
Wholesale Electricity Market Pre Market Rule Change Discussion Paper

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Introduction

This Pre Market Rule Change Discussion Paper can be posted, faxed or emailed to:

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The discussion paper should explain how the proposed rule change will enable the Market Rules to better contribute to the achievement of the wholesale electricity market objectives. The objectives of the market are:

- (a) to promote the economically efficient, safe and reliable production and supply of electricity and electricity related services in the South West interconnected system;
 - (b) to encourage competition among generators and retailers in the South West interconnected system, including by facilitating efficient entry of new competitors;
 - (c) to avoid discrimination in that market against particular energy options and technologies, including sustainable energy options and technologies such as those that make use of renewable resources or that reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions;
 - (d) to minimise the long-term cost of electricity supplied to customers from the South West interconnected system; and
 - (e) to encourage the taking of measures to manage the amount of electricity used and when it is used.
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Details of the proposed Market Rule Change

1) Describe the concern with the existing Market Rules that is to be addressed by the proposed Market Rule change:

Clause 3.21A.1 defines a Commissioning Test as a test of the ability of a generating system to operate at different levels of output reliably.

Section 3.21A of the Market Rules stipulates how a market participant is to arrange and conduct a Commissioning Test for a generating facility.

Under clause 3.21A.2, market participants are obliged to request permission from System Management to undertake a Commissioning Test at a specified time in accordance with clause 3.21A.4. Clause 3.21A.9 provides that System Management notify the market participant as to whether System Management approves the Commissioning Test being carried out at the requested time.

However, section 3.21A does not require System Management to notify the Independent Market Operator (IMO) of the dates and times of scheduled Commissioning Tests. In the interests of making informed decisions and facilitating the smooth operation of the market, this needs to be remedied.

Accordingly, this rule change proposal proposes the insertion of clauses 3.21A.16 and 3.21A.17 which require System Management to provide the IMO with information pertaining to scheduled Commissioning Tests and alert the IMO of any delays or cancellations.

2) Explain the reason for the degree of urgency:

This proposed rule change can be progressed via the standard rule change process.

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

3.21A.16 System Management must provide the IMO with the following information 5 business days prior to the start date of a Commissioning Test:
 (a) the name and location of the facility to be tested; and
 (b) the date and commencement time of the Commissioning Test.

3.21A.17 If, after having provided the IMO with the information outlined in clause 3.21A.16, System Management:
 (a) delays or cancels the Commissioning Test in accordance with clause 3.21A.11; or
 (b) becomes aware that a Market Participant no longer plans to conduct the Commissioning Test pursuant to clause 3.21A.6;
System Management must inform the IMO as soon as practicable.

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

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

The IMO submits that the proposal supports market objective (a) by ensuring that the key players involved in the operation of the market are informed of an impending Commissioning Test in advance of its scheduled date.

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

Costs

No system changes associated with implementing this proposed rule change have been identified at this time.

Benefits

The proposed rule change supports the Market Objectives as outlined in section 4 of this proposal.
