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B2B Procedures Version 2.1

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1. Notice of Consultation

This Notice of Consultation informs all NEM Registered Participants, Metering Providers, Intending Participants and interested parties that the Information Exchange Committee (IEC) is conducting the initial stage of consultation on Business to Business (B2B) Procedures.

The consultation is being conducted under Clause 7.2.A.3 (e) of the National Electricity Rules (the Rules) in accordance with the Rules Consultation requirements in clause 8.9 of the Rules.

The IEC invites written submissions on this Initial Consultation. Submission instructions are provided in the Section 8.

2. Background

This document has been prepared to document proposed amendments to the B2B Procedures which have been in operation since 23 December 2004 and have been modified to support ongoing business improvements since that time.

This document proposes changes to the current B2B Procedures as recommended by the B2B and MSATS Reference Group (BMRG) to the IEC and provides information on the impacts of these changes. The information provided meets the requirements for changing the B2B Procedures as detailed in Sections 7.2A.3 and 8.9 of the National Electricity Rules.

It also provides information considered by the IEC in determining if a prima facia case exists for amending the B2B Procedures, namely:

- an issues statement (see Section 3)
- a summary of changes to the B2B Procedures, including consideration of the B2B Principles (see Section 3)
- an impact statement, including consideration of the B2B Objective (see Section 6)

The proposed changes have been considered and endorsed by the IEC's BMRG.

The current Procedures are B2B Procedures version v2.0.

3. Scope / Issues Statement

The proposed changes under consultation have been developed as a result of a request from industry and relate to the following items:

002 Life Support Reconciliation

The changes to the Customer Details Reconciliation Process were originally proposed as of the November 2013 Release but were removed from the consultation as a result of industry feedback. However, the associated aseXML schema changes have already been implemented. Following further investigation and a 'proof of concept' conducted in September 2013; the BMRG recommended updating the process to limit the Reconciliation Process to NMIs with Life Support customers only.

009 Timing Requirements

This change relates to the timing obligations for Retailers in raising a Customer Details Notification and a Distributor raising a Customer Details Request in relation to a customer transfer or a New Connection. The aim is to have a consistent understanding across the industry as to what constitutes the completion of a customer transfer as well as the completion of a New Connection. In addition to this, a minimum timing requirement has also been added to the Distributor for raising a Customer Details Request to ensure that a Retailer has had sufficient time to be able to provide a Customer Details Notification.

010 Removal of Obsolete Business Event 'Agree that NMI is not Sender's'

In the B2B Procedure Technical Guidelines, the event 'Agree that NMI is not Sender's' for the Meter Data Process is proposed to be removed to avoid confusion. Currently it does not have an actual code specified.

After investigation it was found that the event 'Agree that NMI is not Sender's' originally had 1970 as the associated code. It has been determined that during the initial transposition of Business Events from the B2B Participant Build Pack to the B2B Procedure Technical Guidelines (B2B v1.7 consultation in 2009/2010), the event was not removed despite participant feedback indicating that it could be removed. A new *EventCode* was introduced for Customer and Site Details as part of B2B v2.0 that used code 1970.

011 Service Paperwork Reference Table

Reference in the B2B Procedure Technical Delivery Specification to the location of the Service Paperwork Reference Table has been updated to reflect the decommissioning of NEMConnect. The Service Paperwork Reference Table will be published on the AEMO website.

001 Minor & Manifest Changes

In addition, a number of minor and manifest changes were identified and have been included in this consultation.

This document lists the proposed changes to the B2B Procedures as developed, discussed and unanimously agreed through consultation with the BMRG. The proposed changes under consultation have a proposed effective date of 15 May 2014.

BMRG members requested a transitional period be put in place to allow additional time for the implementation of the B2B changes relating to "002 Life Support Reconciliation". This would allow those industry participants capable of using the process to begin on 15 May 2014. It would also provide an extended timeframe for those participants who require additional time to make system changes.

As a result of this recommendation, it is proposed that there be a transitional timeframe of six months for changes relating to "002 Life Support Reconciliation" which will end on 14 November 2014.

4. Consultation Date Plan

The following table details the proposed consultation date plan:

Action	Start Date	End Date	Notes	
IEC – Initial Meeting Agreement by the IEC that a prima facie case exist and that consultation should commence.	14/11/2013	14/11/2013	Complete	
IEC issue notice of consultation for publication by AEMO	15/11/2013	15/11/2013	Complete	
Participant submissions to be provided to AEMO.	16/11/2013	23/12/2013	Mandatory (min) 25 business days permitted for consultation responses.	
Submission receipt date	24/12/2013	24/12/2013		
Consider all valid submissions and prepare the Draft Determination report. This includes the change marked procedures.	27/12/2013	20/01/2014		
IEC Meeting – Review Draft Determination	21/01/2014	21/01/2014	Within 20 Business days of the submission close date.	
Publish Draft Determination consultation (incl. change marked B2B Procedures)	23/01/2014	23/01/2014		
Participant submissions to Draft Determination to be provided to AEMO.	24/01/2014	10/02/2014	Mandatory 10 business days permitted for consultation responses.	
Submission receipt date	10/02/2014	10/02/2014		
Consider all valid submissions and prepare the Final Determination report. This includes the change marked procedures	11/02/2014	03/03/2014	Within 30 Business	
IEC Meeting – Review Final Determination	25/03/2014	25/03/2014	Days of the submission close date	
AEMO Publish B2B v2.1 Final Determination	26/03/2014	26/03/2014		
B2B Procedure v2.1 effective date	15/05/2014	15/05/2014	Proposed implementation date at the time of publication of this document.	

5. B2B Proposal

The proposed changes directly impact the B2B Procedure Customer and Site Details Notification Process, B2B Procedure Service Order Process, B2B Procedure Technical Guideline for B2B Procedures and B2B Procedure Technical Delivery Specification and have been developed as a result of a request from industry and are documented in Section 3 and defined further in Section 9 of this document.

5.1 B2B Principles

The IEC considers that the B2B Proposal supports each of the B2B Principles as follows:

B2B Principle	Justification
B2B Procedures should provide a uniform approach to B2B Communications in participating jurisdictions in which there are no franchise customers.	The proposed B2B Procedures support a uniform approach to B2B Communications in participating jurisdictions.
B2B Procedures should detail operational and procedural matters and technical requirements that result in efficient, effective and reliable B2B Communications.	The proposed B2B Procedures improve the communications process between participants.
B2B Procedures should avoid unreasonable discrimination between Local Retailers, Market Customers and Distribution Network Service Providers.	The proposed B2B Procedures do not introduce changes that would discriminate between Local Retailers, Market Customers and Distribution Network Service Providers.
B2B Procedures should protect the confidentiality of commercially sensitive information.	The proposed B2B Procedures do not introduce changes that would compromise the confidentiality of commercially sensitive information.

