its *B2B Decision* in relation to a change under paragraph (e), *AEMO* must notify all *B2B Parties* of a change under paragraph (d).

B2B Procedure change process

- (f) Any person may propose a change to the *B2B Procedures* by providing a change proposal to the *Information Exchange Committee* in writing. A change proposal must provide details of the proposed change to the *B2B Procedure* and supporting information, including reasons for the proposed change.
- (g) Within 25 *business days* of receipt by the *Information Exchange Committee* of a proposal under paragraph (f), the *Information Exchange Committee* must meet to determine whether, on a *prima facie* basis, changing the *B2B Procedures* is warranted having regard to the *national electricity objective* and the *B2B factors* and considering the *B2B Principles*.
- (h) If, after its consideration under paragraph (g), the *Information Exchange Committee* decides that the proposal made under paragraph (f) should not be considered further, the *Information Exchange Committee* must within five *business days* provide written reasons for that decision to the person who made the proposal.
- (i) If, after its consideration under paragraph (g), the *Information Exchange Committee* decides that the proposal made under paragraph (f) should be considered further, the *Information Exchange Committee* must:
 - (1) develop the proposal into a *B2B Proposal* (which may differ from the proposal originally made) and an accompanying *B2B Procedures Change Pack* for consultation; and
 - (2) seek AEMO's advice on whether:
 - (i) a conflict with the *Market Settlement and Transfer Solution Procedures* arises from the *B2B Proposal*; and
 - (ii) changes are required to the *B2B e-Hub* in order to deliver the *B2B Proposal* and, if so, the likely costs of making such changes,and include any such advice in the *B2B Procedures Change Pack*.
- (j) The *Information Exchange Committee* must comply with the *Rules consultation procedures* in relation to the *B2B Proposal*. For the purposes of rule 8.9(b), the nominated persons to whom notice must be given are *B2B Parties*, AEMO and such other persons who identify themselves to the *Information Exchange Committee* as interested in the *B2B Procedures*. For the purposes of the notice, the particulars of the matters under consultation must include a copy of the *B2B Procedures Change Pack*.
- (k) AEMO must *publish* the notice of consultation within 3 *business days* of its receipt and must notify all persons referred to in paragraph (j) of the consultation.
- (l) In addition to the matters which rule 8.9(g) requires be included in the draft report, the draft report must contain details of the *Information*

Exchange Committee's consideration of the national electricity objective and each of the B2B factors and B2B Principles and how the Information Exchange Committee has considered each submission having regard to the national electricity objective and the B2B factors and B2B Principles.

- (m) In addition to the matters which rule 8.9(k) requires be included in the final report, the final report must contain details of the *Information Exchange Committee's consideration of the national electricity objective and each of the B2B factors and B2B Principles and how the Information Exchange Committee has considered each submission having regard to the national electricity objective and the B2B factors and B2B Principles.*
- (n) The *Information Exchange Committee* may decide:
 - (1) not to recommend the proposed change to the *B2B Procedures*; or
 - (2) make an *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation*.
- (o) An *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation* may recommend a different change to the *B2B Procedures* than that originally proposed under paragraph (f).
- (p) The *Information Exchange Committee's* decision under paragraph (n) must be included in the final report required under rule 8.9(k).
- (q) In making a decision under paragraph (n), the *Information Exchange Committee* must:
 - (1) have regard to the *national electricity objective* and, in doing so, take into account the *B2B factors*; and
 - (2) to the extent they are consistent with the *national electricity objective*, give effect to the *B2B Principles*.
- (r) For the purposes of paragraph (q), to the extent of any conflict between the *B2B Principles*, the *Information Exchange Committee* may determine the manner in which those principles can best be reconciled or which of them should prevail.

7.17.5 B2B Decision

- (a) If the *Information Exchange Committee* decides not to recommend a change to the *B2B Procedures* under clause 7.17.4(n)(1), *AEMO* must take no further action in respect of the proposal.
- (b) If the *Information Exchange Committee* makes an *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation*, *AEMO* must consider the *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation* and must approve that *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation*, unless it concludes that:
 - (1) the *Information Exchange Committee* has failed to have regard to the *national electricity objective* and/or the *B2B factors* or to give effect to the *B2B Principles*;

