
Wholesale Electricity Market – Procedure Change Proposal

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Market Procedure(s) affected:	Market Procedure: Facility Registration, Facility de-Registration and Facility Transfer

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; and
 - 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:

The Facility Registration Procedure covers the process by which a Rule Participant can apply to register its Facilities for the purpose of the Market Rules or subsequently apply to de-register or transfer a Facility. The procedure describes the application process for the Rule Participant and the process to be applied by the IMO in processing applications.

The IMO proposes to update the procedure to reflect the rule change “Capacity Credits and Facility Aggregation” RC_2008_10, which commenced on 1 July 2008. This rule change permits Rule Participants to aggregate their facilities and aggregate the Capacity Credits assigned to those facilities subject to certain conditions.

The proposed amendments will bring about a closer alignment of the procedure with the requirements of the Market Rules and the Regulations.

2. Provide the wording of the amended Procedure

The proposed amendments to the current Market Procedure: Facility Registration, Facility de-Registration and Facility Transfer are provided as an attachment to this proposal.