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The Market Rules as they are currently written only allow for Scheduled Generators to provide Load Following Ancillary Services. This threshold requirement effectively functions to prevent a Load from satisfying the requirements of a provider of a Load Following Service, and therefore precludes an offer to provide Load Following Ancillary Service in any procurement process initiated under the Market Rules.

As the inaugural Load Following Ancillary Service procurement process is due to commence in the near future System Management is determined to limit any impediments which may operate to preclude potential providers from participating.

In theory, a Load Following Ancillary Service can be provided either by a Scheduled Generator, a Dispatchable Load or a Curtailable Load and hence all should be able to be considered in the procurement process. It is also noted that the second draft report of the Ancillary Service review performed by SKM (engaged by the IMO: http://www.imowa.com.au/n685.html) recommends that loads be allowed to provide Load Following.

Broadening the scope of potential providers of Load Following Ancillary Service to Loads, as well as Scheduled Generators, will ensure that all available options can be explored.

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