- (2) the *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation* would conflict with the *Market Settlement and Transfer Solution Procedures*; or
 - (3) the *Information Exchange Committee* has not followed the *Rules consultation procedures* (as supplemented by clause 7.17.4).
- (c) In considering an *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation*, AEMO must not consider:
- (1) the manner in which the *Information Exchange Committee* considered the *national electricity objective*, the *B2B factors* and the *B2B Principles*; or
 - (2) the merits of the *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation*.
- (d) AEMO must not amend the *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation* and must not conduct any further consultation on the *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation* prior to making its *B2B Decision*.
- (e) AEMO must *publish* and make available on its website its *B2B Decision*, with reasons, within 10 *business days* of receiving an *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation* from the *Information Exchange Committee*.
- (f) If AEMO decides not to approve an *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation*, the reasons for the *B2B Decision* which are to be *published* and made available in accordance with paragraph (e) must include an explanation of the following, where applicable:
- (1) to which of the *national electricity objective*, *B2B factors* and/or the *B2B Principles* AEMO considers the *Information Exchange Committee* failed to have regard;
 - (2) how the *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation* would give rise to a conflict with the *Market Settlement and Transfer Solution Procedures*; or
 - (3) how the *Information Exchange Committee* did not follow the *Rules consultation procedures* (as supplemented by clause 7.17.4).

7.17.6 Establishment of Information Exchange Committee

- (a) AEMO must establish the *Information Exchange Committee* in accordance with the *Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures* and the *Rules*.
- (b) The *Information Exchange Committee*:
 - (1) must consist of:
 - (i) one *Distribution Network Service Provider Member*;
 - (ii) one *Retailer Member*;

- (iii) one *Metering Member*;
 - (iv) one *Consumer Member*;
 - (v) one *AEMO Member*;
 - (vi) two *Independent Members*; and
 - (vii) if there is at least one person that is registered by *AEMO* as a *Third Party B2B Participant* and that person nominates a representative for election, a *Third Party B2B Participant Member*; and
- (2) may, in addition to the members specified in subparagraph (b)(1), include up to two *Discretionary Members*:
- (c) *AEMO* must maintain a register of *Members* which includes:
- (1) the name of each current *Member*; and
 - (2) in respect of each *Discretionary Member*, a description of the class or classes of persons that the *Discretionary Member* has been appointed by *AEMO* to represent under clause 7.17.10(d).
- (d) The *AEMO Member* is the chairperson of the *Information Exchange Committee*.
- (e) Each *Member* must serve on the *Information Exchange Committee* for the term specified in the *Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures* and must only be removed or replaced in accordance with the *Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures* and the *Rules*.
- (f) *B2B Parties* must ensure that the *Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures* include provisions in respect of:
- (1) procedures for nominating *Members* and voting for *Members*;
 - (2) the term of a *Member*;
 - (3) procedures for the determination and publication of results of elections of a *Member*; and
 - (4) procedures for the removal and resignation of a *Member*.

7.17.7 Functions and powers of Information Exchange Committee

- (a) The functions and powers of the *Information Exchange Committee* include:
- (1) developing, consulting on and making an *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation*;
 - (2) managing the ongoing development of the *B2B Procedures* and any changes to them;
 - (3) establishing the *Information Exchange Committee Working Groups*;
 - (4) developing, consulting on and approving the *Information Exchange Committee Works Programme*;

- (5) reviewing and considering work completed by the *Information Exchange Committee Working Groups*;
 - (6) developing proposed amendments to the *Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures*; and
 - (7) developing proposed amendments to the *Information Exchange Committee Operating Manual*.
- (b) The *Information Exchange Committee* must prepare an *Information Exchange Committee Annual Report* by 31 December each year. The *Information Exchange Committee* must provide the *Information Exchange Committee Annual Report* to AEMO by the following 31 March and AEMO must *publish* that *Information Exchange Committee Annual Report*.
 - (c) The *Information Exchange Committee Annual Report* must contain the information required by the *Information Exchange Committee Operating Manual*.
 - (d) By 28 February each year the *Information Exchange Committee* must prepare a draft budget for the following *financial year* in a form which is consistent with the budget procedures of AEMO. Following discussion with AEMO the *Information Exchange Committee* must prepare a budget by 31 March and provide that budget to AEMO. When AEMO *publishes* its budget pursuant to clause 2.11.3, AEMO must advise the *Information Exchange Committee* of the final budget for the *Information Exchange Committee* for that *financial year*.
 - (e) The *Information Exchange Committee* must provide to AEMO the current version of the *B2B Procedures* and the *Information Exchange Committee Works Programme*.
 - (f) AEMO must *publish* the *B2B Procedures* and the *Information Exchange Committee Works Programme* provided to it by the *Information Exchange Committee*.

