





To ensure safe and reliable operation it is necessary with regular maintenance of generation facilities. Such maintenance is allowed for in the Market Rules and is referred to as planned outages. Generators do not have to make capacity refund payments for outages that are planned and have been approved by System Management.

Five generators in the SWIS have experienced outage rates in excess of 30%. Most of the outages for these generators have been approved by System Management and therefore classified as planned outages which do not attract the capacity credit refund payment obligation.

The IMO Board has expressed a desire to provide more powerful incentives for Scheduled Generators to be available for dispatch in the WEM. A number of issues with the operation of the current Market Rules have been identified as follows:

1. Respond to generators with prolonged high levels of outages is inflexible. Clause 4.11.1(h) provides the IMO with the ability to reduce the amount of



