



Independent Market Operator

Procedure Change Report

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Procedure for Notices and
Communications**

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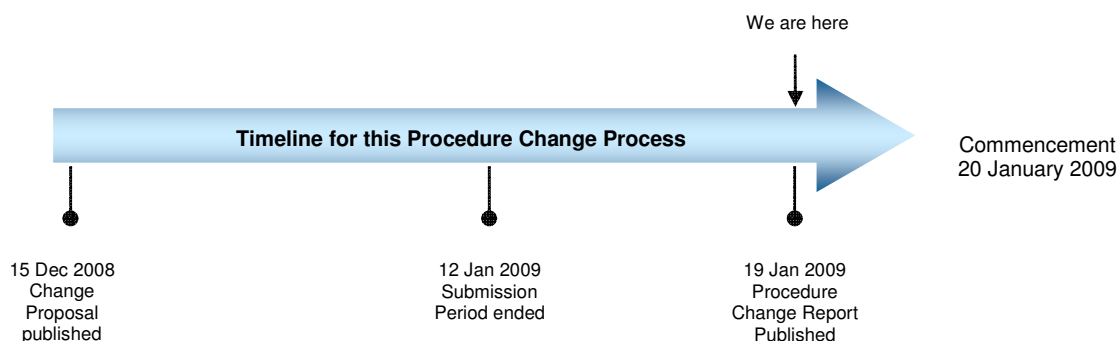
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INTRODUCTION

On 15 December 2008, the Independent Market Operator (IMO) published a Procedure Change Proposal titled “Amendments to Market Procedure for Notices and Communications”. The proposal has been processed according to the Procedure Change Process under section 2.10 of the Wholesale Electricity Market Rules (Market Rules). This process adheres to the following timelines:



The key dates in processing this Procedure Change Proposal are:



This Procedure Change Report is published by the IMO in accordance with clause 2.10.12 of the Market Rules

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PROCEDURE

The current Market Procedure for Notices and Communications was developed before the start of the Wholesale Electricity Market in September 2006. The current procedure covers the methods by which notices and communications are provided to/by the IMO.

Due to a recent change in the IMO’s contact details, the IMO proposed to update the Market Procedure for Notices and Communications to reflect their new courier/physical delivery address.

THE WORDING OF THE AMENDED PROCEDURE

The wording of the amended procedure, as proposed by the IMO, is available on the IMO's website:

http://www.imowa.com.au/Attachments/MarketProcedures/ProcedureChange_2008_16.htm

SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED

The public submission period was between 16 December 2008 and 12 January 2009. The IMO did not receive any submissions.

THE MARKET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The amended procedure was submitted directly into the public consultation process and was not discussed by the Market Advisory Committee (MAC) or the IMO Market Procedure Working Group (which is a group appointed by the MAC to consider IMO Market Procedures, if required).

After publishing the Procedure Change Proposal, the IMO invited all MAC members to contact the IMO if they considered the proposal to be significant enough to require convening the MAC to assess it. No MAC member contacted the IMO in this regard.

THE PROPOSAL AND THE WHOLESALE MARKET OBJECTIVES

The IMO considers that the amended procedure will have the following impact on the market objectives:

Impact	Wholesale Market Objectives
Allow the Market Rules to better address objective	-
Consistent with objective	a, b, c, d and e
Inconsistent with objective	-

THE IMO'S DECISION

No party expressed any concerns regarding the proposed amended procedure for Notices and Communications. The IMO therefore finds it appropriate to adopt the amended procedure as proposed in its Procedure Change Proposal.

The amended procedure is published on the IMO's website, together with this Procedure Change Report.

COMMENCEMENT

The amendments to the Market Procedure for Notices and Communications are of an administrative nature and will not require Rule Participants or the IMO to implement any procedural or system amendments before it can commence.

The amended procedure for Notices and Communications will commence at 08.00am on 20 January 2009.

GENERAL ABOUT PROCEDURES AND PROCEDURE CHANGES

Clause 2.9.3 of the Market Rules states that Market Procedures:

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

The IMO or System Management, as applicable, may initiate a 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 Amending Rules require 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 of amendments to or replacement for Market Procedures so as to comply with the Amending Rules.