7.17.8 Obligations of Members

- (a) Each *Member* in performing his or her duties or in exercising any right, power or discretion as a *Member* must have regard to the *national electricity objective*, *B2B factors* and *B2B Principles* and must:
 - (1) at all times act honestly;
 - (2) exercise the degree of care and diligence that a reasonable person in a like position would exercise;
 - (3) not make improper use of information acquired by virtue of his or her position to gain, directly or indirectly, an advantage for himself or herself, or the parties by which he or she is employed and/or which nominated him or her to be a *Member*;
 - (4) not make improper use of his or her position to gain, directly or indirectly, an advantage for himself or herself or the parties by

which he or she is employed and/or which nominated him or her to be a *Member*; and

- (5) not take part in any decision or determination of the *Information Exchange Committee* where the *Member* has, or would reasonably be considered to have, a material conflict of interest in the matter to be decided or determined by the *Information Exchange Committee*.
- (b) For the purposes of subparagraph (a)(5), a conflict will be material if it detracts, or would reasonably be considered to be likely to detract, from the *Member's* capacity to exercise independent judgment in respect of the relevant decision or determination
- (c) Notwithstanding subparagraph (a)(5) and paragraph (b), a *B2B Party* may take into account the interests of the persons it has been appointed to represent in performing his or her duties or in exercising any right, power or discretion.
- (d) Notwithstanding subparagraph (a)(5) and paragraph (b), the *Consumer Member* may take into account the interests of *small customers*³ in performing his or her duties or in exercising any right, power or discretion.
- (e) Notwithstanding subparagraph (a)(5) and paragraph (b), the *Discretionary Member* may take into account the interests of the persons the *Discretionary Member* was appointed by *AEMO* to represent in performing his or her duties or in exercising any right, power or discretion.
- (f) Notwithstanding subparagraph (a)(5) and paragraph (b), the *AEMO Member* may take into account the interests of *AEMO* in performing his or her duties or in exercising any right, power or discretion.

7.17.9 Meetings of Information Exchange Committee

- (a) The *Information Exchange Committee* must meet at least once every three months.
- (b) The quorum for a meeting of the *Information Exchange Committee* consists of :
 - (1) if there are less than nine *Members*, five *Members*; and
 - (2) if there are nine *Members* or more, six *Members*,and must include the *AEMO Member*.
- (c) A decision of the *Information Exchange Committee* is not valid and enforceable unless, in respect of:
 - (1) an *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation*, it has the support of a *super majority*;

³ "small customer" is defined in the Draft National Electricity Amendment (Expanding competition in metering and related services) Rule 2015.

- (2) any decision that a proposal under clause 7.17.4(f) should not be considered further after initial consideration under clause 7.17.4(g), and any decision to not recommend a change to the *B2B Procedures* for approval by *AEMO*, it has the support of a *super majority*;
- (3) any decision to approve the *Information Exchange Committee Works Programme*, it has the support of a *super majority*; and
- (4) any other decision by the *Information Exchange Committee*, it has the support of an *ordinary majority*.

7.17.10 Nomination, election and appointment of Members

- (a) A person may only be nominated and elected as a *Member* in accordance with the *Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures* and the *Rules* including, without limitation, this clause 7.17.10 and clause 7.17.11.
- (b) *AEMO* must appoint a *Consumer Member*. Prior to making such appointment, *AEMO* must consult with ECA⁴ and may consult with any other person or persons determined by *AEMO*.
- (c) *AEMO* must appoint an *AEMO Member* and the *AEMO Member* must be a director of *AEMO*.
- (d) *AEMO* may appoint up to two *Discretionary Members* to represent a class or classes of persons who, in *AEMO*'s reasonable opinion, have an interest in the *B2B Procedures* and those interests are not adequately represented on the *Information Exchange Committee*. Prior to making any such appointment, *AEMO* must consult with each *Independent Member* and may consult with such other person or persons determined by *AEMO*.
- (e) *B2B Parties* must appoint *Independent Members*.
- (f) *Distribution Network Service Providers* must appoint a *Distribution Network Service Provider Member*.
- (g) *Retailer Member Voters* must appoint a *Retailer Member*.
- (h) *Metering Member Voters* must appoint a *Metering Member*.
- (i) *Third Party B2B Participants* must appoint a *Third Party B2B Participant*.
- (j) Any person who is:
 - (1) both a *retailer* and a *Local Retailer*, may nominate and vote only once in respect of the appointment of a *Retailer Member* or an *Independent Member* (as the case may be); and
 - (2) is registered with *AEMO* in two or more of the categories of *Metering Coordinator*, *Metering Provider* and *Metering Data Provider*, may nominate and vote only once in respect of the

⁴ "ECA" is defined in the National Electricity Law and means Energy Consumers Australia Limited.

appointment of a *Metering Member* or the *Independent Member* (as the case may be).

