

Procedure Change Proposal:
Changes to Market Procedure: Notices and
Communications (REPC_2020_01)

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1. Introduction

Section 2.10 of the Market Rules outlines the Procedure Change Process.

Under clause 2.10.1, the Rule Change Panel may initiate a Procedure Change Process in respect of a Market Procedure for which it is responsible by developing a Procedure Change Proposal.

Under clause 2.9.3 of the Market Rules, Market Procedures:

- must:
 - be developed, amended or replaced in accordance with the process in the Market Rules;
 - be consistent with the Wholesale Market Objectives; and
 - be consistent with these Market Rules, the Electricity Industry Act and Regulations; and
- may be amended or replaced in accordance with section 2.10 and must be amended or replaced in accordance with section 2.10 where a change is required to maintain consistency with Amending Rules.

The Wholesale 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.

2. Reason for the Procedure Change Proposal

On 24 November 2020, the Minister for Energy published the *Wholesale Electricity Market Amendment (Tranche 1 Amendments) Rules 2020* in the Government Gazette.¹ Some of these Amending Rules will commence on 1 February 2021, including amendments to terminology in the Market Rules to:

- change “Market Rules” to “WEM Rules”; and
- change “Market Procedures” to WEM Procedures”.

These modifications to the terminology in the Market Rules will need to be reflected in the Market Procedure: Notices and Communications from 1 February 2021.

¹ The Amending Rules are available on the Rule Change Panel’s website at <https://www.erawa.com.au/rule-change-panel/market-rule-changes>.

With an aim to go to a more paperless environment, it is also proposed to abolish the facsimile option for communications.

It is proposed to also remove the return receipt requirement for email communications, as this is no longer required and is not a current practice.

Finally, it is proposed to update the Rule Change Panel's email address.

3. Proposed Amended Market Procedure

The proposed amended Market Procedure (with the proposed amendments in mark-up) is available on the Rule Change Panel's website at http://www.erawa.com.au/rule-change-panel/market-procedure-changes/repc_2020_01.

A clean copy of the proposed amended Market Procedure is also available on this webpage.

4. Consultation to Date

The Market Advisory Committee was provided a preliminary draft of the Procedure Change Proposal by email on 11 December 2020 for comment by 18 December 2020.

5. Consistency with the Wholesale Market Objectives

The proposed amendments reflect the forthcoming changes to the Market Rules and improve the clarity of the Market Procedure. The amendments do not affect the consistency of the procedure with the Wholesale Market Objectives.

As a result, the Rule Change Panel considers that the proposed amended Market Procedure is consistent with the Wholesale Market Objectives.

6. Consistency with the WEM Rules, Electricity Industry Act and Regulations

The Rule Change Panel has reviewed the proposed amended Market Procedure as a whole to ensure compliance of the procedure with the relevant provisions in the:

- Market Rules;
- Electricity Industry Act; and
- Regulations.

7. Timeline

This Procedure Change Proposal has been prepared and published in accordance with the Procedure Change Process in section 2.10 of the Market Rules.

The projected timeline for progressing this proposal is:



8. Call for Submissions

The Rule Change Panel invites interested stakeholders to make submissions on this Procedure Change Proposal. The submission period is 20 Business Days from the publication date of the Procedure Change Proposal. Submissions must be delivered to RCP Support by **5:00 PM on Thursday, 21 January 2021**.

The Rule Change Panel prefers to receive submissions by email, using the submission form available at <http://aemo.com.au/Electricity/Wholesale-Electricity-Market-WEM/Procedures/Procedure-changes> sent to Support@rcpwa.com.au.

Submissions may also be sent to the Rule Change Panel by post addressed to:

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