



Independent Market Operator

Final Market Rule Change Report: Confidentiality of Accepted Outages

Ref: RC_2009_05

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 was processed using the Standard Rule Change Process, described in section 2.7 of the Market Rules.

In accordance with clause 2.5.10 of the Market Rules the Independent Market Operator (IMO) extended the timeframe for preparing the Draft Rule Change Report for this Rule Change Proposal until 19 June 2009. A notice of extension was published in accordance with clause 2.5.12 on the IMO website on 22 May 2009. The standard process adheres to the following timelines:

The key dates in processing this Rule Change Proposal, as amended in the extension notice are:

The IMO's final decision is to accept the Rule Change Proposal. The detailed reasons for the IMO's decision are set out in section 6 of this report.

In making its final decision on the Rule Change Proposal, the IMO has taken into account:

- the Wholesale Market Objectives;
- the practicality and cost of implementing the proposal;
- the views of the Market Advisory Committee (MAC);and
- the submissions received.

All documents related to this Rule Change Proposal can be found on the IMO website: http://www.imowa.com.au/Attachments/RuleChange/RuleChange_2009_05.html.

- ***he IMO's Initial Assessment of the Proposal***

The IMO decided to proceed with the proposal on the

- ***Addition A end ents***

During the first public submission period the IMO considered that some minor typographical changes to ensure consistency with the Market Rules was required. These changes are as follows (added text, ~~deleted-text~~

Market Rule 2.4.2 outlines that the IMO “*must not make Amending Rules unless it is satisfied that the Market Rules, as proposed to be amended or replaced, are consistent with the Wholesale Market Objectives*”.

The IMO's assessment against market objective (a) is as follows:

- (a) *to promote the economically efficient, safe and reliable production and supply of electricity and electricity related services in the South West interconnected system;*

The IMO considers that the proposed changes will enable System Management to coordinate outages with Market Participants and the Network Operator in a more effective manner. This will improve efficient scheduling of outages. The Rule Change Proposal may reduce the alternative prospect of Forced Outages for generators due to network unavailability. This will allow more efficient, safe and reliable operation of the SWIS.

8. THE IMO'S FINAL DECISION

The IMO's final decision is to accept the proposed amendments to clause 3.18.4 and 3.18.5D of the Market Rules as proposed in the Draft Rule Change Report.

- *Reasons for the decision*

The IMO has made its decision on the following basis:

- The Amending Rules:
 - will allow the Market Rules to better address the Wholesale Market Objective (a);
 - are consistent with the remaining Wholesale Market Objectives;
 - have no identified costs associated with implementation; and
 - have the support of both the MAC and all participants providing submissions during the first submission period.

Additional detail outlining the analysis behind the IMO's reasons is outlined in section 7 of this Final Rule Change Report.

9. AMENDING RULES

- *Commencement*

The amendments to the Market Rules resulting from this Rule Change Proposal will commence at **8:00am** on **17 August 2009**.

- *Amending Rules*

The following clauses are amended (~~deleted text~~, new text):

- 3.18.4 System Management must maintain an outage schedule, containing information on all Scheduled ~~scheduled~~-Outage.468 0 Td [h)12.1957()-n9927819(s)-0.2 4.6.996 2437.68 432.996 6.996

- one participant supported making accepted outage information available to all; and
- one participant considered that either option was supportable, but noted it had no objection if one party felt strongly that only Western Power Networks should be informed.

System Management noted that the informal consultation process did not produce universal support for one option over another, but all responding parties supported the “minimum” outcome of making available accepted outages to Western Power Networks. Therefore System Management considers that the better option is to advocate a rule change which is evolutionary, in this first instance.

System Management proposed that accepted outages only be made available to Western Power Networks. In particular, System Management proposed to add clause 3.18.5D, to enable the efficient scheduling of outages and ensure that coordination of outages with Market Participants can be undertaken effectively. This would allow Western Power Networks to more frequently plan transmission maintenance to coincide with participant outages and may also reduce situations where network outages require Market Generators to schedule outages at inopportune times.