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## Wholesale Electricity Market Rule Change Proposal

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- one participant considered that either option was supportable, but noted it had no objection if one party felt strongly that only the networks business should be informed.

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 the networks business. Therefore System Management considers that the better option is to advocate a rule change which is evolutionary, in this first instance.

Consequently, System Management proposes that accepted outages only be made available to the networks business. This would allow Western Power to more frequently plan transmission maintenance to coincide with Participant outages.

## 2) Explain the reason for the degree of urgency:

System Management submits that this proposal proceed through the standard process.

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

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 outage schedule maintained in accordance with clause 3.18.4 available to a Network Operator to coordinate outage timing.

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

This 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 South West interconnected system through facilitating the coordination of outages on generation and transmission facilities.

## 5) Provide any identifiable costs and benefits of the change:

Benefits:

- Will enable System Management and Participants to coordinate outages in a more effective manner.