- (k) If two or more persons are *related bodies corporate* and belong to the same *Voter Category* (**related voters**) then only one of the related voters may nominate and vote in respect of an election for a *Distribution Network Service Provider Member*, a *Retailer Member*, *Metering Member*, *Independent Member* or *Third Party B2B Participant Member*, as the case may be.

7.17.11 Qualifications of Members

- (a) In this clause, being **Independent** of another person means:
- (1) is not currently an employee or director of that person;
 - (2) is not:
 - (i) an employee of, or a partner in, any partnership; or
 - (ii) an employee of, or a director of, any company,which partnership or company is an adviser or consultant to that person, where such relationship is a significant source of income for that partnership or company; or
 - (3) an adviser or consultant to that person, where such relationship is a significant source of income for that adviser or consultant.
- (b) Each *B2B Party* must ensure that a person they nominate as a *Member* satisfies the requirements for that particular category of *Member* as set out in the *Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures* and the *Rules*.
- (c) A *B2B Party* must ensure that a person they nominate as a *Member*:
- (1) has knowledge of and experience in the *National Electricity Market*;
 - (2) has experience with and skills in considering issues that affect:
 - (i) in relation to *Members* voted by a particular *Voter Category*, the relevant *Voter Category*; and
 - (ii) in relation to *Independent Members*, one or more classes of *B2B Parties*;
 - (3) has knowledge of the subject matter of *B2B Procedures*;
 - (4) has knowledge and understanding of the *Rules* and the related legislative and regulatory framework; and
 - (5) in the case of an *Independent Member*, is Independent of all *B2B Parties*.
- (d) *AEMO* must ensure that an appointee for a *Discretionary Member* or the *Consumer Member*:
- (1) has knowledge of and experience with the *National Electricity Market*;

- (2) has experience with and skills in considering issues that affect:
 - (i) in respect of a *Discretionary Member*, the class or classes of persons whom the *Discretionary Member* represents (as specified in the register kept pursuant to clause 7.17.6(c)); and
 - (ii) in respect of the *Consumer Member, small customers*;
- (3) has knowledge of the subject matter of *B2B Procedures*;
- (4) has knowledge and understanding of the *Rules* and the related legislative and regulatory framework; and
- (5) in the case of the *Discretionary Member*, is Independent of *AEMO*.

7.17.12 Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures and Information Exchange Committee Operating Manual

- (a) The *Information Exchange Committee, AEMO* and *B2B Parties* must comply with the *Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures* and the *Information Exchange Committee Operating Manual*.
- (b) *B2B Parties* and *AEMO* are not obliged to comply with an amendment to the *Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures* unless that amendment is made in accordance with this clause.
- (c) The *Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures* may only be amended in accordance with the procedure set out in the *Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures* and with the support of not less than 75% of voters in each of at least three of the *Voter Categories* for the following *Members*:
 - (i) *Distribution Network Service Provider Member*;
 - (ii) *Retailer Member*;
 - (iii) *Metering Member*; and
 - (iv) *Third Party B2B Participant Member*.
- (d) *AEMO* must *publish* the current version of the *Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures*.
- (e) *B2B Parties* and *AEMO* are not obliged to comply with an amendment to the *Information Exchange Committee Operating Manual* unless that amendment is made in accordance with this clause.
- (f) The *Information Exchange Committee Operating Manual* may only be amended in accordance with the procedure set out in the *Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures* and with the support not less than 75% of voters in each of at least three of the *Voter Categories* for the following *Members*:
 - (i) *Distribution Network Service Provider Member*;
 - (ii) *Retail Member*;

- (iii) *Metering Member*; and
- (iv) *Third Party B2B Participant Member*.
- (g) *AEMO must publish the current version of the Information Exchange Committee Operating Manual.*

7.17.13 Cost Recovery

- (a) The *B2B costs* must be paid by *AEMO* in the first instance and recouped by *AEMO* as *Participant fees*.
- (b) Subject to paragraph (a), the costs of any *Member* (other than an *Independent Member* or a *Discretionary Member*) relating to their participation in the *Information Exchange Committee* and the costs of individuals relating to their participation in the *Information Exchange Committee Working Groups* is not to be borne by *AEMO*.
- (c) The cost to a person of implementing and maintaining the necessary systems and processes to ensure compliance with *B2B Procedures* must be met by that person.

