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INTRODUCTION

On 13 March 2008, the IMO published a Procedure Change Report from System Management regarding a new Power System Operating Procedure, titled System Restart Overview.

Clause 2.10.14 of the Wholesale Electricity Market Rules requires the IMO to make a decision on Procedure Change Proposals published by System Management within 10 Business Days of a Procedure Change Report being published.

This document, containing the IMO's decision on the Procedure Change Proposal "System Restart Overview", PPLC0001, is published as required under clause 2.10.15 of the Wholesale Electricity Market Rules (Market Rules).

IMO's ASSESSMENT

IMO has assessed the Procedure Change Proposal and decided to approve the new procedure as proposed by System Management.

IMO's REASONS

The IMO has decided to approve the Procedure Change Proposal based on the IMO's assessment that the new procedure is consistent with the Wholesale Market Objectives, the Market Rules, the Electricity Industry Act and relevant Regulations.

System Management submitted that the new procedure will enhance the Rule Participants understanding of:

- when a black system condition occurs;
- the responsibilities of Rule Participants and System Management in the event such a condition occurs; and
- procedures applicable to restarting generators and network elements.

The IMO considers that enhancing participants' understanding of these issues will contribute to reducing the time for restarting the South West Interconnected System (SWIS) in the event of a black system. It will therefore contribute to a more timely system restart process in the SWIS and promote system reliability.

The new procedure therefore promotes market objective a), *to promote the economically efficient, safe and reliable production and supply of electricity and electricity related services in the South West interconnected system.*

In making its decision the IMO has also noted the process involved in producing the new procedure:

- The new procedure was developed in July 2007 in conjunction with the System Management Procedure Change and Development Group. This Working Group, consisting of Rule Participants, was appointed by the Market Advisory Committee (MAC) to assist System Management in considering, assessing and

developing changes to the System Management Market Procedures. At the relevant meeting, the Working Group proposed the following amendments to the procedure, as originally proposed by System Management:

- Section 4: the notification method should be expanded to also include Short Message Service (SMS).
- Section 7: Detailed information should be removed as it is not applicable to the high level nature of this procedure.

The Working Group also requested examples of the guidelines System Management proposes to publish on its website, as outlined in section 2.3 of the procedure.

- System Management amended sections 4 and 7 as proposed by the Working Group. With these amendments the procedure became a high level overview of the system restart process. In regard to the guidelines for system restart, System Management is in the process of developing detailed operational guidelines to support this procedure. These guidelines will outline the information required by System Management under section 2.3 of the procedure.
- Following the publication of the Procedure Change Proposal on the IMO website 11 February 2008, the proposal was subject to a 20 day public submission period. No party submitted any concerns, or proposed any further amendments to the procedure as proposed by System Management.

COMMENCEMENT

This new Market Procedure will commence at 08.00am on 1 April 2008.