

EXTENSION OF THE TIMEFRAMES FOR SECOND SUBMISSION PERIOD AND PREPARING THE FINAL RULE CHANGE REPORT UNDER CLAUSE 2.5.12 OF THE MARKET RULES FOR RC_2010_24

In accordance with clause 2.5.10 of the Market Rules, the Independent Market Operator (IMO) has extended the timeframes for the second submission period and preparing the Final Rule Change Report for the Rule Change Proposal titled "Adjustment of Relevant Level for Intermittent Generation Capacity" (Ref: RC_2010_24).

The dates have been extended as follows:

- Second submission period is extended until **Thursday, 20 January 2011**; and
- Publication of the Final Rule Change Report is extended until **Friday, 1 April 2011**.

Dates for subsequent steps of the rule change process are extended accordingly.

Reason for the extension

During the 13 October 2010 Market Advisory Committee (MAC) meeting the IMO noted that RC_2010_24 includes some overlap with the potential outcomes of the Work Package 2 work that had been undertaken by the Renewable Energy Generation Working Group¹. It was noted that any Amending Rules to the calculation of the Relevant Level resulting from RC_2010_24 would provisionally commence on 1 April 2011. These amendments would be likely superseded by any Amending Rules that may result from any future Rule Change Proposal regarding the valuation methodology for Intermittent Generators (Work Package 2), which the IMO intends to shortly progress. The changes contemplated by RC_2010_24 will be included in any valuation methodology selected for Work Package 2.

Given this related work stream, the MAC advised that it would be appropriate that the final decision on RC_2010_24 be extended until the latest possible time where, if the Renewable Energy Generation Work Package 2 Rule Change Proposal is not likely to have been approved and operational in time for the 2011 Relevant Level calculation, this proposal (RC_2010_24) could progress and the system changes be completed.

The second submission period and the period for preparing the Final Rule Change Report need to be extended to ensure that the implementation of any future Rule Change Proposal regarding the valuation methodology for Intermittent Generators (Work Package 2) and RC_2010_24 can coincide. This will ensure the market does

¹ See: www.imowa.com.au/REGWG



not have to bear the costs of potentially two system changes within quick succession of each other.

Proposed Work Programme

- The IMO presents its draft decision in the Draft Rule Change Report.
- A second consultation period is held.
- The IMO presents its final decision in the Final Rule Change Report, subject to any future outcomes relating to the valuation methodology for Intermittent Generators.

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