

Wholesale Electricity Market Rule Change Proposal Form

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- West interconnected system, and
- (e) to encourage the taking of measures to manage the amount of electricity used and when it is used.

Details of the proposed Market Rule Change

1. Describe the concern with the existing Market Rules that is to be addressed by the proposed Market Rule change:

Market Participants may currently nominate to have the certified capacity of an intermittent generator assessed under the methodology outlined under clause 4.11.2(b) of the Rules. This requires the IMO to utilise the calculation process outlined in clause 4.11.3A of the Rules to determine the “Relevant Level” for this capacity certification.

Clause 4.11.3A uses the average output of the facility to determine the certified capacity of an Intermittent Generator facility. This clause replaced an earlier provision of the Rules (Clause 4.11.3) that determined the Relevant Level by considering the capacity available with 90% confidence. The Rules were amended in 2005 to remove clause 4.11.3 following the insertion of clause 4.11.3A.

The averaging approach under the current certification process for intermittent generators acts to reduce the amount of certification that would be afforded to solar power station facilities below that available during peak demand. It may therefore act as a potential disincentive to the establishment of such facilities within the SWIS.

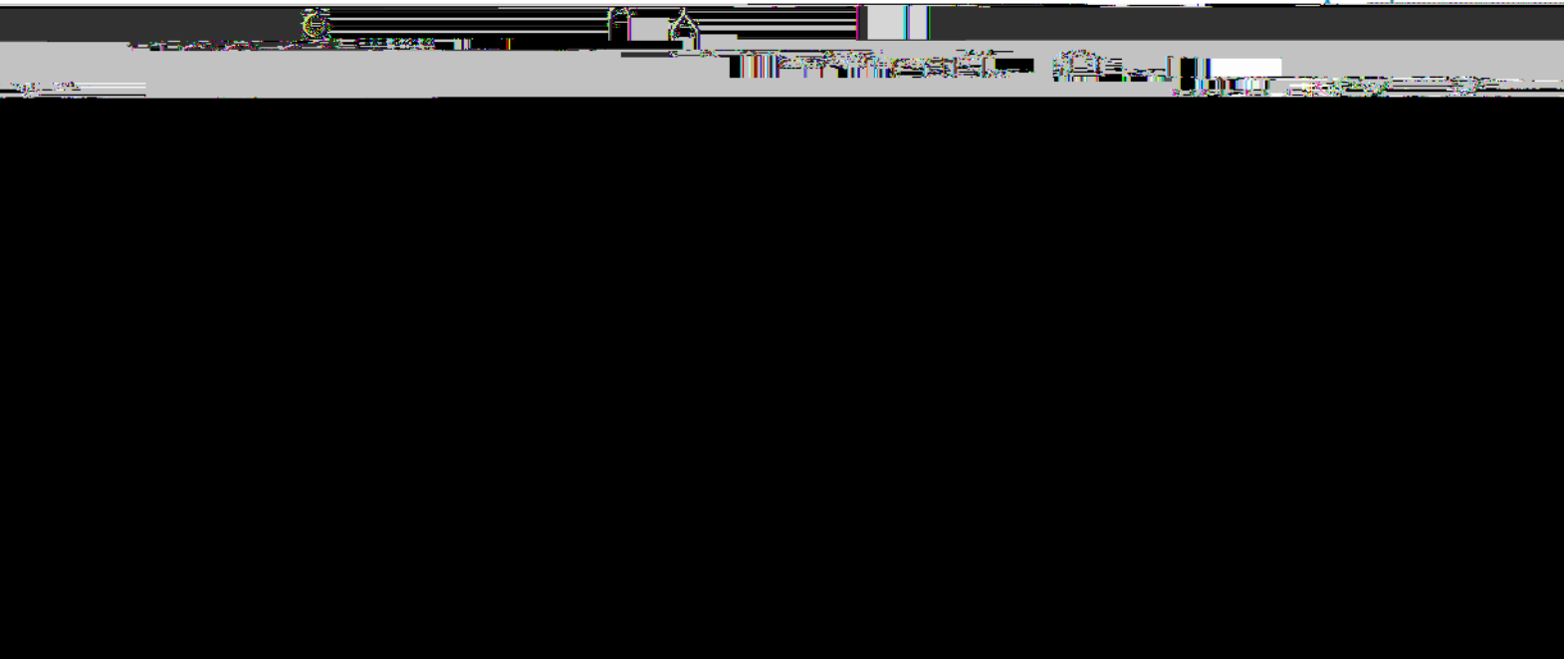
It is considered that the arrangements under the previous Clause 4.11.3 would be more appropriate for the application of the certification process.

2. Explain the reason for the degree of urgency:

3. Provide any proposed specific changes to particular Rules: (for clarity, please use the current wording of the Rules and place a ~~strikethrough~~ where words are deleted and underline words added)

4.11.2. Where an applicant nominates under clause 4.10.1(i) to have the IMO use the methodology described in clause 4.11.2(b) to apply to a Scheduled Generator or a Non-Scheduled Generator, the IMO:

(a) may reject the nomination if the IMO reasonably believes that the



4. Describe how the proposed Market Rule change would allow the Market Rules to better address the Wholesale Market Objectives: