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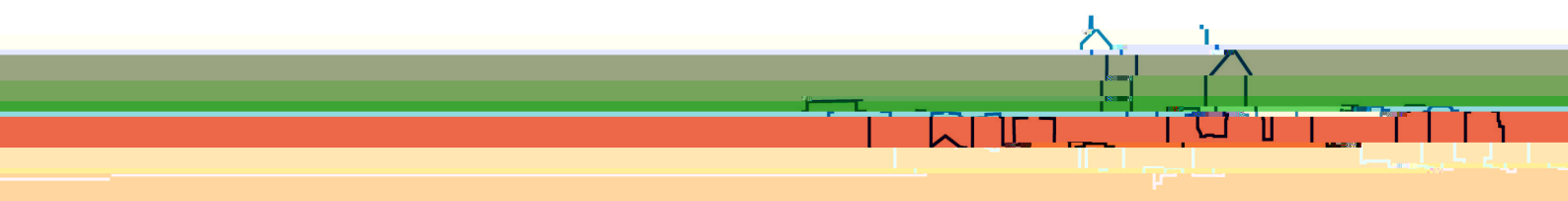
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## 1. THE RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL

### 1.1. *The Submission*

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

This Rule Change Notice is published according to Market Rule 2.5.7, which requires the IMO to publish a notice within 7 Business Days of receiving a Rule Change Proposal.

#### 1.1.1 *Submission details*

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<b>Date submitted:</b>	17 March 2009
<b>Urgency:</b>	Standard Rule Change Process
<b>Change Proposal title:</b>	Confidentiality of Accepted Outages
<b>Market Rule(s) affected:</b>	Clause 3.18.5D (New)

### 1.2. *Details of the Proposal*

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

System Management noted in its Rule Change Proposal that to improve the coordination process, they have considered options to improve the visibility of accepted outages to relevant Rule Participants. At the Market Advisory Committee (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 meeting. Instead, it was agreed that the IMO would informally consult with Market Participants to gauge the preferred option.

Four views were received from the IMO's informal consultation process, as follows:

- two participants expressed support for confining accepted outage information to just the networks business;
- 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.

The informal consultation process did not produce universal support for one option over another, but all responding parties supported the “

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The IMO has decided to proceed with this proposal on the basis that the IMO's preliminary assessment indicated that the proposal is consistent with the Wholesale Market Objectives.

The IMO has decided to process this Rule Change Proposal using the Standard Rule Change Process, described in section 2.7 of the Market Rules.

The projected timelines for processing this proposal are:

## 3. CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The IMO is seeking submissions regarding this proposal. The submission period is six weeks from the publication date of this notice. Submissions must be delivered to the IMO by close of business on **Thursday 30 April 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\\_MarketRulesChangeSummary.html](http://www.imowa.com.au/10_5_1_MarketRulesChangeSummary.html)

Submissions may also be sen

#### 4. PROPOSED AMENDING RULES

System Management proposes the following amendments to the Market Rules (~~deleted words,~~  
added words):

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 inf