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## **CHAPTER 1. PROCEDURE OVERVIEW**

### **1.1. Relationship with the Market Rules**

- 1.1.1. This Procedure Administration Market Procedure (**Procedure**) should be read in conjunction with clause 2.9.5 of the Wholesale Electricity Market (**WEM**) Rules (**Market Rules**).
- 1.1.2. Reference to particular Market Rules within the Procedure in bold and square brackets [**MR XX**] are current as of 10 December 2016. These references are included for convenience only, and are not part of this Procedure.

### **1.2. Purpose of this Procedure**

- 1.2.1. The Procedure outlines the process by which Market Procedures (including Power System Operation Procedures) are to be developed and amended.
- 1.2.2. This Procedure provides the processes to be followed by:
  - (a) the Independent Market Operator (IMO), the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) (including in its capacity as System Management), the Economic Regulation Authority (ERA) and the Rule Change Panel in developing Procedure Change Proposals; and
  - (b) Rule Participants participating in the Procedure Change Process.

### **1.3. Application of this Procedure**

- 1.3.1. This Procedure applies to the IMO, AEMO (including in its capacity as System Management), the ERA, the Rule Change Panel and Rule Participants.

### **1.4. Associated Market Procedures**

- 1.4.1. The following Market Procedures are associated with this Procedure:
  - (a) Notices and Communications (AEMO) and
  - (b) Notices and Communications (Rule Change Panel).

### **1.5. Conventions Used**

- 1.5.1. In this Procedure the conventions specified in clauses 1.3 to 1.5 of the Market Rules apply.

### **1.6. Terminologies and Definitions**

- 1.6.1. A word or phrase defined in the Market Rules, the Electricity Industry Act or the Regulations has the same meaning when used in this Procedure.

## CHAPTER 2. THE PROCEDURE CHANGE PROCESS

This section outlines the procedure steps associated with the Procedure Change Process.

### 2.1. Initiating the Procedure Change Process

- 2.1.1. The Procedure Change Process is initiated by one of the IMO, AEMO (including in its capacity as System Management), the ERA or the Rule Change Panel drafting a Procedure Change Proposal **[MR 2.10.1]**. AEMO in its capacity as System Management is responsible for changes to the Power System Operation Procedures. The IMO, AEMO, the ERA and the Rule Change Panel are responsible for changes to their applicable Market Procedures.
- 2.1.2. A Procedure Change Proposal can be initiated only by the party that is responsible under the Market Rules for the development and maintenance of the relevant Market Procedure (Responsible Procedure Administrator), and will be in response to:
  - (a) the Responsible Procedure Administrator determining that an existing Market Procedure requires amending or replacing; or
  - (b) the Responsible Procedure Administrator developing new Market Procedures, or amending or replacing existing Market Procedures following an amendment to the Market Rules **[MR 2.10.3]**; or
  - (c) A notification from a Rule Participant, where they consider an amendment or replacement of a Market Procedure would be appropriate **[MR 2.10.2]**. Any such notification must be sent by email to the email address indicated on the Responsible Procedure Administrator's website.
- 2.1.3. Within 20 Business Days of receipt of a Rule Participant's notification under clause 2.10.2 the Responsible Procedure Administrator must:
  - (a) determine whether an amendment to or replacement of a Market Procedure is appropriate; and
  - (b) publish on the Market Web Site details of whether a Procedure Change Proposal will be progressed and the reasons for that decision **[MR 2.10.2A]**.
- 2.1.4. The Procedure Change Proposal must include the details outlined in clause 2.10.6 of the Market Rules. Amendments to the Market Procedure or Power System Operation Procedure should be clearly identified using tracked changes, where possible **[MR 2.10.6]**.
- 2.1.5. The Responsible Procedure Administrator may commence the Procedure Change Process at any time it considers appropriate, including before the commencement of the Amending Rule, or a proposed Amending Rule, to which that Procedure Change Proposal relates. However, a Procedure Change Process in respect to an Amending Rule that has not yet commenced, or in respect to a proposed Amending Rule, must be conditional upon the Amending Rule commencing.

## 2.2. Consideration by a Market Advisory Committee Working Group

- 2.2.1. The Market Advisory Committee (**MAC**) is an advisory body comprised of industry representatives and convened by the Rule Change Panel. The MAC is established pursuant to clause 2.3.1 of the Market Rules and one of its roles is to advise the IMO, AEMO (including in its capacity as System Management), the ERA and the Rule Change Panel regarding Procedure Change Proposals.
- 2.2.2. The MAC may establish Working Groups comprising representatives of Rule Participants and interested stakeholders, to assist it in providing advice to the Responsible Procedure Administrators on Procedure Change Proposals **[MR 2.3.17]**.
- 2.2.3. The MAC has established the AEMO Procedure Change Working Group to consider proposed amendments to Market Procedures (including Power System Operation Procedures and the Monitoring and Reporting Protocol) for which AEMO is the Responsible Procedure Administrator.
- 2.2.4. In addition to the AEMO Procedure Change Working Group, the MAC can initiate Working Groups to consider amendments to a specific Market Procedure. Further details of the active Working Groups, including those associated with advising the Responsible Procedure Administrators on potential Procedure Change Proposals are available on the Rule Change Panel's website.
- 2.2.5. The Responsible Procedure Administrator may convene an existing active Working Group established by the MAC to discuss a Procedure Change Proposal either before submitting it into the formal Procedure Change Process or during the formal Procedure Change Process.
- 2.2.6. A Responsible Procedure Administrator may seek advice on a Procedure Change Proposal directly from the MAC if no Working Group has been established to consider amendments to the relevant Market Procedure.
- 2.2.7. Prior to formal submission of a Procedure Change Proposal, the Responsible Procedure Administrator must notify members of the appropriate active Working Group (if one exists) as to whether any proposed amendments to the Market Procedure require discussion by the Working Group and the reasons why.

