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1. THE RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL

1.1. The Submission

On 16 February 2009 System Management submitted a Rule Change Proposal regarding changes to clause 7.2.5 of the Wholesale Electricity Market Rules (Market Rules).

This Rule Change Notice is published according to Market Rule 2.5.7, which requires the IMO to publish a notice within 7 Business Days of receiving a Rule Change Proposal.

1.1.1 Submission details

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Change Proposal title:	Provision of Intermittent Generator Forecast Information
Market Rule(s) affected:	Clause 7.2.5

1.2. Details of the Proposal

Clause 7.2.5 details the timeframe and requirement that Market Generators operating intermittent facilities must submit forecast information to System Management.

The information required by this clause is required by 10am on the Scheduling Day and represents aggregated energy output.

Currently System Management does not rely on aggregated forecast information submitted under clause 7.2.5, and, in any case, shall instead make use of specified information from intermittent generation operators under separate agreements.

System Management seeks to modify this clause, as it imposes an obligation which is not at this time necessary to successfully administer dispatch processes. However, at some point in the future, the provision of this aggregated information may be required, and therefore System Management considers that the clause be retained, but should be amended to import an element of discretion. System Management proposes to add the words “Unless otherwise directed by System Management...” to the beginning of this clause. This inclusion will remove a strict compliance obligation, and instead allow System Management to utilise the powers under clause 7.2.5 only where it is necessary to do so.

System Management intends to direct that the information specified under clause 7.2.5 is not required until further notice.

1.3. The Proposal and the Wholesale Market Objectives

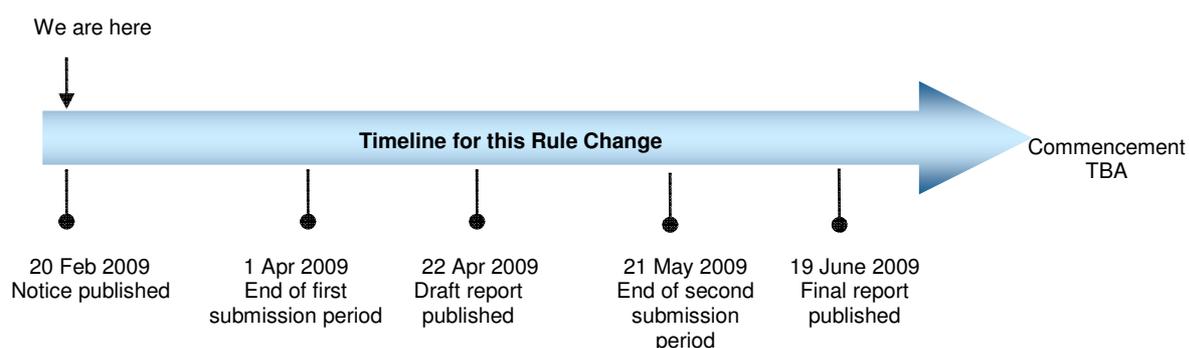
System Management considers that the proposed changes, would better address objective (a) of the Market Objectives. The change as submitted would increase the certainty of the application of the rules, and aid economically efficient outcomes through the removal of the requirement to strictly comply with obligations that are currently unnecessary for the operation of the dispatch process.

2. WHETHER THE PROPOSAL WILL BE PROGRESSED FURTHER

The IMO has decided to proceed with this proposal on the basis that the IMO's preliminary assessment indicated that the proposal is consistent with the Wholesale Market Objectives.

The IMO has decided to process this Rule Change Proposal using the Standard Rule Change Process, described in section 2.7 of the Market Rules.

The projected timelines for processing this proposal are:



3. CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The IMO is seeking submissions regarding this proposal. The submission period is six weeks from the publication date of this notice. Submissions must be delivered to the IMO by close of business on **Wednesday 1 April 2009**.

The IMO prefers to receive submissions by email to **marketadmin@imowa.com.au** using the submission form available on the IMO website:

http://www.imowa.com.au/10_5_1_MarketRulesChangeSummary.html

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

Independent Market Operator
Attn: Manager Market Administration and System Capacity
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4. PROPOSED AMENDING RULES

The IMO proposes the following amendments to the Market Rules (~~deleted words~~, added words):

- 7.2.5 Unless otherwise directed by System Management, each Market Generator must by 10 AM each day provide to System Management for each of its Intermittent Generators with capacity exceeding 10 MW its most current forecast of the MWh energy output of the Intermittent Generator for each Trading Interval between noon of the current Scheduling Day and the end of the corresponding Trading day in a format and by a method specified in the Power System Operation Procedure.

5. ABOUT RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS

Market Rule 2.5.1 of the Market Rules provides that any person (including the IMO) may make a Rule Change Proposal by completing a Rule Change Proposal Form and submit this to the IMO.

The IMO will assess the proposal and, within 5 Business Days of receiving the proposal form, will notify the proponent whether the proposal will be progressed further.

In order for the proposal to be progressed the change proposal must explain how it will enable the Market Rules to better contribute to the achievement of the Wholesale Market Objectives. The market objectives 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.

A Rule Change Proposal can be processed using a Standard Rule Change Process or a Fast Track Rule Change Process. The standard process involves a combined 10 weeks public submission period, while the fast track process involves the IMO consulting with Rule Participants who either advise the IMO that they wish to be consulted or the IMO considers have an interest in the change.