

Evolution Plan Ballot Results

1. BACKGROUND

The Market Rules Evolution Plan Issues paper, presented at the 10 June 2009 MAC meeting, identified the areas of the Wholesale Electricity Market Rules (Market Rules) that require further work. These issues have been raised by stakeholders during the consultation process.

The IMO invited MAC members to indicate the relative priority of each of the issues on the list. This prioritisation exercise will assist the IMO to set the work priorities for the next phase of Market development.

The IMO notes that the priorities and timelines, which will be established in consultation with MAC, may change during the three-year period in the circumstances where new high-priority issues are identified and resources have to be diverted to address these issues. The IMO will review and update the Market Rules Evolution Plan six-monthly and present this to MAC for its re-prioritisation annually. An updated Market Rules Evolution Plan will be published on the IMO website following each review.

2. RESULTS FROM MAC BALLOT

Ballot forms were submitted from Alinta, Griffin Energy, Perth Energy, Synergy, Verve Energy, Landfill Gas & Power, the Office of Energy, and the IMO. Table 1 presents the priority ranking of the 13 identified issues based on a simple ranking methodology in order of priority (from the highest to lowest). The breakdown of voting by member is contained in appendix one.

#	Issues	Total	Rank
1	Improved Balancing Mechanism	18	1
3	Review of Reserve Capacity Mechanism	31	2
8	STEM	48	3
4	Closer alignment of gas and electricity nominations	57	4
2	Introducing Markets in Ancillary Services	62	5
11	Settlement simplification	63	6
7	Energy Price Limits	67	7
6	Market Rule Change Process	70	8
13	Ability to use a Resource Plan as a portfolio	73	9
9	Treatment of new small generators	76	10
12	Forced outage conversion	77	11
5	Intermittent Loads	84	12
10	Calculation of loss factors	93	13

3. PROCESS FROM HERE

The IMO will use the results of the ballot as a key input into its short to medium term planning for the evolution of the Market and for setting its work priorities over the coming months.

At the October or November MAC meeting the IMO will present the MAC with a workplan and resource allocation for the following 12 – 18 months.
