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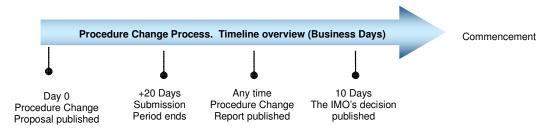
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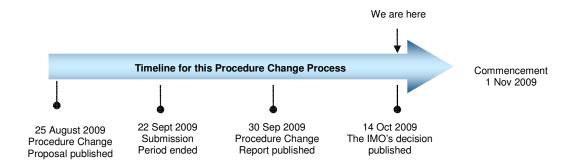
1. INTRODUCTION

On 25 August 2009, the Independent Market Operator (IMO) published a Procedure Change Proposal from System Management regarding the proposed amended Power System Operation Procedure (PSOP): Cleansing of Generation Facility MWh Output Data. The proposal has been processed according to the Procedure Change Process described in clause 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:



Clause 2.10.14 of the Market Rules requires the IMO to make a decision whether to approve a proposed PSOP or amendment to or replacement for a PSOP published by System Management.¹ This approval is required within 10 Business Days of a Procedure Change Report being published.

The IMO's decision is to accept the PSOP as proposed by System Management and amended following the consultation process. The details of the IMO's assessment are set out in section 4 of this report.

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¹ Market Procedures include the PSOPs developed by System Management. Refer to Chapter 11 of the Market Rules for further details.

This document, containing the IMO's decision on the proposed PSOP: Cleansing of Generation Facility MWh Output Data (PPCL0010), is published as required by clause 2.10.15 of the Market Rules.

All documents related to this proposed PSOP can be found on the IMO website: http://www.imowa.com.au/PPCL0010

2. THE PROCEDURE CHANGE PROPOSAL

2.1 Details of the Proposal

In its proposal, System Management noted that the PSOPs were originally prepared prior to the commencement of the Wholesale Electricity Market (Market). Now, with several years experience in performing Market functions, System Management has begun to review the PSOPs to ensure that they accurately reflect System Management's performance of its functions.

In addition, the original PSOPs included significant overlaps with the Market Rules and also attempt to paraphrase Market Rules requirements. Consequently, System Management has reviewed the operation of PSOP: Cleansing of Generation Facility MWh Output Data, and has amended it to better reflect both the performance of market functions and changes to the Market Rules that have occurred since the commencement of the Market on 21 September 2006.

System Management notes that the amendments have been subject to consultation with the public, within the System Management PSOP Working Group (constituted under the auspices of the Market Advisory Committee (MAC)) and with the IMO.

System Management considers that the amended procedure represents both a consensus outcome and a procedure that is consistent with the requirements of the Market Rules.

3. PUBLIC CONSULTATION PERIOD

3.1 Submissions received

The public submission period was between 26 August 2009 and 22 September 2009. No submissions were received during this time.

4. THE IMO'S ASSESSMENT

In determining whether to approve the PSOP: Cleansing of Generation Facility MWh Output Data, the IMO has assessed the proposed amended PSOP for consistency with the provisions outlined in clause 2.9.3 of the Market Rules.

In particular, clause 2.9.3 outlines that PSOPs must:

 be developed, amended or replaced in accordance with the process in these Market Rules;



- be consistent with the Wholesale Market Objectives; and
- be consistent with these Market Rules, the Electricity Industry Act and Regulations.

In accordance with clause 2.10.15(c), the IMO has also reviewed the commencement date proposed by System Management to ensure that it will allow sufficient time after the date of publication of the Procedure Change Report for Rule Participants to implement changes required by it.

The IMO's assessment is outlined in the following sections.

4.1 Wholesale Market Objectives

The proposed PSOP: Cleansing of Generation Facility MWh Output Data details the processes that System Management will follow to monitor Rule Participants' compliance with the Market Rules and PSOPs, and to provide information about breaches, or other information the IMO may request, to the IMO.

The IMO considers that the steps are drafted in a way that does not change the operation or objectives of the Market Rules. As a result the IMO considers that the proposed amended PSOP: Cleansing of Generation Facility MWh Output as a whole is consistent with the Wholesale Market Objectives.

4.2 Market Rules, the Electricity Industry Act and Regulations

The IMO considers that the proposed PSOP: Cleansing of Generation Facility MWh Output Data is consistent, as a whole, with:

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

The IMO also considers that the proposed amended PSOP is consistent with all other Market Procedures.

4.3 Implementation of the amended Power System Operation Procedure

From discussions held with System Management and at the Working Group, there is no evidence to suggest that the proposed amended PSOP: Cleansing of Generation Facility MWh Output Data will require Rule Participants, the IMO or System Management to implement any procedural or system amendments before it can commence. Consequently, the IMO considers commencement at 08.00am on 1 November 2009 will allow Rule Participants sufficient time from the date of publication of System Management's Procedure Change Report to ensure compliance with the amended PSOP.



4.4 Power System Operation Procedures Working Group

In making its decision, the IMO has noted the process involved in producing the PSOP. In particular, the proposed amended PSOP: Cleansing of Generation Facility MWh Output Data was discussed by the Working Group at the 22 May 2009 meeting. The Working Group is a group appointed by the MAC to develop, consider and assess changes to System Management PSOPs that the Market Rules require System Management to develop.

System Management noted in its Procedure Change Report that it had adopted all recommendations made by Working Group members into the PSOP. The IMO has reviewed the Working Group's recommendations and confirms that these have been included in the PSOP.

5. THE IMO'S DECISION

The IMO's decision is to approve the amended PSOP: Cleansing of Generation Facility MWh Output Data as proposed by System Management in its Procedure Change Report.

5.1 Reasons for the decision

The IMO's decision is based on its assessment that the amended PSOP:

- is consistent with the Wholesale Market Objectives;
- is consistent with the Market Rules, the Electricity Industry Act and Regulations; and
- requires no procedural or system changes prior to implementation.

Additional detail outlining the analysis behind the IMO's reasons is outlined in section 3 of this report.

6. THE AMENDED POWER SYSTEM OPERATION PROCEDURE

6.1 Commencement

The amended PSOP: Cleansing of Generation Facility MWh Output Data will commence at 08.00am on 1 November 2009.

6.2 Wording of the amended Power System Operation Procedure

The wording of the amended PSOP: Cleansing of Generation Facility MWh Output Data, as proposed by System Management, is available on the IMO's website: http://www.imowa.com.au/Procedure-Changes