6. Impact Statement

This impact statement sets out an overview of the likely impacts, including benefits and costs, of the proposed amendments to the B2B Procedures on AEMO, Local Retailers, Market Customers, Metering Providers and Distribution Network Service Providers (DNSP).

6.1 B2B Objective

The IEC, on recommendation from the BMRG, has determined that the B2B Objective has been achieved for this B2B Proposal as described below.

B2B Objective: The benefits from B2B Communications to Local Retailers, Market Customers and Distribution Network Service Providers as a whole should outweigh the detriments to Local Retailers, Market Customers and Distribution Network Service Providers as a whole.

6.1.1 Benefits

The B2B Proposal supports the B2B Objective in the following ways:

- Reduced operational costs for both Retailers and Distributors by conducting reconciliation for NMIs with Life Support customers only, while still meeting obligations of the maintenance of sites with Life Support
- Consistent understanding of completion of a customer transfer and New Connection will potentially increase the accuracy and timely delivery of customer information by the Retailer, while reducing unnecessary requests for customer information from Distributors
- Removal of the obsolete Business Event 'Agree that NMI is not Sender's', update
 of reference to the Service Paperwork Reference Table and minor and manifest
 changes provide clarity and potentially deliver efficiencies to users of the B2B
 procedures.

6.1.2 Detriments

No technical implementation is required for the amended Procedural requirements.

The existing B2B Procedure Technical Delivery Specifications, B2B Procedure Technical Guidelines will also be updated to align with the amended Procedural requirements.

6.2 Current Production Systems

The BMRG has advised that changes will be required to the production systems of Local Retailers, Market Customers and DNSPs as a result of commencement of B2B Procedures Version 2.1.

6.3 MSATS Procedures

AEMO has advised that there is no assessed impact to the Market Settlements and Transfers Solution (MSATS) Procedures as a result of this B2B Proposal.

7. Cost Benefit Statement

The BMRG concludes that this B2B Proposal has a net benefit to the National Electricity Market, and will have a positive impact to the understanding and interpretation of the B2B Procedures as noted below.

1. The cost-benefit analysis was performed at the earlier solution stage of the CSDN project. It was determined that across the market there would be an estimated cost of \$3.47 million and an estimated benefit of \$12.68 million with an estimated total net benefit of \$9.2 million.

This is extrapolated data from the CSDNWG and is over 5 years after implementation. The bulk of the cost is associated with a schema change which has already been implemented and a significant benefit is realised in reducing the full reconciliation of customer details to reconciliation for life support customers only.

2. Other minor changes will improve the clarity and readability of the B2B Procedures.

The above points do not preclude a Participant from providing a cost and benefit outcome statement should they see that the proposed amendments imposes financial barriers to the introduction of B2B Procedures Version 2.1.

8. Submissions

The IEC invite written submissions on the B2B Procedures v2.1 Consultation.

Consulted parties are requested to identify any information in their submission that is considered to be confidential. The IEC require the consulted party to provide reasons as to why information is regarded as confidential.

8.1 Sending Submissions

Submissions are requested in electronic format using the 'Participant Response Pack Template' published on the AEMO website, as all submissions will be published on the AEMO website.

Submissions must be forwarded to the IEC, C/O AEMO by 5:00pm on 23 December 2013.

Please email submissions, using the template, via Email to: enhancements@aemo.com.au

Alternatively, you may post submissions to: Retail Development & Change Implementation C/O- AEMO GPO Box 2008S, Melbourne VIC 3001

9. Proposed Changes

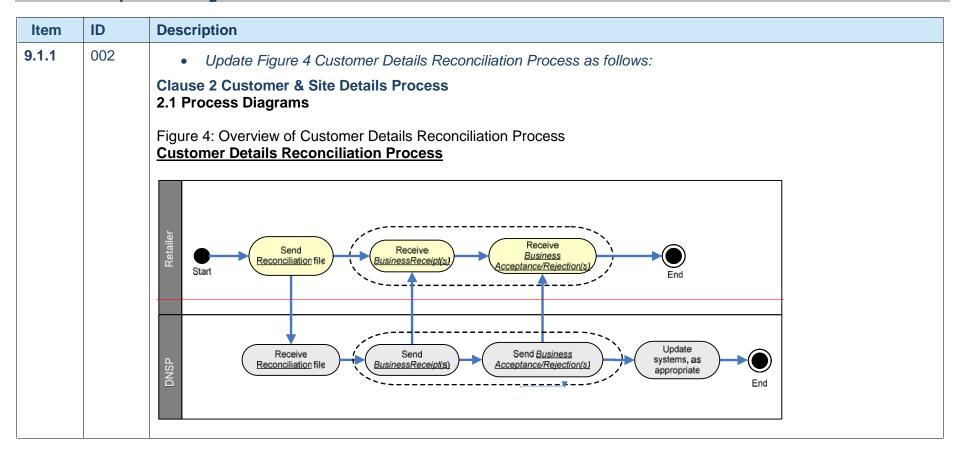
This section lists the changes proposed to the B2B Procedures: Version 2.0.

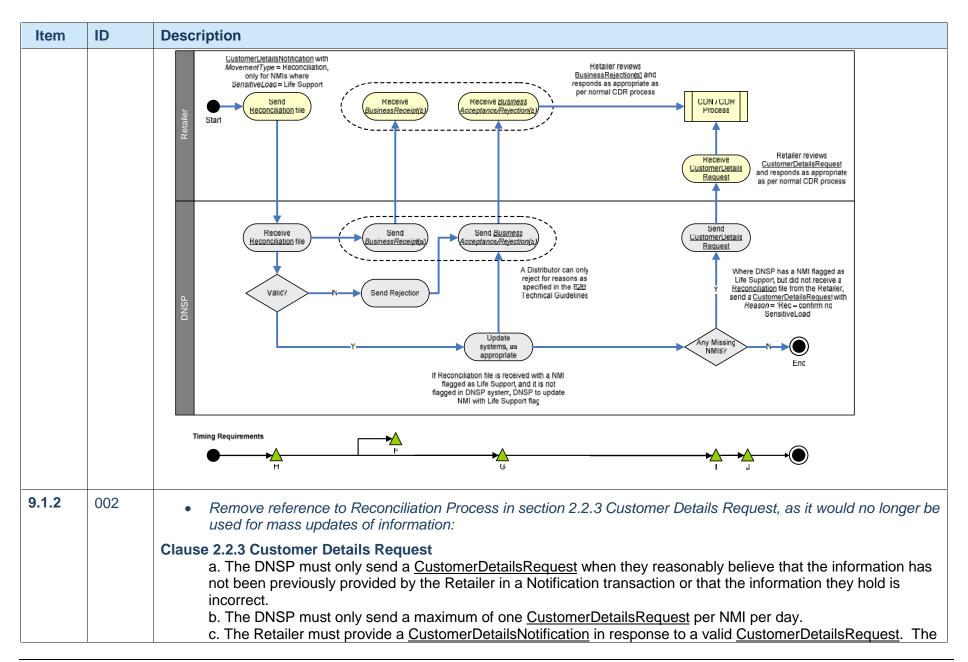
Proposed changes have been categorised as Procedure changes as follows;

