



**Hon Mike Nahan MLA
Treasurer; Minister for Energy;
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Dear Mr Dawson

RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL RC_2013_20 – CONTAINING PROTECTED PROVISIONS (CLAUSE 4.1.19 AND SECTION 4.16)

I refer to your letter dated 15 April 2015 regarding proposed amendments to the Market Rules under Rule Change Proposal RC_2013_20.

This letter confirms my decision, which was verbally communicated to you on 30 April 2015 by my office, to not approve the proposed Amending Rules.

While I have formed a view that the proposed Amending Rules are consistent with the Wholesale Market Objectives, I am entitled to take a broader class of considerations into account in reaching my decision to approve or not approve the proposed Amending Rules.

I expect that Phase Two of the Electricity Market Review will pursue a number of material reforms to processes surrounding the Market Rule Change process, including process governance. I have asked Dr Ray Challen as Chair of the Steering Committee to prioritise this aspect of the reform process.

With these and other important changes underway, I believe that it would be undesirable for me to approve the proposed Amending Rules and I make the decision to not approve the proposed Amending Rules mindful that this decision does not preclude their future consideration and implementation at a future date.

Yours sincerely

**DR MIKE NAHAN MLA
TREASURER; MINISTER FOR ENERGY;
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