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Wholesale Electricity Market Procedure Change Proposal

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Procedure change title:	Amendments to Market Procedure for IMS Interface
Market Procedure(s) affected:	Market Procedure for IMS Interface

Introduction

The IMO or System Management, as applicable, may initiate the Procedure Change Process by developing a Procedure Change Proposal. Rule Participants may notify the IMO or System Management, as applicable, where they consider an amendment or replacement of a Market Procedure would be appropriate.

If an Amending Rule requires the IMO or System Management to develop new Market Procedures or to amend or replace existing Market Procedures, then the IMO or System Management, as applicable, is responsible for the development, amendment, or replacement of Market Procedures so as to comply with the Amending Rule.

Market Procedures:

- (a) must:
- i. be developed, amended or replaced in accordance with the process in the Market Rules;
 - ii. be consistent with the Wholesale Market Objectives;
 - iii. be consistent with the Market Rules, the Electricity Industry Act and Regulations; and



- (b) may be amended or replaced in accordance with clause 2.10 and must be amended or replaced in accordance with clause 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.

Details of Procedure Change Requested

1. Provide a reason for the proposed new, amended or replacement Market Procedure:

On 1 July 2012, the IMO commenced the Market Procedure for IMS Interface. This Market Procedure was developed to support the transfer of information between the IMO and System Management by detailing the parameters that the IMO and System Management must use when providing each other information under the Market Rules.

The amendments in this Procedure Change Proposal reflect the changes required to implement the proposed Amending Rules in *RC_2012_11: Transparency of Outage Information*.¹ Specifically, the changes provide details of the description, transfer timing, references to the Market Rules and the data elements required to improve the transparency of information with respect to Outages.

The IMO is seeking submissions regarding this proposal. The submission period is 20 Business Days from the publication of this Procedure Change Proposal. Submissions must be delivered to the IMO by **5:00 pm on Friday, 27 September 2013**.

¹ http://www.imowa.com.au/RC_2012_11

The IMO prefers to receive submissions by email to market.development@imowa.com.au using the submission form available on the following webpage: <http://www.imowa.com.au/procedure-changes>.

Submissions may also be sent to the IMO by fax or post, addressed to:

Independent Market Operator
Attn: Group Manager, Development & Capacity
PO Box 7096
Cloisters Square, Perth, WA 6850
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2. Provide the wording of the amended Procedure

The proposed amended Procedure is provided as an attachment to this proposal.

3. Describe how the proposed changes to the Market Procedure would be consistent with the Market Rules, the Electricity Industry Act and Regulations

The proposed amended Procedure has been reviewed as a whole by the IMO to ensure compliance of the Procedure with the relevant provisions in the:

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

4. Describe how the proposed changes to the Market Procedure would be consistent with the Wholesale Market Objectives

The steps described in the proposed amended Market Procedure for IMS Interface specify the necessary technical details and standards required for System Management and the IMO to follow when providing each other with information.

The IMO considers that the steps are drafted in a way that does not change the operation or objectives of the Market Rules, but rather supplements the Market Rules by outlining the necessary processes to be followed by the IMO and System Management. As a result the IMO considers that the amended Procedure, as a whole, is consistent with the Wholesale Market Objectives.

Further, this proposal will provide the necessary process steps to achieve the intent of the Amending Rules proposed in *RC_2012_11: Transparency of Outage Information*. The IMO considers that the proposed Amending Rules, supported by this Procedure Change Proposal, will improve transparency around outage planning. This will result in improved economic efficiency in electricity generation (Wholesale Market Objective (a)), and improved efficiency in price outcomes for consumers (Wholesale Market Objective (d)).

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