- Table 9.1 covers the proposed changes to the B2B Procedure Customer and Site Details Notification Process.
- Table 9.2 covers the proposed changes to the B2B Procedure Service Order Process.
- Table 9.3 covers the proposed changes to the B2B Meter Data Process.
- Table 9.4 covers the proposed changes to the B2B Procedure One Way Notification Process.
- Table 9.5 covers the proposed changes to the B2B Procedure Technical Guideline for B2B Procedures.
- Table 9.6 covers the proposed changes to the B2B Procedure Technical Delivery Specification.

NOTE: All proposed additions to the B2B Procedures are highlighted in red colour text. All proposed deletions from the B2B Procedures are highlighted in red strike through text. Example: Reference.

9.1 Proposed changes to the B2B Procedure Customer and Site Details Notification Process





Item	ID	Description
		Retailer must not provide a <u>SiteAccessNotification</u> in response to a valid <u>CustomerDetailsRequest</u> . d. The DNSP <u>must not can only</u> use this transaction to obtain mass updates of information <u>once the timing has</u> been agreed with the relevant Retailer. <u>If a mass update of information is required, the Reconciliation Process must be used.</u>
9.1.3	002	 Amendments to section 2.2.5 Customer Details Reconciliation to reflect that it is only for sites with Life Support, and that DVD delivery is no longer an option (given the reduced dataset, it should be reasonable to expect participants to be able to use B2B).
		 Minimum frequency of reconciliation has been increased from twice yearly to quarterly.
		Note: 4.4.2.c of the B2B Procedure Customer and Site Details Process refers to the section in the B2B Technical Guidelines for the list of applicable EventCodes.
		a. Participants must conduct a reconciliation of Customer Details for NMIs with Life Support customers on a regular or as required-basis as agreed between Participants. For timing requirements see Clause 2.2.5.f. b. The Reconciliation Process provides the DNSP with a complete snapshot of all NMI's, for which the Retailer is financially responsible, where the customer is flagged with Life Support, as at the time of the Reconciliation (as required by the CustomerDetailsNotification). c. The Reconciliation Process must use the CustomerDetailsNotification transaction with MovementType equal to "Reconciliation". This form of the CustomerDetailsNotification transaction is called the CustomerDetailsReconciliation transaction. d. The use of BusinessAcceptance/Rejections for the CustomerDetailsReconciliation will be identical a subset to that used for the CustomerDetailsNotification. The DNSP can only reject for reasons as specified in the B2B procedure Technical Guidelines for B2B Procedures. If the DNSP finds an issue with the customer data provided
		in the <u>CustomerDetailsReconciliation</u> , the <u>DNSP</u> must use the <u>CustomerDetailsRequest</u> process. e. The following apply to the delivery of <u>CustomerDetailsReconciliation</u> transactions: 1. The required delivery method for the <u>CustomerDetailsReconciliation</u> transaction and its Business Signals is the B2B e-Hub., and if the B2B e-Hub cannot be used the backup delivery method must be a
		DVD (any DVD Type). 2. The Retailer and DNSP must agree the timing of the Reconciliation. This agreement shall consider at least the following criteria: i. File limits:
		i.ii. Conflicting scheduled reconciliations with other participants; ii.iii. IT Support availability; and iii.iv. Other impacting activities.; and

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		v. Timing requirement where delivery method is DVD. 3. If the delivery method is via the B2B e. Hub and the number of files exceeds 100, the Retailer must agree the timing of the Reconciliation with AEMO before commencing the Reconciliation. 4. Where AEMO advises the Retailer that the <u>CustomerDetailsReconciliation</u> cannot be undertaken as agreed in clause 2.2.5.e.2, the Retailer must contact the DNSP and agree a new date. 3. 5. If tThe <u>CustomerDetailsReconciliation</u> transaction is sent via the B2B e. Hub, the transaction must be sent as a Low Priority aseXML document. f. The Timing Requirements for the use of the <u>CustomerDetailsReconciliation</u> transaction and its Business Signals will be initiated and processed during the months of May and November of each year at least quarterly or more frequently, as agreed between the Participants using the Transaction. should further <u>CustomerDetailsReconciliation</u> transaction that are not flagged by the DNSP as having Life Support, the DNSP must accept the transaction and update their records accordingly with Life Support. h. For NMIs in the DNSP system flagged with Life Support, but not provided by the Retailer in the <u>CustomerDetailsReconciliation</u> transaction, the DNSP must send a <u>CustomerDetailsRequest</u> using the <u>Reason</u> value 'Rec — confirm no SensitiveLoad' within 2 business days of receiving the <u>CustomerDetailsRequest</u> using the <u>Reason</u> value 'Rec — confirm no SensitiveLoad' have been received by the Retailer from the DNSP after 2 business days of sending the <u>CustomerDetailsReconciliation</u> , the Reconciliation Process is considered to have been completed. j. The Retailer must provide the DNSP with a <u>CustomerDetailsNotification</u> within 5 business days of receiving a <u>CustomerDetailsRequest</u> with <u>Reason</u> value 'Rec — confirm no SensitiveLoad'. k. g. A Reconciliation transaction does not replace the requirement for the Notification of Customer Details Changes as described in sections 2.2.2 and 2.2.4.
9.1.4	002	 Modify existing timing section to define timing points for Life Support Reconciliation Process: Clause 3 TIMING REQUIREMENTS 3.1 Definition of timing points and periods a. The timing points A to G described and used below are shown in the diagrams in section 2.1. b. These For additional Timing Requirements do not apply to for the use of the CustomerDetailsReconciliation transaction, (refer to section 2.2.5). c. The following definitions apply:

