

Alinta's views

Alinta supports the continued evolution of the Western Australian Wholesale Electricity Market (WEM) in a manner consistent with the Market Objectives. In particular, Alinta supports amendments to the Market Rules that promote the economic efficiency of the WEM, provided the security of supply and the reliability of the system are not compromised.

4. Please indicate the time required for your organisation to implement the change, should it be accepted as proposed.

As noted above, the changes to the Market Rules contemplated by RC_2011_10 would require Alinta to make significant changes to its operational processes, and its supporting IT and business systems in order to participate in the mandatory Balancing Market and/or voluntary LFAS Market.

Alinta has already sought external consultancy support to assist it in identifying the necessary changes to its operational processes, and its supporting IT and business systems in order to participate in the mandatory Balancing Market and/or voluntary LFAS Market. However, the advice Alinta received at the time was that such a task was difficult to proceed with until System Management has completed its detailed design for the manner in which it intends to issue Dispatch Instructions or Operating Instructions to Market Participants.

Provided the detailed design is available very early 2012, Alinta expects it would be able to meet the requirements for participating in the mandatory Balancing Market by the end of the 'transition' period on 5 December 2012.