



Independent Market Operator

Rule Change Notice

**Title: Excluding Providing Price
Related Standing Data to
System Management**

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Standard Rule Change Process

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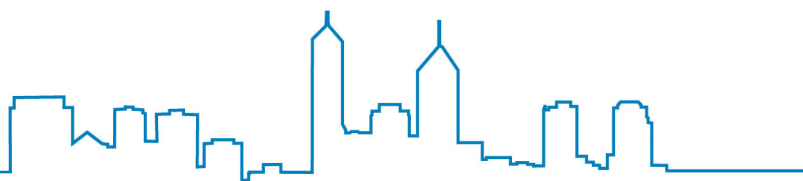
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1. THE RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL

1.1. The Submission

On 15 October 2010 the Independent Market Operator (IMO) submitted a Rule Change Proposal regarding amendments to clauses 2.34.1 of the Wholesale Electricity Market Rules (Market Rules).

This Rule Change Notice is published according to clause 2.5.7 of the Market Rules, which requires the Independent Market Operator (IMO) to publish a notice when it has developed a Rule Change Proposal.

1.1.1 Submission details

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Change Proposal title:	Excluding Providing Price Related Standing Data to System Management
Market Rule affected:	2.34.1

1.2. Details of the Proposal

Background

Standing Data is the data required to be maintained by the IMO for use by:

- the IMO in market processes; and
- System Management in dispatch processes.

Standing Data includes all the data described in Appendix 1 of the Market Rules.

Clause 2.34.1(b) of the Market Rules currently requires the IMO to provide Standing Data to System Management. However, some of the information in Appendix 1 relates to prices (for example (c) v and vi, (h) vi and (i) xA).

A similar problem existed with clause 2.34.12 in that the IMO had an obligation to consult with System Management before making a decision to require a Market Participant to provide updated Standing Data. This provision applied to all standing data even that related to pricing.

In 2008 System Management submitted a Rule Change Proposal¹ to rectify this issue, noting that:

- “System Management considers that it is inappropriate that the provision continue in its current broad form, and suggests it be constrained to only non-pricing related data”; and
- “The changes [from RC_2008_04] would delete an inappropriate provision, which is System Management being consulted about price related standing data”.

Issue

In its Rule Change Proposal the IMO notes that the Market Rules currently require the IMO to provide Standing Data, including price related data, to System Management. The IMO considers that this is inappropriate and inconsistent with the changes arising from RC_2008_04.

Proposal

The IMO proposes to amend the Market Rules to ensure that price related Standing Data is not provided to System Management.

1.3. The Proposal and the Wholesale Market Objectives

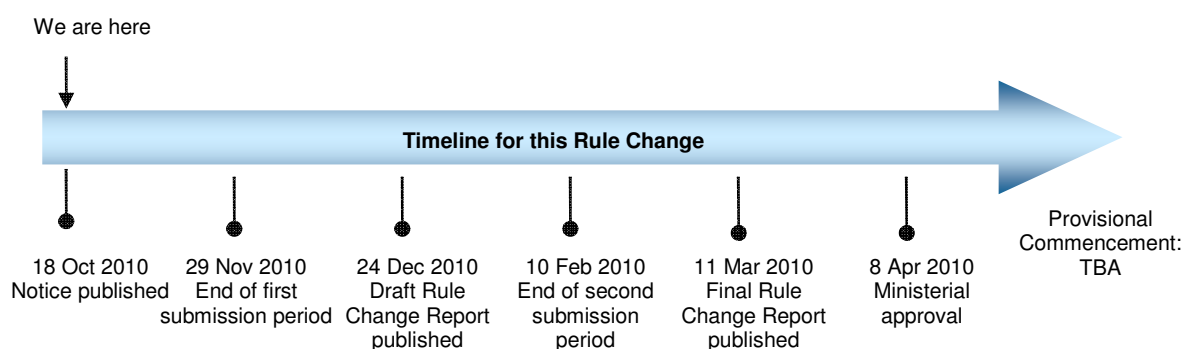
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2. WHETHER THE PROPOSAL WILL BE PROGRESSED FURTHER

The IMO has decided to proceed with this proposal on the basis that its preliminary assessment indicated that the proposal is consistent with the Wholesale Market Objectives.

This Rule Change Proposal will be processed using the Standard Rule Change Process, described in section 2.7 of the Market Rules.

The projected timelines for processing this proposal are:



¹ Refer: www.imowa.com.au/RC_2008_04

3. CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The IMO is seeking submissions regarding this proposal. The submission period is 30 Business Days from the publication date of this Rule Change Notice. Submissions must be delivered to the IMO by 5pm on **Monday, 29 November 2010**.

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

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

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Attn: General Manager, Development
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4. PROPOSED AMENDING RULES

The IMO proposes the following amendments to the Market Rules (~~deleted text~~, added text):

2.34.1. The IMO must:

- (a) maintain a record of the Standing Data described in Appendix 1, including the date from which the data applies; and
- (b) provide the Standing Data excluding any Standing Data that concerns prices, and any revisions of ~~the~~ that Standing Data, to System Management as soon as practicable.

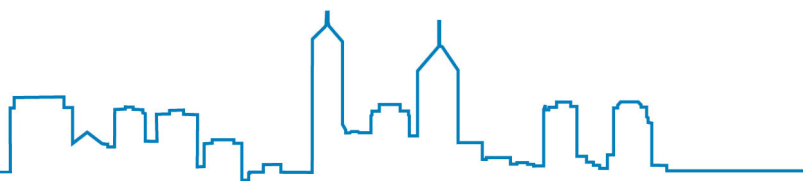
5. ABOUT RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS

Market Rule 2.5.1 of the Market Rules provides that any person (including the IMO) may make a Rule Change Proposal by completing a Rule Change Proposal Form and submit this to the IMO.

The IMO will assess the proposal and, within 5 Business Days of receiving the proposal form, will notify the proponent whether the proposal will be progressed further.

In order for the proposal to be progressed the change proposal must explain how it will enable the Market Rules to better contribute to the achievement of the Wholesale Market Objectives. The 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.

A Rule Change Proposal can be processed using a Standard Rule Change Process or a Fast Track Rule Change Process. The standard process involves a combined 10 weeks public submission period, while the fast track process involves the IMO consulting with Rule Participants who either advise the IMO that they wish to be consulted or the IMO considers have an interest in the change.