Item	ID	D	escription	
			Timing Point	Definition
			Α	This timing point is when the DNSP issues a <u>CustomerDetailsRequest</u> to a Retailer.
			В	This timing point is when the DNSP receives a <u>BusinessReceipt</u> for a <u>CustomerDetailsRequest</u> from the Retailer.
			С	This timing point is when the DNSP receives a <u>BusinessAcceptance/Rejection</u> for a <u>CustomerDetailsRequest</u> from the Retailer.
			D	This timing point is when the request has been actioned.
			Е	This timing point is when the Retailer sends a Notification to the DNSP.
			F	This timing point is when the Retailer receives a <u>BusinessReceipt</u> for a Notification from the DNSP.
			G	This timing point is when the Retailer receives a <u>BusinessAcceptance/Rejection</u> for a Notification from the DNSP.
			Н	This timing point is when the Retailer issues a CustomerDetailsReconciliation to a DNSP.
			I	This timing point is when the DNSP issues a <u>CustomerDetailsRequest</u> to a Retailer in relation to the Reconciliation Process.
			J	This is the timing point when the Retailer issues a CustomerDetailsNotification to the DNSP in response to a CustomerDetailsRequest raised as part of the Reconciliation Process.

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		Timing Period	Definition	Usage				
		<u>BusinessReceipts</u> for Requests	This is the period from the sending of the CustomerDetailsRequest by the DNSP to the receipt of the BusinessReceipt for the CustomerDetailsRequest from the Retailer. Timing Points A and B define this period.	Used by the DNSP to determine whether a CustomerDetailsRequest has been received and can be read. If the BusinessReceipt has not been received before the expiry of this period, the DNSP may escalate the non-receipt and / or resend the original request.				
		BusinessAccepta nce/Rejection for Requests	This is the period from the sending of the CustomerDetailsRequest by the DNSP to the receipt of the BusinessAcceptance/Rejection for the CustomerDetailsRequest from the Retailer. Timing Points A and C define this period.	Used by the DNSP to determine whether a request has been accepted (and will subsequently be actioned by the Retailer). If the <u>BusinessAcceptance/Rejection</u> has not been received before the expiry of this period, the DNSP may escalate the non-receipt.				
		Providing a CustomerDetails Notification	This is the period from receipt of the CustomerDetailsRequest to the sending of the CustomerDetailsNotification by the Retailer. Timing Points A and E define this period.	If the <u>CustomerDetailsNotification</u> has not been received before the expiry of this period, the DNSP may escalate the non-receipt.				
		BusinessReceipts for Notifications	This is the period from the sending of the Notification transaction by the Retailer to the receipt of a <i>BusinessReceipt</i> for the Notification transaction from the DNSP. Timing Points E and F define this period.	Used by the Retailer to determine whether a Notification transaction has been received and can be read. If the <u>BusinessReceipt</u> has not been received before the expiry of this period, the Retailer may escalate the non-receipt and /or resend the original notification.				

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		BusinessAccepta nce/Rejection for Notifications This is the period from the sending of the Notification transaction by the Retailer to the receipt of a BusinessAcceptance/Rejection for the Notification transaction from the DNSP. Timing Points E and G define this period. This is the period from the sending of the Notification transaction by the Retailer to determine whether the response has been accepted by the DNSP and the request can be "closed". If the BusinessAcceptance/Rejection not been received before the expiry of this period, the Retailer may escalate the non-receipt.
		Providing a CustomerDetails Reconciliation Process to when the DNSP is expected to raise any of the Reconciliation Process This is the period from the initiation of the Reconciliation Process to when the DNSP is expected to raise any CustomerDetailsRequest for NMIs with Life Support in their system but were not provided by the Retailer in the CustomerDetailsReconciliation. Timing Points H and I define this period.
		Providing a CustomerDetails Notification as part of the Reconciliation Process This is the period in which the Retailer has to respond to a CustomerDetailsRequest raised by the DNSP as part of the Reconciliation Process. Timing Points I and J define this period. Used by the Retailer to confirm whether or a not a NMI should be flagged as Life Support. This may involve contacting the customer at the site.
9.1.5	002	 Add new allowed value for <u>CustomerDetailsRequest</u> specifically for the Reconciliation Process, and removal of '(explanation in SpecialNotes)' for Data Quality Issue and Other, as it is not part of the allowed value text from a aseXML schema perspective: Clause 4.1 <u>CustomerDetailsRequest</u> Transaction Data

Item	ID	Description	Description					
		Field	Format	Usage: Customer Details Request	Definition/Comments			
		NMI	CHAR(10)	М	NMI (as used by MSATS).			
		NMI Checksum	CHAR(1)	0	NMI Checksum (as used by MSATS).			

Item	ID	Description			
		Reason	VARCHAR(40)	M	Allowed values Returned Mail Missing Customer Details Confirm Life Support No response to rejected CDN Transfer Complete, no CDN Received Data Quality Issue (explanation-in-SpecialNotes) Other (explanation in SpecialNotes) Rec - confirm no SensitiveLoad Notes regarding the allowed values "Returned Mail" means the DNSP has received returned mail with the current PostalAddress held by the DNSP. "Missing Customer Details" means the DNSP reasonably believes the customer details have changed and the Retailer has not provided a Notification of the Changes (e.g. move-in or transfer has occurred). "Confirm Life Support" means the DNSP requires confirmation of whether the Connection Point has a Life Support requirement or not. "No response to rejected CDN" means that a DNSP has rejected a previous CDN where it was reasonably expected the Retailer would send through a new CDN with updated/corrected information, which has not yet been received as per 3.2.7. "Transfer Complete, no CDN Received" means a transfer has completed for the NMI and the DNSP believes a CDN has not yet been received within the allowed timeframe. "New Connection, no CDN Received" means a new connection has completed for the NMI and the DNSP believes a CDN has not yet been received within the allowed timeframe. "Data Quality Issue" means that although the data may be technically correct, it may not be fit for purpose (e.g. phone number is 9999999). The DNSP must provide which specific data they are querying in the SpecialNotes field. "Other" must only be used for scenarios not covered by the specific dallowed values. The DNSP must provide the details of the reason in the SpecialNotes field. "Rec - confirm no SenstiveLoad" means the DNSP has a NMI is flagged for Life Support but it was not included in the Reconciliation transactions provided by the Retailer.
		SpecialNotes	VARCHAR(240)	O/M	Any additional information the DNSP wishes to convey to the Retailer. Mandatory if Reason is "Other" or "Data Quality Issue".