## 2.3. Publication of Procedure Change Proposals

- 2.3.1. Once a Procedure Change Proposal has been formally submitted into the Procedure Change Process, the Responsible Procedure Administrator will publish that Procedure Change Proposal on its website. The Responsible Procedure Administrator must publish all its Procedure Change Proposals that are open for public comment on its website.
- 2.3.2. The Responsible Procedure Administrator must call for submissions on the Procedure Change Proposal by publishing the Procedure Change Proposal on its website and provide a due date for the submissions, being 20 Business Days following the publication of the call for submissions **[MR 2.10.7]**. The Responsible Procedure Administrator will assign the proposal a reference number to be quoted on submissions related to its Procedure Change Proposal. This will be in the following format:
  - (a) for AEMO including in its function as System Management: AEPC\_YYYY\_ID;
  - (b) for the IMO: IEPC\_YYYY\_ID;

- (c) for the ERA: EEPC\_YYYY\_ID; and
- (d) for the Rule Change Panel: REPC\_YYYY\_ID.

## **2.4. Extensions to timeframes for processing Procedure Change Proposals**

- 2.4.1. At any time after publishing a Procedure Change Proposal, if the Responsible Procedure Administrator considers that it is necessary to extend the normal timeframes for processing the Procedure Change Proposal because of any of the reasons specified in clause 2.10.17 of the Market Rules, then the Responsible Procedure Administrator may modify the times and time periods under clause 2.10.7 of the Market Rules in respect of the Procedure Change Proposal **[MR 2.10.17]**.
- 2.4.2. Where under step 2.4.1 the Responsible Procedure Administrator has extended the time and time periods associated with a Procedure Change Proposal it must publish a notice of extension which includes the information outlined in clause 2.10.19 of the Market Rules and must update any information already published under clause 2.10.7 of the Market Rules **[MR 2.10.18 & MR 2.10.19]**.

## **2.5. Notification to Market Advisory Committee**

- 2.5.1. Once it has published a Procedure Change Proposal under step 2.3, the Responsible Procedure Administrator must notify all members of the MAC and advise them whether it considers that the MAC should be convened in relation to the Procedure Change Proposal, giving reasons why. This notification must be in writing and made within one Business Day of publishing the Procedure Change Proposal.
- 2.5.2. The Rule Change Panel must convene a meeting of the MAC, prior to the close of submissions, in relation to the Procedure Change Proposal if:
  - (a) the Responsible Procedure Administrator considers that advice on the Procedure Change Proposal is required from the MAC; or
  - (b) two or more members of the MAC have written to the Rule Change Panel indicating they consider that advice on the Procedure Change Proposal is required from the MAC **[MR 2.10.9]**.

This must be done with sufficient time to allow the Rule Change Panel to convene a meeting of the MAC prior to the close of submissions, in relation to the Procedure Change Proposal.

## **2.6. Submissions on Procedure Change Proposals**

- 2.6.1. Any person may make a submission on a Procedure Change Proposal using the Procedure Change Submission form **[MR 2.10.7]**. A copy of this form is available on the Market Web Site.
- 2.6.2. A submission on a Procedure Change Proposal must be made to the Responsible Procedure Administrator by email, by the due date published.

## **2.7. Procedure Change Report**

- 2.7.1. Following the closing date of submissions, the Responsible Procedure Administrator must prepare a Procedure Change Report **[MR 2.10.10]**.
- 2.7.2. Prior to preparing a Procedure Change Report, the Responsible Procedure Administrator must conduct an assessment of the proposed changes to ensure consistency with:

- (a) the Wholesale Market Objectives; and
  - (b) the Market Rules, Electricity Industry Act and Regulations **[MR 2.9.3]**.
- 2.7.3. The Responsible Procedure Administrator must publish the Procedure Change Report it prepared **[MR 2.10.12, 2.10.12A, 2.10.12B and 2.10.12.C]**. The Procedure Change Report must contain all of the information outlined in clause 2.10.13 of the Market Rules.
- 2.7.4. In proposing a date and time for procedure changes to commence, the Responsible Procedure Administrator must be of the view that Rule Participants will have sufficient time between publication of the Procedure Change Report and commencement of the Market Procedure to implement any changes required **[MR 2.10.13]**.

## **2.8. Commencement of Market Procedures**

- 2.8.1. A procedure change will commence on the date set by the Responsible Procedure Administrator in the relevant Procedure Change Report **[MR 2.11.3]**.
- 2.8.2. The Responsible Procedure Administrator may extend the time and date for commencement of procedure changes and must publish a notice of extension, including a revised time and date for commencement of the Market Procedure **[MR 2.11.4]**.