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## Wholesale Electricity Market - Pre Market Rule Change Discussion Paper

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<b>Market Rule(s) affected:</b>	2.27.2, 11

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### Introduction

Market Rule 2.5.1 of the Wholesale Electricity Market Rules provides that any person (including the IMO) may make a Rule Change Proposal by completing a Rule Change Proposal Form that must be submitted to the Independent Market Operator.

This Change Proposal can be posted, faxed or emailed to:

**Independent Market Operator**

Attn: Dora Guzeleva, Manager Market Administration  
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Cloisters Square, Perth, WA 6850

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The Independent Market Operator will assess the proposal and, within 5 Business Days of receiving this Rule Change Proposal form, will notify you whether the Rule Change Proposal will be further progressed.

In order for the proposal to be progressed, all fields below must be completed and the change proposal must explain how it will enable the Market Rules to better contribute to the achievement of the wholesale electricity market objectives. The objectives of the market 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.

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## Details of the proposed Market Rule Change

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### 1. Describe the concern with the existing Market Rules that is to be addressed by the proposed Market Rule change:

Western Power are proposing changes to the Market Rules to:

- document the differences in approaches to loss factor between distribution and transmission – distribution losses represent average losses where as transmission losses represent average marginal losses. The changes are consistent with the National Electricity Rules (specifically section 3.6.2 (e) (4) and 3.6.3 (b) (1) of the National Electricity Rules)
- reduce the number of individual distribution loss factor calculations and associated high cost by aligning the thresholds for individual distribution loss factors with the thresholds in the National Electricity Rules (specifically section 3.6.3 (b) (2) of the National Electricity Rules)

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### 2. Explain the reason for the degree of urgency:

This market rule change proposal and the associated market procedure change proposal are required prior to the calculation of loss factors in the second quarter of 2008.

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### 3. Provide any proposed specific changes to particular Rules: (for clarity, please use the current wording of the Rules and place a ~~strike through~~ where words are deleted and underline words added)

2.27.2. In calculating Loss Factors, Network Operators must apply the following principles:

(a) Loss Factors are static and apply to each connection point until new Loss Factors are calculated in accordance with clause 2.27.1 or 2.27.4(d);

~~(b) Loss Factors must represent the marginal losses for a connection point relative to the Reference Node, averaged over all Trading Intervals in a year, weighted by the absolute value of the net demand at that connection point during the Trading Interval;~~

(c) Loss Factors must be calculated using:

- i. generation and load meter data from the preceding 12 months; or
- ii. ~~for a new facility or a Non-Dispatchable Load, any other relevant data provided by the Market Participant and as agreed with the Network Operator and the IMO; and~~
- iii. ~~an appropriate network load flow software package; and~~

(d) Loss Factors must include transmission and distribution losses determined separately;

(da) Transmission loss factors must represent the marginal losses for a transmission connection point relative to the Reference Node, averaged over all Trading Intervals in a year, weighted by the absolute value of the net demand at that transmission connection point during the Trading Interval;

(db) Distribution loss factors must represent the average losses for electricity transmitted on a distribution system between a distribution connection point and a transmission connection point;

(dc) Transmission loss factors must be calculated using an appropriate network load flow software package;

(e) a specific transmission loss factors Loss Factor must be calculated for each of the following connection points on the transmission system:

- i. Scheduled Generator;
- ii. Non-Scheduled Generator;
- iii. Curtailable Load;
- iv. Interruptible Load;
- v. Dispatchable Load; and
- vi. Non-Dispatchable Load above 1000kVA peak consumption; and
- vii. connections to a distribution system

(ea) the distribution loss factors for a connection point on the distribution system will be either:

(A) individually calculated distribution loss factors derived in accordance with the documented Market Procedure for each of the following types of connection points on the distribution system:

- i. Scheduled Generator above 10,000 kVA peak generation;
- ii. Non-Scheduled Generator above 10,000 kVA peak generation;
- iii. Curtailable Load above 10,000 kVA peak demand or 40 GWh annual consumption quantity;
- iv. Interruptible Load above 10,000 kVA peak demand or 40 GWh annual consumption quantity;

v. Dispatchable Load above 10,000 kVA peak demand or 40 GWh annual consumption quantity; and

vi. Non-Dispatchable Load above 10,000 kVA peak demand or 40 GWh annual consumption quantity; or

(B) average distribution loss factors for each customer group derived in accordance with the documented Market Procedure using the measured annual losses on the distribution system for connection points on the distribution system not of the type described in clause 2.27.2 (ea) (A); or

(C) a Scheduled Generator or Non-Scheduled Generator of up to 10,000 kVA peak generation may request individually calculated distribution loss factor derived in accordance with the documented Market Procedure only if the generator meets the reasonable costs of the Network Operator in performing the necessary calculations.

(f) the same Loss Factor will apply to all Non-Dispatchable Loads less than 1000kVA peak consumption, and will be determined on an averaged basis. An average Loss Factor must be determined in accordance with the documented Market Procedure

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**Loss Factor:** A factor defining the annual average marginal network loss between any given node and the Reference Node where the Loss Factor at the Reference Node is 1, determined in accordance with clause 2.27.2.

#### **4. Describe how the proposed Market Rule change would allow the Market Rules to better address the Wholesale Market Objectives:**

The proposed market rule change reduces barriers to entry for new competitors by aligning thresholds for individual/average distribution loss factors with the National Electricity Rules.

The proposed market rule change reduces the cost overhead of annual recalculation of individual distribution loss factors and assists in minimising the long-term cost of electricity supplied to customers.

#### **5. Provide any identifiable costs and benefits of the change:**

The proposed market rule change will reduce annual costs by approximately \$150,000.