



Independent Market Operator

Rule Change Notice
Title: Equipment Tests

Ref: RC_2009_37

Standard Rule Change Process

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1. THE RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL

1.1. *The Submission*

from enforcement action in respect of the obligation to comply with its Resource Plan for the duration of the test, but participants would still remain liable for commercial penalties (i.e. UDAP, DDAP and Forced Outage refunds).

System Management notes that under the proposal it must be provided with advance notification in the form of a proposed testing plan which, if approved, removes System Management's obligation to order the Facility back to its Resource Plan in accordance with clause 5.5 of the Market Rules for the duration of the test.

System Management states the advantage of the proposal to it is a higher degree of transparency associated with real-time deviations from Resource Plans. If Market Participants are given the opportunity to provide their test plans to System Management in advance, and are exempt from compliance (but not commercial) penalties this will afford a significant benefit to real-time power system operations through greater visibility of a participant's intended behaviour.

Because participants will be relieved of the risk of compliance action during the period of the Equipment Test, System Management considers that publication of the existence of such a test is appropriate. Consequently, System Management proposes a change to clause 2.2 (a report on the performance of the market with respect to the dispatch process) to provide this visibility.

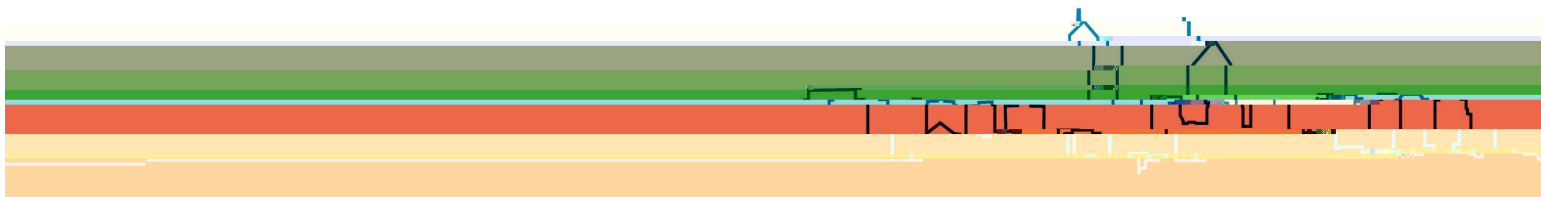
System Management also provides the anticipated amendments to the Power System Operation Procedure Commissioning and Testing in Appendix of the Rule Change Proposal. In particular System Management notes that the anticipated amendments set out to provide for the mechanics of seeking an Equipment Test (consistent with new clauses 2 AA. and 2 AA.). For further details of the anticipated amendments please refer to Appendix of this notice.

1.3. The Proposal and the Wholesale Market Objectives

System Management submits that the proposed changes would allow the Market Rules to better address Wholesale Market Objective (a).

to promote the economically efficient, safe and reliable production and supply of electricity and electricity related services in the South West interconnected system

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This Rule Change Proposal will be processed using the Standard Rule Change Process,

- (b) resolve technical performance issues or
- (c) confirm capability of Ancillary Services.

.2 AA.2 A Market Participant may apply to System Management for an Equipment Test no later than 2PM on the Scheduling Day.

.2 AA. An application for an Equipment Test must be made in accordance with the Power System Operation Procedure and contain

- (a) the name and location of the Facility to be tested
- (b) the commencement time of all Trading Intervals during which testing will be conducted and
- (c) details of the test to be conducted, including an indicative test program.

.2 AA.4 System Management must notify the Market Participant of whether System Management has approved an Equipment Test by no later than 4PM on the

(b) the Equipment Test is no longer required,

then it may revoke its approval of the Equipment Test and must notify the Market Participant of the cancellation.

.2 AA. In conducting an Equipment Test a Market Participant must conform to the test plan

System Management must provide the IMO with the following data for a Trading Day by noon on the first Business Day following the day on which the Trading Day ends

- (h) the identity of the Facilities which were subject to either a Commissioning Test or a test of Reserve Capacity or an Equipment Test for each Trading Interval of the Trading Day.

APPENDIX 1

5.6 Other Tests

