

Wholesale Electricity Market Rule Change Proposal Submission

RC_2017_02

Implementation of 30-Minute Balancing Gate Closure

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1. Please provide your views on the proposal, including any objections or suggested revisions.

Alinta Energy welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission to the Rule Change Panel on its Draft Rule Change Report for RC_2017_02 Implementation of 30-Minute Balancing Gate Closure (**Draft Report**).

Alinta Energy notes that the Rule Change Panel's draft decision is to accept the Rule Change Proposal in a modified form. Alinta Energy is supportive of reduced Balancing and LFAS Gate Closure for IPPs and Synergy as outlined in the Draft Report.

The criteria the Rule Change Panel has used to determine its draft decisions have been thoroughly assessed and well-reasoned. Alinta Energy agrees that reduced Balancing Gate Closure will allow generators to make trading decisions closer to real time enabling latest and more accurate information to be used.

Alinta Energy also agrees with shortening Balancing Gate Closure to 90-minutes being the optimal decision as there are minimal costs and implementation time for Market Participants. Reducing Balancing Gate Closure to 60-minutes or shorter will require relatively long implementation times and the period to recoup these costs will be less 24 months until the WEM reform commences.

2. Please indicate the time required for your organisation to implement the change, should it be accepted as proposed.

Alinta Energy estimates it will take less than four weeks to implement the proposed changes.