Item	ID	Description
9.1.6	009	Update Retailer clause in relation to the timing point of providing the <u>CustomerDetailsNotification</u> to be consistent with changes proposed to timing requirement of Distributors for the <u>CustomerDetailsRequest</u> :
		Clause 3.2.3 Timing Requirement for Providing Notifications a. Where the <u>CustomerDetailsNotification</u> is provided in response to a <u>CustomerDetailsRequest</u> , the Retailer must provide the <u>CustomerDetailsNotification</u> within 2 Business Days of receiving the <u>CustomerDetailsRequest</u> . b. In all other situations, the Notification transaction (Customer or Access details) must be provided within one business day of the relevant data being updated/changed. (and the completion of the related customer transfer or New Connection, if applicable). Where the update is a result of a customer transfer, the trigger will be the receipt of the completion notification of the CATS Change Retailer transaction. For New Connections, the trigger will be the receipt of both the Service Order completion notification or Allocate NMI transaction in NSW, and the completion notification of the CATS Create NMI transaction. Refer 2.2.2a and 2.2.4.4a.
9.1.7	009	Update existing clause and add a new clause to the timing requirement of Distributors for the <u>CustomerDetailsRequest</u> to clarify the timing point to remove ambiguity, and provide a 5 day window to avoid Distributors sending a request before a Retailer has had the opportunity to send a <u>CustomerDetailsNotification</u> :
		Clause 3.2.4 Timing Requirement for Sending CustomerDetailsRequests a. In relation to a customer transfer, Tthe DNSP must not send a CustomerDetailsRequest for a NMI before the Close of Business of the fifth business day following the completion of the Transfer of the Connection Point receipt of the completion notification of the CATS Change Retailer transaction. b. In relation to a New Connection, the DNSP must not send a CustomerDetailsRequest for a NMI before the Close of Business of the fifth business day following the issuing of both the Service Order completion notification or Allocate NMI transaction in NSW, and the receipt of the completion notification of the CATS Create NMI transaction.
9.1.8	N/A	Update the version number from 2.0 to 2.1 in the document history.
		 The proposed effective date is 15 May 2014, but Participants will not be required to comply with changes relating to "002" (Life Support Reconciliation) until 15 November 2014.

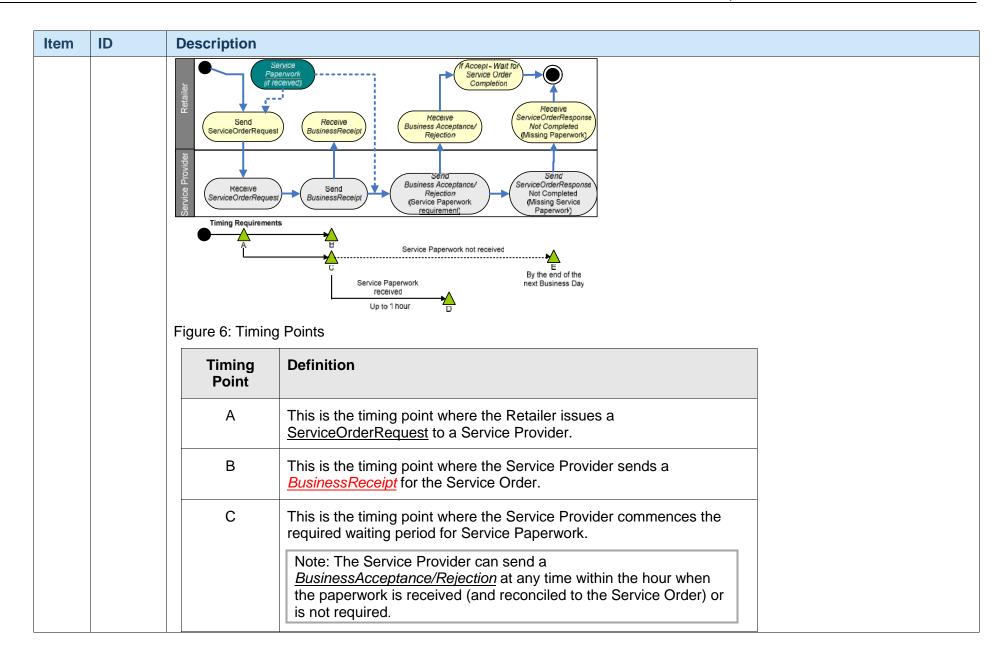
9.2 Proposed changes to the B2B Procedure Service Order Process

Item	ID	Description
9.2.1	001	Removal of underline for 'and the': 1.9.3 Business Documents
		 a. In this Procedure, the term "Business Document" is used to refer to the key B2B transactions sent between the Retailer and Service Provider. In this Procedure, the relevant Business Documents are: ServiceOrderRequest; ServiceOrderResponse, and the ServiceOrderAppointmentNotification.
9.2.2	001	Formatting correction(s) of transactions and fields:
		2.4 Raising a ServiceOrderRequest
		a. The Retailer must send a Service Order as a ServiceOrderRequest to the appropriate Service Provider.
		b. The <u>ServiceOrderRequest</u> must include the <i>ActionType</i> set to "New" to indicate that this is a new Request.
9.2.3	001	Punctuation correction(s):
		2.6.1 Service Orders Requiring Customer Consultation
		a. In order to complete the work requested by the Retailer, there are some instances where the Service Provider may need to consult directly with the End-use Customer. These situations tend to arise, for example, in Deenergisations/Re-energisations or temporary disconnections for large business/commercial/industrial Customers.
		b. Where the Retailer requests the Service Provider to consult with the Customer to make arrangements for the completion of the work requested, the Retailer must:
		 Use the value of "Yes"- in CustomerConsultationRequired and must provide the reason for the need to consult the Customer in SpecialInstructions of the ServiceOrderRequest.
		 Only use the value of "Yes"-in CustomerConsultationRequired where the Retailer reasonably believes that customer consultation is required for the successful completion of the requested work.
		3. Have previously advised the Customer that the Service Provider will contact the Customer.
		4. Complete the ContactName and ContactTelephoneNumber fields in the ServiceOrderRequest.
		c. The Service Provider must use reasonable endeavours to consult with the Customer to make arrangements for the completion of the work requested where the Retailer has provided a value of "Yes"-in