[2] Rule 2.11 Participant fees

In rule 2.11, before clause 2.11.1 insert the following new clause:

2.11.1A Application

For the purposes of rule 2.11 only, "*Registered Participant*" is deemed to include not just *Registered Participants* but also *Third Party B2B Participants*.

[3] Clause 2.11.3 Budgeted revenue requirements

In clause, insert a new clause 2.11.3(b)(7A) as follows:

(7A) *AEMO's* expenditure in relation to *B2B costs*;

[4] Clause 8.2.8 Costs of dispute resolution

In clause 8.2.8(a), insert "(in each case, as modified by clause 8.2A.2)" after "8.6.2D".

[5] Clause 8.2A.2 How Rule 8.2 applies

Omit clause 8.2A.2(b) and substitute:

- “(b) In clause 8.2.1(a1):
- (i) delete “*Connection Applicants*,”; and
 - (ii) omit “and *NMAS providers* (including *NSCAS preferred tenderers*)” and substitute “and *Third Party B2B Participants*”.

[6] Clause 8.2A.2 How Rule 8.2 applies

In clause 8.2A.2(c) omit “*B2B Objective*” and substitute “*national electricity objective*”.

[7] Clause 8.2A.2 How Rule 8.2 applies

Omit clause 8.2A.2(d)(i) and substitute:

- (i) set out in clauses 8.2.5 to 8.2.10 and 8.2.12 (in each case, as those clauses are amended by clause 8.2A.2); and

[8] Clause 8.2A.2 How Rule 8.2 applies

In clause 8.2A.2(i), omit the paragraph starting “(d1) A *Market Customer*...” and substitute:

- “(d1) A *B2B Party* adversely affected by an *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation* or a *B2B Decision* may apply to the *Adviser* for review of that *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation* or that *B2B Decision*. The application must be made within 10 *business days* of publication of the *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation* or the *B2B Decision*, state grounds for the review and give full particulars of where the applicant believes the *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation* or *B2B Decision* is in error.

[9] Clause 8.2A.2 How Rule 8.2 applies

In clause 8.2A.2, omit clause 8.2A.2(v).

[10] Clause 8.6.1A Application

Omit clause 8.6.1A and substitute:

8.6.1A Application

For the purposes of this Part C only, "*Registered Participant*" is deemed to include not just *Registered Participants* but also *Metering Providers*, *Metering Data Providers* and *Third Party B2B Participants*.

[11] New Chapter 10 definitions

Insert the following new definitions in Chapter 10:

AEMO Member

A person appointed as a *Member* by *AEMO* to represent *AEMO* in accordance with clause 7.17.10(c).

B2B costs

The following costs incurred by *AEMO*:

- (a) the costs of the development of the *B2B Procedures*;
- (b) the costs of the establishment and operation of the *Information Exchange Committee* (including the engagement costs of specialist advisers, and the remuneration and payment of the reasonable expenses of the *Independent Members*), all of which must be set out

in the budget prepared by the *Information Exchange Committee* pursuant to clause 7.17.7(d) and the *Information Exchange Committee Annual Report*; and

- (c) the operational costs associated with any service provided by *AEMO* to facilitate *B2B Communications* (including providing, maintaining, upgrading and operating a *B2B e-Hub*).

B2B e-Hub Participant

A person who has been accredited by *AEMO* as a *B2B e-Hub Participant* under clause 7.17.2.

B2B factors

The following factors:

- (a) The reasonable costs of compliance by *AEMO* and *B2B Parties* with the *B2B Procedures* compared with the likely benefits from *B2B Communications*;
- (f) The likely impacts on innovation in and barriers to entry to the markets services facilitated by advanced meters resulting from making the new *B2B Procedure* or changing the existing *B2B Procedures*;
- (g) The implementation timeframe reasonably necessary for *AEMO* and *B2B Parties* to implement systems or other changes required to be compliant with any new *B2B Procedure* or change to existing *B2B Procedures*.

B2B Party

Distribution Network Service Providers, retailers, Local Retailers, Metering Coordinators, Metering Providers, Metering Data Providers and Third Party B2B Participants.

Consumer Member

A person appointed by *AEMO* as a *Member* to represent *small customers* in accordance with clause 7.17.10(b).

