

Wholesale Electricity Market Rule Change Proposal Submission

RC_2017_03 Change the publication date for Relevant Level information

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- Email to: <u>rcp.secretariat@rcpwa.com.au</u>
- Post to: Rule Change Panel Attn: Executive Officer C/o Economic Regulation Authority PO Box 8469 PERTH BC WA 6849

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

Alinta Energy (Alinta) welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission to the Rule Change Panel on the Rule Change Proposal: Change the Publication Date for Relevant Level Information (RC_2017_03) which seeks to make amendments to Appendix 9 of the Market Rules (Relevant Level Determination).

Alinta agrees, in principle, with the proposal to shift the publication deadline to after the closure of the window for certification applications in order to ensure that the final list of candidate facilities can be identified.

This in principle support is on the basis AEMO should also be required to publish provisional Existing Facility Load for Scheduled Generation intervals by 1 June each year, to assist Market Participants to estimate the Certified Reserve Capacity level that will be assigned to their Facilities. It would be Alinta's preference for appendix 9 to be amended to include this as an explicit obligation.

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

Alinta agrees with the AEMO's assessment that the proposed change will better achieve Wholesale Market Objectives (a) and (c), and is consistent with the remaining Wholesale Market Objectives.

Further to this, Alinta is of the view that the inclusion of an explicit requirement to provide provisional information will assist participants in their decision making when applying for certification. Alinta notes availability of information is an integral part of achieving all the Wholesale Market Objectives. In particular, Alinta considers improved information will result in further improvements to economic efficiency in electricity generation (Wholesale Market Objective (a)), and improved efficiency in price outcomes for consumers (Wholesale Market Objective (d)).

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.

Alinta does not anticipate any costs associated with implementing the Rule Change Proposal.

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

Alinta does not require any time to implement the changes.