Item	ID	Description
		CustomerConsultationRequired.
9.2.4	001	Various formatting and punctuation correction(s):
		2.6.2 Scheduled Date and Customer Preferred Date and Time a. The following apply to the ScheduledDate and CustomerPreferredDateAndTime fields on a ServiceOrderRequest:
		 Where only the ScheduledDate field is completed: The Retailer must not put a retrospective date in the ScheduledDate field If a retrospective date is received in the ScheduledDate field, the Service Provider must provide the Retailer with a <u>BusinessAcceptance/Rejection</u> with a rejection message of 'Invalid data. Details provided in the Explanation.'
		2. Where both the ScheduledDate and CustomerPreferredDateAndTime fields are completed: i. The Retailer must not put a retrospective date in the ScheduledDate field. ii. If a retrospective date is received in the ScheduledDate field the Service Provider must provide the Retailer with a BusinessAcceptance/Rejection with a rejection message of 'Invalid data. Details provided in the Explanation.' iii. The date specified by the Retailer in the ScheduledDate and CustomerPreferredDateAndTime fields must be the same except as allowed in 2.6.2 c.1.ii and 2.6.2 c.1.iii in which case only the CustomerPreferredDateAndTime can be retrospective. iv. If a retrospective CustomerPreferredDateAndTime is provided otherwise than in accordance with 2.6.2 c.1.ii or 2.6.2 c.1.iii, the Service Provider must reject the ServiceOrderRequest with a rejection message of 'Invalid data. Details provided in the Explanation.' b. The Service Provider must use reasonable endeavours to complete the work requested and accepted on or after the ScheduledDate included in the ServiceOrderRequest, and within the Required Timeframe from this ScheduledDate or in the case of an appointment, agreed by the Retailer and Service Provider, on the ScheduledDate.
		c. Where the CustomerPreferredDateAndTime is provided in accordance with 2.6.2 a.2;: 1. The CustomerPreferredDateAndTime should represent i. The Customer's preference, as agreed with the Retailer, which becomes the ScheduledDate for the Service Order, or ii. A date and time, agreed between the Retailer and Service Provider to support exceptional Service Order requests (e.g. Re-energisation on a weekend with the ServiceOrderRequest sent the following

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		Monday). Such requests must include details of the agreement in the SpecialInstructions field and have the same RetServiceOrder quoted by the Retailer to the Service Provider by phone. In this instance, the CustomerPreferredDateAndTime is the date agreed by both parties for the work to be completed; or iii. Where a Customer advises the Retailer they have already moved into the Site and the Site is energised (left energised or energised by the Customer), if the Retailer requires a move-in reading the Retailer may raise a Re-energisation ServiceOrderRequest with a ServiceOrderSubType of "Retrospective Move-in", a CustomerPreferredDateAndTime that matches the move-in date, and a prospective ScheduledDate. The Service Provider will provide a meter reading in accordance with the Metrology Procedure, undertaking field work if necessary. 2. If the CustomerPreferredDateAndTime and ScheduledDate are not the same date, except as permitted in 2.6.2 c.1.ii and 2.6.2 c.1.iii, the Service Provider must provide the Retailer with a BusinessAcceptance/Rejection with a rejection message of 'Invalid data. Details provided in the Explanation'. 3. If the CustomerPreferredDateAndTime is not reflected by the ServiceTime, the Service Provider must provide the Retailer with a BusinessAcceptance/Rejection with a rejection message of 'Invalid data. Details provided in the Explanation' d. The ScheduledDate must not be more than 100 calendar days in the future.
9.2.5	001	Punctuation correction(s): Closing the Service Order Process a. The Service Order Process ends when: i. The Retailer has confirmed acceptance of the ServiceOrderResponse with a BusinessAcceptance/Rejection transaction indicating acceptance; or ii. The Retailer has rejected the ServiceOrderResponse (with a negative BusinessAcceptance/Rejection transaction) and the Service Provider has investigated and communicated a reply with the results of the investigation by telephone or email to the Retailer. The Service Provider must communicate this reply within 2 business days. The Service Provider and the Retailer must negotiate a resolution of the situation, with the agreed resolution being reflected in each party's systems. b. If the requested work was partially completed (ServiceOrderStatus = "Partially Completed") or not completed (ServiceOrderStatus = "Not Completed"), the Retailer may need to raise a new ServiceOrderRequest for follow-up work.
9.2.6	001	Punctuation correction(s):

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		2.10 Cancelling a <u>ServiceOrderRequest</u> a. A Retailer may attempt to cancel the work associated with a <u>ServiceOrderRequest</u> up to the point at which a <u>ServiceOrderResponse</u> has been received. To do so, the Retailer must send a Service Order cancellation to the relevant Service Provider using a <u>ServiceOrderRequest</u> . The <u>ServiceOrderRequest</u> must have the <i>ActionType</i> set to "Cancel" and must quote the <i>RetServiceOrder</i> of the Request to be cancelled. b. If the Retailer needs to cancel a Service Order U urgently, this must be communicated to the Service Provider by phone. The Retailer must also send a "Cancel" <u>ServiceOrderRequest</u> on the same business day, unless otherwise agreed with the Service Provider.
9.2.7	001	Various formatting corrections:
		2.12.2 Service Paperwork
		e. where the Service Order is 'Rejected' or 'Not Completed' for reasons other than 'Missing Paperwork', the Retailer raises a subsequent ServiceOrderRequest , the Retailer:
		i. is not required to resend the Service Paperwork (eg the Service Provider already has this paperwork)
		ii. must populate the RetServiceOrder value of the rejected or not completed Service Order in the SpecialInstructions field of the replacement Service Order. This will be used to cross reference with the Service Paperwork already provided
		f. Upon receipt of the <u>BusinessAcceptance/Rejection</u> of Accept with a Business Event of "Documentation required", the Retailer must provide missing paperwork by the end of the next business day.
		g. After providing the <u>BusinessAcceptance/Rejection</u> of Accept with a Business Event of "Documentation required", the Service Provider has not received the necessary Service Paperwork by the end of the next business day, the Service Provider must send a <u>ServiceOrderResponse</u> with <u>ServiceOrderStatus</u> of 'Not Completed' and an Exception Code of 'Documentation Not Provided'.
		h. The following timing definitions apply for managing Service Orders requiring paperwork, as demonstrated in the figure below:
		Figure 5: Service Paperwork Timing



