
Wholesale Electricity Market – Procedure Change Proposal

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Procedure change title:	Market Procedure for Registration and De-registration of Rule Participants
Market Procedure(s) affected:	Registration of Rule Participants

Introduction

The Independent Market Operator (IMO) or System Management, as applicable, may initiate the Procedure Change Process by developing a Procedure Change Proposal. Rule Participants may notify the IMO or System Management, as applicable, where they consider an amendment or replacement of a Market Procedure would be appropriate.

If an Amending Rule requires the IMO or System Management to develop new Market Procedures or to amend or replace existing Market Procedures, then the IMO or System Management, as applicable, is responsible for the development, amendment, or replacement of Market Procedures so as to comply with the Amending Rule.

Market Procedures:

- (a) must:
 - i. be developed, amended or replaced in accordance with the process in the Market Rules;
 - ii. be consistent with the Wholesale Market Objectives; and
 - iii. be consistent with the Market Rules, the Electricity Industry Act and Regulations; and
- (b) may be amended or replaced in accordance with clause 2.10 and must be amended or replaced in accordance with clause 2.10 where a change is required to maintain consistency with Amending Rules.

The Wholesale Market Objectives are:

- (a) to promote the economically efficient, safe and reliable production and supply of electricity and electricity related services in the South West interconnected system;
- (b) to encourage competition among generators and retailers in the South West interconnected system, including by facilitating efficient entry of new competitors;
- (c) to avoid discrimination in that market against particular energy options and technologies, including sustainable energy options and technologies such as those that make use of renewable resources or that reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions;
- (d) to minimise the long-term cost of electricity supplied to customers from the South West interconnected system; and
- (e) to encourage the taking of measures to manage the amount of electricity used and when it is used.

Details of Procedure Change Requested

1. Provide a reason for the proposed new, amended or replacement Market Procedure:

The proposed amendments to the Market Procedure for Registration of Rule Participants details the process by which new participants can apply for entry to the Market by registering as Market Participants, existing Market Participants can apply to be de-registered as Market Participants, and how the IMO must assess and accept these applications.

The purpose of this Procedure Change Proposal is to:

- Improve the process description for Registration as a Rule Participant;
- Outline the process for De-registration as a Rule Participant; and
- Ensure consistency with any Registration and De-registration related Market Rule changes that have occurred since this procedure was last updated.

2. Provide the wording of the Procedure

The amended Market Procedure for Registration and De-registration of Rule Participants is provided as an attachment to this proposal.

For ease of review, both a clean version and a tracked change version of the proposed amended Market Procedure for Registration and De-registration of Rule Participants has been provided.

3. Describe how the proposed changes to the Market Procedure would be consistent with the Market Rules, the Electricity Industry Act and Regulations

The proposed amended Market Procedure for Registration and De-registration of Rule Participants has been reviewed as a whole by the IMO, and amended accordingly, to ensure compliance of the Market Procedure with the relevant provisions in the:

- Market Rules;
- Electricity Industry Act; and
- Regulations.

4. Describe how the proposed changes to the Market Procedure would be consistent with the Wholesale Market Objectives

The steps described in the proposed amended Market Procedure for Registration and De-registration of Rule Participants facilitates the Registration and De-registration processes prescribed in the Market Rules.

The IMO considers that the steps are drafted in such a way that does not change the operation or objectives of the Market Rules.

As a result the IMO considers that the amended Market Procedure for Registration and De-registration as a whole is consistent with the Wholesale Market Objectives.