

Session 1 Identified user shared assets



What are Identified User Shared Assets?

- Purpose Developed and constructed for the <u>purpose of connecting</u> an identified user group to an existing transmission network
- Use Are not used exclusively by the relevant identified user group
- Payment For which the costs of designing, constructing, operating and maintaining are paid for by the identified user group



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Approach to considering Identified User Shared Assets

- Generally, we are supportive of increased contestability due to its benefits
- Stakeholders also are supportive of increased contestability
- We propose to clarify that all services for **DCAs** can be provided contestably, because the risks associated with those assets fall on that user alone, and the shared network can be protected
- But, IUSAs form part of the shared network, so any arrangements should maintain clear accountability for the safe, reliable and secure supply of electricity across the shared transmission network
- So, we set out two possible approaches to the treatment of IUSAs

Summary of Identified User Shared Asset Models

Model A

- Model proposed in rule change request
- Construction and ownership is contestable
- All other services provided by incumbent TNSP as a negotiated service

Model B

- Majority of services, including O&M could be provided on a contestable basis
 - But, incumbent TNSP would remain ultimately accountable for any impact those assets have on the shared network

Which model best meets the NEO?

- improving outcomes for connecting parties transparency, timeliness, cost, complexity; and
- maintaining clear accountability for outcomes on the shared transmission network

What are the boundaries of contestability under each model?

Service	Model A	Model B
Setting the functional specification	Not contestable. Incumbent TNSP provides as negotiated service.	Not contestable. Incumbent TNSP provides as negotiated service.
High-level design		Contestable.
Cut-in works		Not contestable. Incumbent TNSP provides as negotiated service.
Construction	Contestable.	Contestable, but incumbent TNSP is accountable for the impact that the provision of these services has on the operation of the shared transmission network
Ownership	Contestable, subject to the agreement of terms with the incumbent TNSP regarding operation and maintenance.	
Operation	Not contestable. Incumbent TNSP provides a negotiated service.	
Maintenance		

Key considerations under each model

	Model A	Model B
Registration	 Owner of IUSA required to register with AEMO under a new sub-category of registration 	 Operator of IUSA would need to be registered as a TNSP, but not all NER obligations would apply
Third party access	 Incumbent TNSP would be subject to NER access provisions 	 As a TNSP, the IUSA operator would be subject to the NER access provisions
Sizing for future connections	 Either the connecting party or TNSP can oversize, provided they fund it 	