

Wholesale Electricity Market Rule Change Proposal Submission

RC_2014_09: Managing Market Information (Draft Rule Change Report)

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

While Alinta Energy was generally supportive of the initial rule change proposal, which sought to improve transparency in the WEM and remove complexity, we were concerned that:

- the broad discretion afforded under the proposed framework created a risk to Market Participants that commercially sensitive information could be released; and
- there could be retrospective application of any changes in the status of commercially sensitive information that had been previously provided by participants to the market operator.

Given these concerns, and the other issues identified by the Rule Change Panel in the draft report, Alinta Energy supports the panel's draft decision to reject the proposal.

Further, Alinta Energy agrees with the Rule Change Panel that the effectiveness of the current framework depends on how AEMO implements its obligations under clause 10.2.1 to assign a confidentiality status for each type of market information. Alinta Energy considers that AEMO must work with the industry to ensure that the confidentiality list is updated to record each type

of market information and the associated confidentiality status. Alinta Energy looks forward to participating in this process.