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		D This is the timing point where the Retailer receives the BusinessAcceptance/Rejection of Accept. When Service Paperwork is missing this Accept shall include a warning - missing paperwork.
		Following a <u>BusinessAcceptance/Rejection</u> of Warning, this timing point is also the commencement of the period where the Retailer must provide the Service Provider the necessary Service Paperwork, by the end of the next business day.
		E This is the timing point where, if the Service Provider has still not received the necessary Service Paperwork, then the Service Provider must provide a ServiceOrderResponse with ServiceOrderStatus of 'Not Completed' and an Exception Code of "Documentation Not Provided".
9.2.8	001	Formatting correction(s) of transactions/fields:
		2.12.6 New Connections e. In SA the Service Provider must advise the Retailer of the date for an Appointment to complete a New Connection using an ServiceOrderAppointmentNotification transaction.
9.2.9	001	Grammar/spelling correction:
		2.12.7 Re-energisation
		e. If a Retailer raises a Re-energisation <u>ServiceOrderRequest</u> without a <i>ServiceOrderSubType</i> , the Service Provider must <u>undertake</u> the necessary fieldwork to ensure that the Site is energised and a read is provided for the date component of <i>ActualDateAndTime</i> (subject to 2.12.7.a).
9.2.10	001	Formatting correction(s) of transactions/fields:
		2.12.8 De-energisation
		c. Where the Service Provider receives a De-energisation ServiceOrderRequest for a De-energised Site:

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		 i. If the Service Provider reasonably determines that no work is required, the Service Provider must reject the <u>ServiceOrderRequest</u> with an <i>EventCode</i> of "Rejection – Site Already De-energised" in the <u>BusinessAcceptance/Rejection</u>.
		ii. If the Service Provider has accepted the De-energisation ServiceOrderRequest , the Service Provider must send a ServiceOrderStatus of "Not Completed", an ExceptionCode of "Service Provider Cancellation", with details of the reason for the cancellation in the SpecialNotes .
9.2.11	001	Formatting correction(s) of transactions/fields:
		2.12.15.1 <u>Multiple Service Orders for Multiple Retailers</u>
		a. The following table summarises the scenarios that apply to specific combinations of ServiceOrderRequests raised by current and prospective Retailers. The numbers in each cell indicate which scenario applies to the specific combination. An "x" means the Service Provider will reject the ServiceOrderRequest from the prospective Retailer, irrespective of whether it is received first or second.
9.2.12	001	Formatting correction(s) of transactions/fields:
		2.12.15.6 <u>Multiple Service Orders from Same Retailer</u>
		b. Upon receipt of a combination of multiple <u>ServiceOrderRequests</u> that are deemed valid per the above table (shown by an "▼" in the relevant cell), the Service Provider will process both <u>ServiceOrderRequests</u> .
9.2.13	001	Formatting correction(s) of transactions/fields:
		3.3.5 Timing Requirement for Completion of the Requested Work
		a. The following table summarises the Required Timeframe within which Service Providers must use reasonable endeavours to complete each type of Service Order Request .
		b. The commencement of this Timing Requirement is once the associated Service Paperwork has been received by the Service Provider and/or all preconditions have been met (not when the ServiceOrderRequest is received).
9.2.14	001	Formatting correction(s):
		Figure 18: Timing Period for completion of work

Item	ID	Description		
		Service Request	Required timeframe	
		Adds and Alts	Different timeframes may apply depending on the work requested this timeframe will be up to: 10 Business days for Queensland there are no jurisdictional timeframes in Victoria or SA this Service Order Type is not available in NSW.	
			See clause 2.12.2 for details regarding Service Paperwork processes.	
		Supply	The following timeframes apply for Supply Abolishment:	
		Abolishment*	20 business days in all jurisdictions	
			See clause 2.12.2 for details regarding Service Paperwork processes.	
9.2.15	001	Formatting co	rrection(s) of transactions/fields:	
		a. Following re	rements for Appointment Notifications (SA) eceipt of a New Connections <u>ServiceOrderRequest</u> , the Service Prov AppointmentNotification to the Retailer at least 3 business days prior	
9.2.16	001	Formatting co	rrection(s) of transactions/fields and grammar correction:	
		4.1 <u>ServiceOrder</u>	Request Transaction Data	

 ^{*} This Timing Requirement does not have a regulatory basis.
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Item ID	Description	n											
	Field	Format	Definition	Allocate NMI (NSW only)	New Connection (ACT, Vic, Tas, QLD & SA only)	Re-energisation	De-energisation normal/non-payment	Special Read	Adds and Alts (ACT, Vic, QLD & SA only)	Meter Reconfiguration	Meter Investigation	Supply Abolishment	Miscellaneous
	HazardDe scription	VARCHA R(80)	Description of any hazards associated with the Site. This field repeats to allow the reporting of multiple hazards. Refer B2B Procedure Customer and Site Details Notification for the list of allowed codes. This information does not replace information previously provided in a SiteAccessNotification Site Access Notification. Not Required for a "Cancel" ServiceOrderRequest.	N	R/N	R/N	R/N	R/N	R/N	R/N	R/N	R/N	R/N
	AccessDet ails	VARCHA R(160)	If the Customer has supplied any special access details, the Retailer must include these. Any access requirements should be fully described, without using abbreviations. Standard values "Customer Reports No Access Requirements", or "Not Known To Retailer" for De-energisation for Non-Payment or other Requests not initiated by Customer, or <description access="" of="" requirement=""> Refer B2B Procedure Customer and Site Details Notification for more information. This information does not replace information previously provided in a SiteAccessNotification Site Access Notification. Not Required for a "Cancel" ServiceOrderRequest.</description>	N	M/N	M/N	M/N	M/N	M/N	M/N	M/N	M/N	R/N

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		Special Instruction s	VARCHA R(240)	Any special instructions the Retailer wishes to convey to the Service Provider. Mandatory where:										
				A value of 'Yes' is used in CustomerConsultationRequired; or										
				 A value of "Other Multi-phase" is used in SupplyPhases; or 										
				 A value of "Other" is used in MeteringRequired; or 										
				If ActionType = "Replace" (refer 2.2.1.i.4); or										
				 Necessary to support exceptional arrangements for urgent (high priority) <u>ServiceOrderRequests</u> (refer 2.6.2.c.1.ii); or 										
				 Where ServiceOrderType = "Meter Reconfiguration" (refer 2.12.9.e); or 										
				 Where ServiceOrderType = "New Connection" and any specific tariff or metering requirements are not already provided (refer 2.12.6.b); or 										
				 Where ServiceOrderType = "Adds and Alts" and any specific tariff, metering requirements or any other special requirements need to be advised (refer 2.12.11.b). 										
				 Where ServiceTime = "Non-Business Hours". (Refer 2.12.1i) 										
				This information does not replace information previously provided in a <u>SiteAccessNotification</u> Site Access Notification.										
		Customer	YES/NO	Allowed value: "Yes".	M/N									
		Consultati onRequire d		Yes = The Retailer requests the Service Provider consult with the Customer to make arrangements for the completion of the work requested.										
				No = The Retailer does not request the Service Provider consult with the Customer to make arrangements for the completion of the work requested.										
				Where 'Yes' is used, the reason for the need to consult with the Customer must be provided in <i>SpecialInstructions</i> .										
				Refer clause 2.6.1.ab and b. Not Required for a "Cancel" ServiceOrderRequest unless SpecialInstructions is provided.										

