



Draft Rule Change Report

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Standard Rule Change Process

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1. INTRODUCTION

On 17 March 2009 System Management submitted a Rule Change Proposal regarding the addition of clause 3.18.5D in the Wholesale Electricity Market Rules (Market Rules).

This Rule Change Proposal is being processed using the Standard Rule Change Process, described in Section 2.7 of the Market Rules.

The standard process adheres to the following timelines, described in section 2.7 of the Market Rules:

2. CALL FOR SECOND ROUND SUBMISSIONS

The IMO invites interested stakeholders to make submissions on this Draft Rule Change Report. The submission period is 20 Business Days from the publication date of this Report. Submissions must be delivered to the IMO by close of business on **Friday 17 July 2009**.

The IMO prefers to receive submissions by email to marketadmin@imowa.com.au using the submission form available on the IMO website:

http://www.imowa.com.au/10_5_1_b_rule_change_proposal.htm

Submissions may also be sent to the IMO by fax or post, addressed to:

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3. THE RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL

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transmission maintenance in a way most beneficial to all affected parties. Additionally, when transmission maintenance requires the decommitment or reduction in capacity of a generator or load, it is sometimes the case that transmission outages require a generator or load to perform maintenance at inopportune times.

System Management noted that similarly, due to the lack of information available to Western Power Networks for planning purposes, an inordinate amount of time is spent coordinating the various parties. The current situation is disadvantageous to all concerned.

System Management contended that to improve the coordination process, options were considered to improve the visibility of accepted outages to relevant Rule Participants. At the MAC meeting in February 2009 two options were considered:

- make accepted outages available to just Western Power Networks, for the purposes of coordinating line maintenance with generation outages; or
- make accepted outages available to all affected Market Participants.

Neither option received unanimous support at the MAC meeting. Instead, it was agreed that the IMO would informally consult with Market Participants, on behalf of System Management, to gauge the preferred option. Following this informal consultation, System Management would assess:

- whether the scheduled outages information should be available to just Western Power Networks or all Rule Participants, and;
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3.3. The proposed rule changes to the Market Objective

System Management contended that the proposed rule changes would better address objective (a) of the market objectives. The changes as submitted would promote the economically efficient, safe and reliable production and supply of electricity and electricity related services in the SWIS through facilitating the coordination of outages on generation and transmission facilities.

3.3.1. Amendment proposed by the Market Manager

3.18.5D Notwithstanding the requirements in chapter 10, in exercising the obligation

The Amending Rules proposed by System Management ha

7. PROPOSED AMENDING RULES

The IMO proposes to implement the following amendments to the Market Rules (added words are underlined and deletions are shown with a ~~strike through~~):

3.18.4 System Management must maintain an outage schedule, containing information on all Scheduled ~~scheduled~~ Outages ~~outages~~.

3.18.5D Notwithstanding the requirements in chapter 10, in exercising the obligation set out in clause 3.18.5C, System Management may make such information in the