

**ADDENDUM TO DRAFT RULE CHANGE REPORT:
RC_2009_08: Updates to Commissioning Provisions**

BACKGROUND

RC_2009_08 proposes to remove the inconsistency in the Wholesale Electricity Market Rules (Market Rules) in relation to the treatment of Facilities in the energy market when commissioning. The IMO proposed:

- A separation of the treatment of commissioning in the Reserve Capacity Market and the energy market; and
- The introduction of a concept of allowing for late commissioning in the Market Rules. In particular, new generators can conduct commissioning tests post 30 November without:
 - needing to operate in the energy market;
 - submitting Resource Plans;
 - being subject to UDAP and DDAP payments; and
- That the late commissioning period be restricted to a defined period of four months, commencing from the date and time of the first connection to the South West Interconnected System (SWIS) for testing purposes. System Management must not approve a commissioning date more than four months after this initial connection date.

It should be noted that Facilities commissioning after 30 November will still be subject to any Capacity Cost Refunds arising from the late commissioning (as they are under the current rules).

Additionally, the IMO proposed that:

- System Management be able to grant permission for new generators, who are carrying out Commissioning Tests, to synchronise; and
- The information supplied to System Management under clause 3.21A.4 regarding Commissioning Test plans is to be supplied to the IMO for publication (as SWIS restricted information). This is to allow greater visibility of Commissioning Test programming.

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The IMO notes that the Draft Rule Change Report did not specifically cover all issues raised in System Management's submission regarding the transparency of Commissioning Test plans. In particular, System Management suggested that:



“if the IMO chose to continue with this change in general, then it is submitted that this obligation should be imposed directly on the relevant Market Generator, rather than System Management”.

In order to fully assess all the issues raised by System Management regarding transparency of Commissioning Test plans the IMO requests that participants specifically submit on this aspect during the second consultation period (in addition to System Management’s other points regarding transparency). In making its final decision, the IMO will also take into account the views expressed by stakeholders at the Rules Workshop held on Monday 24 August 2009.

The IMO acknowledges that, as this is not contained in the Draft Rule Change Report, this addendum has no formal standing. However, the IMO invites Market Participants to make submissions on the Draft Rule Change Report as previously notified, and if considered appropriate the IMO invites Market Participants to take into account the information contained in this addendum.

As previously notified, the submission period submissions must be delivered to the IMO by 5.00pm on **Friday 4 September 2009**.

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