



Independent Market Operator

Rule Change Notice

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transfer of information
from System
Management**

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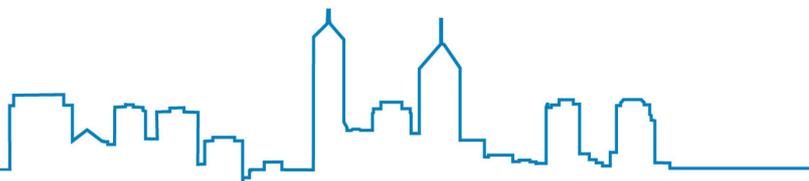
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1. THE RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL

1.1. The Submission

On 12 March 2009 System Management submitted a Rule Change Proposal regarding changes to clauses 7.2.3C and 7.3.6 of the Wholesale Electricity Market Rules (Market Rules).

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

1.1.1 Submission details

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Urgency:	Normal rule change process
Change Proposal title:	Timing flexibility for transfer of information from System Management
Market Rule(s) affected:	Clauses 7.2.3C and 7.3.6

1.2. Details of the Proposal

In its Rule Change Proposal System Management submits that the Market Rules provide the IMO with the authority to extend certain timeframes attaching to the provision of data in certain situations. System Management note that the Market Rules provide that once the timeframes are extended, the IMO has complied with the Market Rules.

System Management submits there are also Market Rules which extend the timeframes for certain information provided by System Management. However, the Rules do not always provide that, where these timeframes are extended, System Management has complied with the Market Rules. For example, clause 7.13.1B allows the IMO to extend the timeframe attaching to the provision of certain data by System Management, while clauses 7.2.3C and 7.3.6 merely imply, but do not specify, the extension of the timeframes of clauses 7.2.3B and 7.3.4.

The proposal notes that this results in a situation that System Management has complied with an implied extension, but is not complying with the requirements of the Market Rules. This Rule Change Proposal aims to remedy this.

1.3. The Proposal and the Wholesale Market Objectives

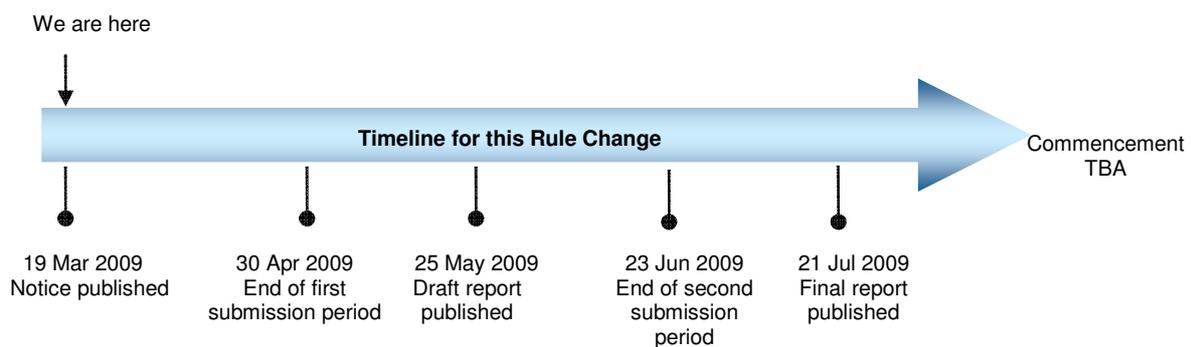
System Management submits that the proposed Rule Changes are in accordance with the Market Objectives and provide for a more transparent and consistent approach to the compliance of System Management.

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. CONSULTATION

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 **Thursday 30 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
PO Box 7096
Cloisters Square, Perth, WA 6850

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4. PROPOSED AMENDING RULES

System Management proposes the following amendments to the Market Rules (~~deleted words~~, added words):

- 7.2.3C. If the IMO does not receive information described in clause 7.2.3B by the required time, it must arrange for System Management to provide the information by alternative means prior to 7:50 AM in the case of the information described in clause 7.2.3B (a) and 8:50 AM in the case of the information described in clause 7.2.3B (b) and extend the timeframes in clauses 7.2.3B (a) and 7.2.3B (b) accordingly.
- 7.3.6. If the IMO does not receive the information described in clause 7.3.4 by the required time, it must arrange for System Management to provide the information by alternative means prior to 9:00 AM and extend the timeframes in clause 7.3.4 accordingly.

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.