

## **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) to participate in**

**Implementation of the Distribution Commercial  
Energy Trading System (Dx CET) in Eskom**

### **CLARIFICATION- BRIEFING NOTE DATED: 01 AUGUST 2022**

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Doc	Nature of Note	Issue	Eskom Response
RFI	Clarification	Please confirm the meaning of the following acronyms: a. NMC b. DER c. DET	a. NMC = Network management centre (Provincial network control rooms) b. DER = Distribution energy resources c. DET = Distribution energy trader (Believe we also referred to Technical and Commercial energy trader)
RFI	Clarification	Regarding 'Part B - Response Sheet ....', question 9: Does the response need to be completed "on the Excel spreadsheet"? We would like to propose that a technical response is submitted as a separate document with reference to the Technical Evaluation Excel spreadsheet.	Support proposal for separate response referencing the technical evaluation sheet
Technical evaluation criteria spreadsheet	Clarification	We notice that in the Technical Evaluation Criteria spreadsheet, Eskom refers to 'Demand Response/Virtual Power Plant', but this is not included on the context diagram. Please can we have clarity on the requirement?	Distribution Energy Trader (Dx CET) is sometimes referred to as a Virtual Power Plant (VPP). The Distribution System Operator (DSO) requires a set of tools to enable them to trade energy needs with Transmission (Tx), Generation (Gx), Independent Power Producers (IPP's) and Customers. The proposed tools should enable the following functionality in Distribution (Dx): Load forecasting, Bidding, Trading, Purchasing, Contracting and Settlements.
RFI	Clarification	Over which areas will the Dx/CET platform operate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>all 7 ESKOM regions?</li> <li>Any municipal/Metro areas or networks not owned by ESKOM?</li> </ul>	Currently Dx consist out of 9 x Operating units aligned with SA provincial boundaries and on top of this they are grouped into 5 x Clusters. WC+EC=Cape Coastal cluster, NC+NW=Gemma cluster, LP+MP=Limlanga cluster, FS+KZN=Central east cluster and GP is on its own as OU.  Dx CET should be flexible to incorporate Metros/ Munics if required in future.

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RFI	Clarification	Do you expect the Dx CET platform to be network model based and to identify the network needs or is the tool just to allow procurement of services that address needs identified elsewhere (i.e., by the planning team)?	The Dx CET should have a forecasting functionality thus assuming it will require integration from a network needs perspective to accurately be able to determine network needs. This could be matured over time from HV/ MV to LV network levels.
RFI	Clarification	Do you have a preferred way that the Dx CET platform should assist in supporting the reduction of the imbalance risk associated with employing a single DER resource?	Believe the RFI is open for what vendors can offer in this regard and perhaps on how system can manage/ mitigate risks.
RFI	Clarification	What is the scope of the 'products and services that market participants are expected to provide? (e.g., Energy, reserves, frequency control, voltage support, inertia/stability, restoration, etc.,)	Provide information on what your product can offer and if it have the flexibility to add more products and flexible services in different categories.
RFI	Clarification	Will products/services be procured as pay-as-bid or pay-as-clear?	Provide explanations on both options and the pros/cons on both
RFI	Clarification	<p>Will the vendor be given the rules by which certain product/service needs are generated?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For example, for 'energy needs' – if this relates to frequency or restoration reserves the TSO/DSO should supply the security rules</li> <li>For example, if the needs are related to constraint management the TSO/DSO may need</li> </ul>	<p>Yes (please propose options/ examples on how we can best integrate the rules)</p> <p>Yes (please propose options/ examples on how we can best integrate the rules)</p>

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		to provide the network boundary limits.	
RFI	Clarification	Approximately how many DERs (in # and MW) are expected to require access to the CET platform in year 1?	(To be discussed at the clarification session)
RFI	Clarification	Is the objective of the Dx CET to provide a route-to-market (the wholesale market) for DER akin to a VPP?	DxCET & CVPP is one and the same.
RFI	Clarification	Can Eskom provide an estimate of the annual total value (\$USD) of the services procured via the Dx CET trader platform?	not presently available,