
**Wholesale Electricity Market
Rule Change Proposal Submission Form**

RC_2009_20 Opportunity Maintenance Outages Approval Timeframe

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Submission

1. Please provide your views on the proposal, including any objections or suggested revisions.

Synergy's view is that generators should be allowed outage if their unavailability does not create power system security concerns. The nature of our bilateral market means retailers cover their costs through contract supply such that generator outages should not increase their costs.

Opportune outages resulting from a longer request window could increase the clearing STEM price, but Synergy is happy to accept this result given it is as likely to reduce STEM clearing prices at other times, due to reduced forced outages.

Synergy therefore supports the proposed rule change as presented.

2. Please provide an assessment whether the change will better facilitate the achievement of the Market Objectives.

Operationally this rule change proposal should improved system reliability and should reduce forced outages.

3. Please indicate if the proposed change will have any implications for your organisation (for example changes to your IT or business systems) and any costs involved in implementing these changes.

No cost.

4. Please indicate the time required for your organisation to implement the change, should it be accepted as proposed.

Zero time.
