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## Wholesale Electricity Market Market Rule Change Proposal

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<b>Urgency:</b>	Normal Rule Change Process
<b>Change Proposal title:</b>	<b>Opportunistic Maintenance outage approval timeframe</b>
<b>Market Rule(s) affected:</b>	3.19.2(a)

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### Introduction

This Market Rule Change Proposal can be posted, faxed or emailed to:

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The discussion paper should explain how it will enable the Market Rules to better contribute to the achievement of the wholesale electricity market objectives. The objectives of the market 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.

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## Details of the proposed Market Rule Change

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### 1) Describe the concern with the existing Market Rules that is to be addressed by the proposed Market Rule change:

Clause 3.19.2(a) of the Market Rules provides that Market Participants and Network Operators must submit requests to System Management for approval of day-ahead Opportunistic Maintenance between 6am and 10am on the Scheduling Day.

These timing requirements are rigid and present some difficulties for Market Participants to maximise their ability to obtain an approved day-ahead Opportunistic Maintenance. A further issue is that the file containing outages that System Management is aware of is provided to the IMO shortly after 8am. This may operate to further confine the ability of a Market Participant to seek a day-ahead Opportunistic Maintenance.

System Management proposes an amendment to clause 3.19.2(a) to extend the timeframe to apply to the submission of requests for day-ahead Opportunistic Maintenance.

It is proposed that a Market Participant or Network Operator may make a request for day-ahead Opportunistic Maintenance between 10am on the day prior to the Scheduling Day to 10am on the Scheduling Day.

Increasing the window of time to seek day-ahead Opportunistic Maintenance would increase the opportunity for Market Participants and Network Operators to make use of this outage option.

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### 2) Explain the reason for the degree of urgency:

System Management submits that the above rule change proceeds under the normal rule change process.

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### 3) Provide any proposed specific changes to particular Rules (for clarity, please use the current wording of the Rules and place a ~~strike through~~ where words are deleted and underline words added)

3.19.2 Market Participants and Network Operators may request that System Management approve an outage of a Facility or Item of equipment that is not a Scheduled Outage (“Opportunistic Maintenance”) to be carried out during a Trading Day,

- (a) at any time between ~~6:00 AM~~ 10:00 AM on the day prior to the Scheduling Day and 10:00 AM on the Scheduling Day for that Trading Day, where the

request relates to an outage to occur at any time and for any duration during the following Trading Day; or

(b)

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**4) Describe how the proposed Market Rule change would allow the Market Rules to better address the Wholesale Market Objectives:**

This proposed Rule Change would better address objectives (a) and (d) of the Market Objectives. The change as submitted would promote the economically efficient, safe and reliable production and supply of electricity and electricity related services and minimise the long term cost of electricity supplied to customers in the in the South West interconnected system.

The rule change would increase the ability of a Market Participant or Network Operator to utilise the day-ahead Opportunistic Maintenance option thereby aiding reliable and safe electricity supply and potentially minimising long term costs.

**5) Provide any identifiable costs and benefits of the change:**

Benefits:

- The changes would amend obligations that are currently inflexible and present a difficulty to Market Participants and Network Operators in making use of the day-ahead Opportunistic Maintenance process.

Costs:

- No costs are anticipated to arise due to the changes.
- No changes to WEMS are required.
- No changes to Participant process related costs are required.