



Rule Change Notice: Pilbara ISO Subchapter 10.1 Functions (PRC_2025_01)

This Rule Change Notice is published under clause A2.5.7 of the Pilbara Networks Rules (PNR).

Submitter: Pilbara ISOCO Limited (ISO)

Date submitted: 1 February 2025

The Rule Change Proposal

The ISO proposes two changes related to its long-term coordination and planning functions under subchapter 10.1 of the PNR. The ISO's Rule Change Proposal seeks to defer the inaugural Transmission Development Plan (TDP, Rule 281) and Pilbara Generation Statement of Opportunities (GenSOO, Rule 282), and the associated review of these planning reports (required under Rule 286). Specifically, the ISO's proposal seeks to amend:

- Rule 279 to remove the requirement that the initial TDP and GenSOO are due within two years of the Rules Commencement Date (by 1 July 2025) and instead insert a requirement that these inaugural reports are due by 1 July 2027.
- Rule 286 to remove the requirement that the first associated review is required within two years of the Rules Commencement Date, retaining a requirement that a review is conducted and published at least once every five years.

The ISO outlines that its proposal aligns with the Pilbara electricity objective, by avoiding duplicative work between the ISO's responsibilities under the PNR and Energy Policy WA's work program, specifically the techno-economic modelling and regulatory review underway. Avoiding this duplication is expected to minimise costs and disruptions to Rules Participants in line with Rule 277(2)(a). Further, the ISO notes that the changes would retain flexibility to publish the reports earlier if desired by Pilbara stakeholders.

A copy of the Rule Change Proposal is attached to this notice and provides:

- the relevant references to the PNR and the ISO's proposed amendments to the relevant clauses; and
- the ISO's description of how the proposal will better address the Pilbara electricity objective.

Background of the Proposal Development

The ISO consulted with the Pilbara Advisory Committee (PAC) at its 28 August 2024 meeting prior to commencing the development of a Rule Change Proposal, outlining its proposal and inviting feedback from PAC members.

PAC members were unanimous in their support for the ISO developing a Rule Change Proposal.

A pre-Rule Change Proposal was circulated to PAC members for comment on 24 January 2025, noting that the proposed deferral had been increased to two years. Woodside and BHP provided feedback which will be addressed during the Rule Change Process.

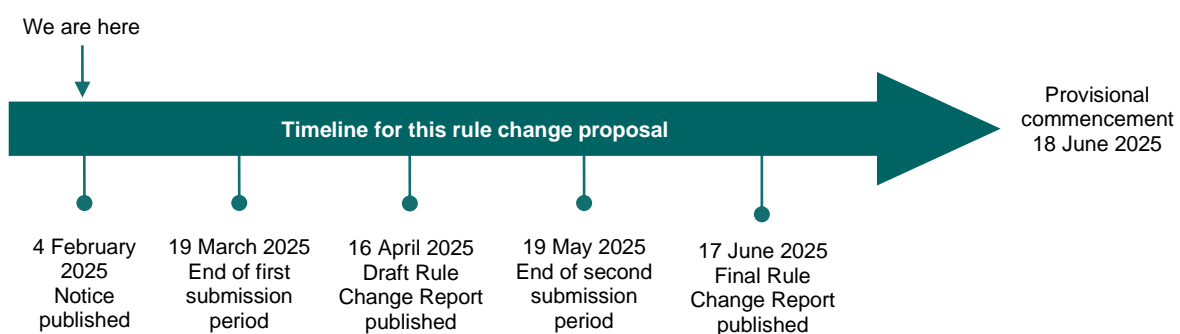
Decision to Progress the Rule Change Proposal

The Coordinator has decided to progress the Rule Change Proposal as the proposal did not meet any of the reasons for not progressing a proposal under clause A2.5.6A of the PNR.

The Coordinator will progress the proposal using the Standard Rule Change Process, as this is the process requested by the ISO, and the criteria for the Fast Track or Abridged Process are not met.

Timeline

In accordance with clauses A2.7.1A to A2.7.8 of the PNR, the projected timeline for processing this proposal is:



Call for Submissions

The Coordinator invites interested stakeholders to make submissions on this Rule Change Proposal. The submission period is 30 Business Days from the Rule Change Notice publication date. Submissions must be delivered to the Coordinator by **5:00pm (AWST) on Wednesday, 19 March 2025**.

The Coordinator prefers to receive submissions by email to energymarkets@demirs.wa.gov.au, using the submission form available at [Rule Change Process \(www.wa.gov.au\)](http://www.wa.gov.au).

Submissions may also be sent to the Coordinator by post, addressed to:

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