The background of the lower half of the page is a photograph of a wind farm and power lines, overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. On the left, several white wind turbines are visible, with their blades extending outwards. On the right, a tall, lattice-structured power line tower stands prominently. The overall scene is set against a clear sky.

5 Year Outage Planning Review

**Invitation to Provide
Submissions on Draft Report**

Date: 10 August 2011

1. SUMMARY OF THE REVIEW

Clause 3.18.18 of the Wholesale Electricity Market Rules (Market Rules) requires the IMO, with the assistance of System Management, to conduct a review of the outage planning process against the Wholesale Market Objectives from time to time, and at least once in every 5 year period starting from Energy Market Commencement.

The Market Rules allow the IMO to delegate any of its functions under the Market Rules to a person or body of persons that is, in the IMO's opinion, competent to exercise the relevant functions (clause 2.1.3). Accordingly the IMO engaged PA Consulting, an independent consultant, to undertake the inaugural review of the outage planning process.

The review included:

- an assessment of the outage scheduling and approval processes as prescribed in sections 3.18 and 3.19 (respectively) of the Market Rules and the Power System Operation Procedure (PSOP): Facility Outages;
- a technical study of the effectiveness of the criteria in clause 3.18.11;
- an assessment of the outcomes of the outage scheduling process, as recorded by System Management under clause 3.18.17, since Energy Market Commencement;
- an assessment of the outage approval process as prescribed in section 3.19 of the Market Rules and the PSOP: Facility Outages;
- consideration of the interactions of any current or potential Rule Change Proposals and the outage scheduling process (if applicable); and
- identification of any potential updates to the Market Rules or the PSOP: Facility Outages.

PA Consulting has now finished its review of the outage planning process. The draft report is available on the IMO webpage.

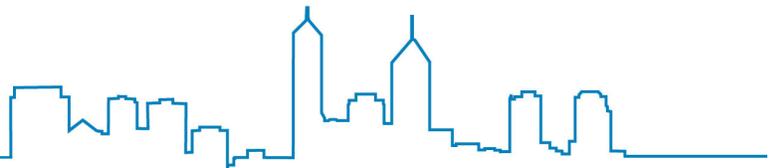
2. INVITATION FOR SUBMISSIONS

The IMO invites all sectors of the Western Australia energy industry, including end-users, to make submissions on this draft report.

The submission period is three weeks from the publication date of this report. Submissions must be delivered to the IMO by 5.00pm (WST) on **Wednesday 31 August 2011**.

Submissions:

- should clearly address any issues that interested parties consider relevant to this review; and
- should provide any supporting evidence or calculations (if appropriate).



Please note that the IMO is required by clause 10.5.1(q) of the Market Rules to make all submissions public. If confidential information is provided in a submission as supporting evidence, it must be clearly marked as confidential. Any confidential information will be excluded when the submission is made public.

The IMO prefers to receive submissions by email to **market.development@imowa.com.au**

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

Independent Market Operator

Attn: Group Manager, Market Development

PO Box 7096

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3. INVITATION FOR PUBLIC WORKSHOP

The IMO also invites all interested parties to attend the public workshop on the draft report, to be held on **Thursday 25 August 2011 (10:00-12:00pm)**.

The objective of the workshop is to discuss the recommendations contained in the draft report. Additional details including a draft agenda will be made available prior to the workshop on the IMO website at: <http://www.imowa.com.au/2011> Outage Planning Review.

If you would like to register for this workshop, please email your name and details to market.development@imowa.com.au with "Outage Planning Review Workshop" in the subject header by 5.00pm (WST) **Thursday 18 August 2011**.

