Independent Market Operator

Rules Development Implementation Working Group

Minutes

Meeting No.	13	
Location:	ocation: IMO Board Room	
	Level 3, Governor Stirling Building, 197 St Georges Terrace, Perth	
Date:	Tuesday 31 May 2011	
Time:	Commencing at 9.35am to 11.50pm	

Attendees		
Allan Dawson	IMO (Chair)	
Douglas Birnie	IMO	
John Rhodes	Market Customer	
Corey Dykstra	Market Customer	
Steve Gould	Market Customer	
Geoff Gaston	Market Customer	
Andrew Everett	Market Generator	
Andrew Stevens	Market Generator	
Andrew Sutherland	Market Generator	
Phil Kelloway	System Management	
Wana Yang	ERA	
Paul Hynch	Office of Energy	
Alasdair Macdonald	Minutes	
Greg Ruthven	Observer	
Ben Williams	Presenter	
Mike Thomas (The Lantau Group)	Presenter	

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	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES / ATTENDANCE	
	The Chair opened the 11th meeting of the Rules Development Implementation Working Group (RDIWG) at 9.35am.	
	Apologies were noted from Cameron Parrotte (System Management).	
1.	PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES	
	The minutes of RDIWG Meeting No. 11, held on 5 April 2011, were circulated prior to the meeting. The following amendments were agreed:	

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	Page 5, penultimate paragraph:	
	Mr Everett agreed to circulate a paper regarding the boundaries of the resubmission times.	
	Action Point: The IMO to amend the minutes of Meeting No. 11 to reflect the points raised by the RDIWG and publish on the website as final.	IMO
2.	BALANCING AND LFAS NEXT STEPS	
	Mr Douglas Birnie introduced this paper. He advised that there remain only a handful of key design items outstanding but that all were in process. The rule drafting process had commenced with drafting being undertaken by Lavan Legal, and the Minister has been briefed.	
	The RDIWG agreed to receive a paper outlining the remaining key design details at their next meeting on June 21 and asked that IMO consider providing a workshop after the next RDIWG meeting for some of their operational people be run through the detail	IMO
	Mr Birnie informed the group that the IMO desired that the group see the draft rules prior to the commencement of formal consultation and to this end advised there would be two workshops, one on the 5 th July and the other on the 19 th July. Members agreed to hold these workshops.	IMO
3.	BALANCING DESIGN WORK	
	Mr Williams provided a verbal update on the MEP design and implementation process. Mr Williams noted that many issues have been resolved and the remaining issues all have pathways for resolution (citing examples such as network constraints, dispatch of different technology types, gate closure and registration). As already discussed, Mr Williams advised the group that the IMO would provide the group with a paper on these issues at its next meeting on June 21.	
	Mr Birnie handed out a current and revised timeline of the project.	
	A discussion followed regarding IT implementation and IT readiness. The IMO noted that there would be time for market participants to prepare IT systems during the project timeframe and also the trial phase of the project would allow the market to identify and resolve IT integration issues. It was noted that market participants would be expected to be responsible for their own system requirements. The IMO and System Management would be need to ensure their systems were in place. A clear go/no decision point was early in 2012 prior to April 2012.	IMO
4.	RESERVE CAPACITY REFUNDS Mr Birnie spoke to a cover paper on the issues surrounding refunds and the implications of the modelling work undertaken prior to the last scheduled RDIWG meeting when considered alongside the likely direction of the Reserve Capacity Review.	

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	Mr Mike Thomas (Lantau Group) provided the group with a presentation linking the reserve capacity refunds with the broader Reserve Capacity Review and explained the rationale behind their recommendation that the refund changes be considered as part of the Reserve Capacity Review – with any changes rolled out as a package.	
	The Chair advised the group that the IMO Board were particularly conscious of the significance of the issues with reserve capacity mechanism and the Board had requested a workshop for it to focus on and consider the options for changing the reserve capacity mechanism and that the proposed refund changes be incorporated into this.	
	The RDIWG accepted the advice from the IMO/Lantau group regarding wrapping the refund solutions into the Reserve Capacity Review itself with one exception. The group requested that the removal of the refund Net STEM Shortfall refund obligation proceed with the other MEP changes. The IMO agreed to recommend this to the Board.	IMO
	A general discussion then ensued between group members regarding the outage planning process and associated transparency issues. RDIWG discussed outage planning approvals and associated transparency issues and the IMO agreed to hold an informal discussion on the issues and options surrounding this after the next RDIWG on 21 June.	IMO
	Following the decision to incorporate consideration of a revised capacity refund mechanism into the broader RCM review, a member suggested that reinstatement of System Management's discretion on outage classification be considered. The Chair indicated that the IMO is supportive of the initiative provided that transparency is enhanced. It was agreed that a meeting would be convened of interested generators, System Management and the Chair to discuss the matter.	
5.	GENERAL BUSINESS	
	There was no general business raised.	
6.	OUTSTANDING ACTION POINTS	
	 Action item 89: The model will be made available for the Working group in early June. 	
	 Action Item 83: This has been completed. 	IMO
	Action Item 90: This has been completed.	IMO
	The IMO agreed to review the Action list to rationalise it in light of where the work of the RDIWG was now at.	
7.	NEXT MEETING	
	Meeting No. 14 will be held on Tuesday 21 June 2011 (9.30am-2.00pm).	
8.	CLOSED: The Chair thanked members and declared the meeting closed at 11.50pm.	

