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Dear Mr Dawson

**AMENDMENT TO CLAUSES OF THE WHOLESALE ELECTRICITY MARKET
RULES – PROTECTED PROVISIONS**

I refer to your correspondence dated 23 February 2012 requesting my approval of proposed amendments to various clauses of the Wholesale Electricity Market Rules (the Rules) as part of the Rule Change Proposal to introduce a new Balancing and Load Following Ancillary Services market.

Subsequent to your letter, IMO officials have advised the Office of Energy that no changes are proposed to current protected provisions 2.10.1, 2.10.2, 2.10.3 and 2.16.11 as part of the Rule Change Proposal. Therefore, my approval is not required to amend these existing protected provisions.

Noting that the proposed amendments will support the market objectives, I am pleased to give my approval for the remaining proposed amendments to Protected Provisions listed in your letter, in accordance with clause 2.8.5 of the Rules.

Kind regards

Hon Peter Collier MLC
MINISTER FOR ENERGY
20 MAR 2012