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			VARCHA R(12)	Basic Meter Flat Ra Two Ra Time C CT Met Other If "Other" is provided as	ate f Use	N	R/N (M/N for Typ es 5 and 6)	N	N	N	R/N	N	N	N	0	
9.2.17	001			ection(s):	Transaction Data											
		Field		rmat	Definition				All Responses							
		ServiceOrderS		CHAR(20)	Indicates status of Service Order. Refer 2.12.10.b: Completed = Completed Partially Completed = Partially Completed done, but an actual read has not bee relevant ExceptionCodes). Not Completed = Not completed (primary see relevant ExceptionCodes). Note: "Primary work" means the activity ServiceOrderType field. The SpecialNotes field must be used if a ServiceOrderStatus of "Partially Completed ServiceOrderStatus OrderStatus OrderSt	d (prima n obtair work n	ary work ned – sec not done ed by the	e -	M							

Item	ID	Description
9.2.18	N/A	Update the version number from 2.0 to 2.1 in the document history.
		The proposed effective date is 15 May 2014.

9.3 Proposed changes to the B2B Procedure Meter Data Process

Item	ID	Description
9.3.1	N/A	Update the version number from 2.0 to 2.1 in the document history.
		The proposed effective date is 15 May 2014.

9.4 Proposed changes to the B2B Procedure One Way Notification Process

Item	ID	Description
9.4.1	N/A	Update the version number from 2.0 to 2.1 in the document history.
		The proposed effective date is 15 May 2014.

9.5 Proposed changes to the B2B Procedure Technical Guidelines for B2B Procedures

Item	ID	Description									
9.5.1	002	 Update to the Business Events for Customer and Site Details so only event codes 1923, 1939 and 201 are applicable for a <u>CustomerDetailsReconciliation</u> transaction: 5.1 Customer and Site Details Notification Process - Business Event Details 									
		Business Document	Business Signal	Business Event	Explanation Required	Severity	Event Code	Relevant Procedure clause or Reference Notes			
		CustomerDetailsR equest	BusinessAcceptance/ Rejection	Participant is not authorised to receive the requested data	No	Error	1932				
		CustomerDetailsN otification	BusinessAcceptance/ Rejection	Data not fit for purpose. Details provided in Explanation.	Yes	Error	1970	Not applicable for CustomerDetailsReconcili ation.			
		SiteAccessNotifica tion	BusinessAcceptance/ Rejection	Data not fit for purpose. Details provided in Explanation.	Yes	Error	1970				
		All Notifications	BusinessAcceptance/ Rejection	Recipient is not responsible for the supplied NMI.	Yes	Error	1923				
				Not Current FRMP	No	Error	1939				
				Data missing (mandatory fields). Details provided in <i>Explanation</i> .	Yes	Error	201	Standard aseXML Code			
				Invalid data. Details provided in Explanation.	Yes	Error	202	Standard aseXML Code. Not applicable for CustomerDetailsReconcili ation.			
		All	<u>All</u>	Accept.	No	Information	0	Standard aseXML Code			
				Data missing (mandatory fields). Details provided in Explanation.	Yes	Error	201	Standard aseXML Code			
				Recipient is not responsible for the supplied NMI.	Yes	Error	1923				
				Invalid data. Details provided in Explanation.	Yes	Error	202	Standard aseXML Code.			

Item	ID	Description								
9.5.2	002	Changes to Chapter 6 Glossary of Terms for the definition of Reconciliation Process: 6 Glossary of Terms								
		Term	Term Definition							
		Reconciliation Process	RMP for <mark>a</mark>	ovision of the Customer Details for NMIs held by MP for all of their current customers with Life rt in the DNSP's area at the time of the data t.						
				Refer to the B2B Procedure Customer and Site Details Notification Process for further details.						
9.5.3	010	Removal of obsolete EventCode: 5.2 Meter Data Process - Business Event Details								
		Business Event			BusinessAcceptance /Rejection for:		Event Code	Relevant Procedure clause		
			Explanation Required	Severity	MeterData Notification	ProvideMeter DataRequest	<u>VerifyMeter</u> <u>DataRequest</u>		or Reference Notes	
		Agree that NMI is not Sender's	lo Ir	nformation			Yes		Refer 2.6.e.1 and 2.10.1.	
9.5.4	N/A	Update the version nThe proposed effecti				ne doci	ument his	story.		

9.6 Proposed changes to the B2B Procedure Technical Delivery Specification

Item	ID	Description
9.6.1	001	Grammar correction(s):
		 5.10.2 Customer and Site and Details Notification a. In the case of Transactions included in the B2B Procedure Customer and Site Details Notification Process, a Participant affected by a contingency event must: 1. Advise other Participants of system problems within 24 hours of becoming aware of the problem. Notification will be by email to the nominated addresses of affected Participants.
9.6.2	011	Update reference to location of Service Paperwork table:
		A central reference point for Service Order Service Paperwork required in each Jurisdiction is documented in the Service Paperwork Reference Table. This provides Industry with information required for meeting obligations for the provision of Service Paperwork (Jurisdictional, National or operational) associated with particular Service Orders. The Service Paperwork Reference Table holds a list of documents required for New Connection Service Order, Additions and Alterations Service Order, De-Energisation, Re-Energisation or Abolishment Service Order. The Service Paperwork Reference Table must be updated by AEMO as directed by the industry reference group, through the agreed change management process. Where any Participant becomes aware of a change that is required to the Service Paperwork Reference Table the Participant must ensure that the change is raised via the agreed change management process. The process to request a change/amendment is via the Industry 'Issues/Change Form'. Note: The Service Order Paperwork Reference Table is published in NEMConnect on the AEMO website under National B2B — B2B Documentation Electricity Policies & Procedures — B2B.
9.6.3	N/A	 Update the version number from 2.0 to 2.1 in the document history. The proposed effective date is 15 May 2014, but Participants will not be required to comply with changes relating to "002" (Life Support Reconciliation) until 15 November 2014.

10. Abbreviations

10.1 Abbreviations

B2B Business to Business

BMRG B2B & MSATS Reference Group (established under the Information Exchange Committee)

DNSP Distribution Network Service Provider

IEC Information Exchange Committee

MSATS Market Settlement and Transfer Solution

RMEC Retail Market Executive Committee