Discretionary Member

A person appointed as a *Member* by *AEMO* to represent a class or classes of persons who have an interest in the *B2B Procedures* in accordance with clause 7.17.10(d).

Distribution Network Service Provider Member

A person nominated and elected as a *Member* by *Distribution Network Service Providers* to represent *Distribution Network Service Providers* in accordance with the *Rules* (including clause 7.17.10(f)) and *Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures*.

Metering Member

A person nominated and elected as a *Member* by *Metering Member Voters* to represent *Metering Member Voters* in accordance with the *Rules* (including clause 7.17.10(h)) and *Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures*.

Metering Member Voters

Metering Coordinators, Metering Providers and Metering Data Providers.

ordinary majority

60% of the number of *Members* (rounded up to the next whole number).

Retailer Member

A person nominated and elected as a *Member* by *Retailer Member Voters* to represent *Retailer Member Voters* in accordance with the *Rules* (including clause 7.17.10(g)) and *Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures*.

Retailer Member Voters

Retailers and Local Retailers.

super majority

70% of the number of *Members* (rounded up to the next whole number).

Third Party B2B Participant

A *B2B e-Hub Participant* who is not also a *Distribution Network Service Provider, retailer, Local Retailer, Metering Coordinator, Metering Provider or Metering Data Provider.*

Third Party B2B Participant Member

A person who is nominated and elected as a *Member* by *Third Party B2B Participants* to represent *Third Party B2B Participants* in accordance with the *Rules* (including clause 7.17.10(i)) and the *Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures*.

Voter Category means:

- (a) in respect of the *Distribution Network Service Provider Member, Distribution Network Service Providers;*
- (b) in respect of the *Retailer Member, Retailer Member Voters, collectively;*

- (c) respect of the *Metering Member, Metering Member Voters*, collectively;
- (d) in respect of *Third Party B2B Participant Member, Third Party B2B Participants*; and
- (e) in respect of an *Independent Member, Distribution Network Service Providers, Retailer Member Voters, Metering Member Voters* and *Third Party B2B Participants*, collectively.

[12] Substituted Chapter 10 definitions

In Chapter 10, substitute the following definitions:

B2B Communications

Communications between *B2B Parties* relating to an end-user or *supply* to an end-user provided for in the *B2B Procedures*.

B2B Principles

The following Principles:

- (a) *B2B Procedures* should provide a uniform approach to *B2B Communications* in *participating jurisdictions*;
- (b) *B2B Procedures* should detail operational and procedural matters and technical requirements that result in efficient, effective and reliable *B2B Communications*;
- (c) *B2B Procedures* should avoid unreasonable discrimination between *B2B Parties*; and
- (d) *B2B Procedures* should protect the confidentiality of commercially sensitive information.

B2B Procedures

The *B2B Procedures* made under Part H with the content required under clause 7.17.3.

B2B Procedures Change Pack

A document consisting of:

- (a) a *B2B Proposal*;
- (b) a report setting out an overview of the likely impact of the *B2B Proposal* on *AEMO* and any *B2B Party*;
- (c) draft *B2B Procedures* (incorporating proposed changes in mark up, where appropriate); and
- (d) an issues paper explaining why the *B2B Proposal* is being presented.

Independent Member

A person nominated and elected as a *Member* by *B2B Parties*, collectively, in accordance with the *Rules* (including clause 7.17.10(i)) and the *Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures*.

Information Exchange Committee

The committee established under clause 7.17.6(a).

Registered Participant

A person who is registered by *AEMO* in any one or more of the categories listed in rules 2.2 to 2.7 (in the case of a person who is registered by *AEMO* as a *Trader*, such a person is only a *Registered Participant* for the purposes referred to in rule 2.5A). However:

- (a1) as set out in rule 2.11.1A, for the purposes of rule 2.11 only, *Third Party B2B Participants* are also deemed to be *Registered Participants*;
- (a) as set out in clause 8.2.1(a1), for the purposes of some provisions of rule 8.2 only, *AEMO*, *Connection Applicants*, *Metering Providers* and *Metering Data Providers* who are not otherwise *Registered Participants* are also deemed to be *Registered Participants*; and
- (b) as set out in clause 8.6.1A, for the purposes of Part C of Chapter 8 only, *Metering Providers*, *Metering Data Providers* and *Third Party B2B Participants* who are not otherwise *Registered Participants* are also deemed to be *Registered Participants*.

[13] Omitted Chapter 10 definitions

In Chapter 10, omit the definitions of “*B2B Objective*” and “*Local Retailer/Market Customer Member*”.