

# Memorandum

**To:** Technical Panel

**From:** Darren Byers

**Date:** July 7, 2026

**Re:** Chapter 3 Market Rule Amendment Process Refresh

## Background

Attached for Technical Panel review and consideration are market rule amendments that propose to update the market rule amendment process specified in Chapter 3, section 4 of the market rules. These updates will clarify the rule amendment process to better reflect the way in which the processes operate based on current practices and as more recently specified in the Technical Panel's Terms of Reference.

At its meeting on May 12, 2026, the Technical Panel determined that the amendment submission MR-00492-Q00 warranted consideration and assigned a regular priority to the development of the amendment proposal.

As the scope of the market rule amendments made in Chapter 3, section 4 are considerable, a supplementary "Summary of Changes" guide has been prepared to help facilitate review.

A rewrite of Market manual 2.3- Market Rule Amendment Procedure has been provided to supplement the Panel's review of the market rule amendments. This manual includes a new section 11 – Changes to Market Manuals that clarifies how stakeholders may provide feedback on manual changes and object to manual content that implements market rules. The content is intended to address the October 7, 2025 action item to enhance and clarify the market manual change process.

## Panel Action and Next Steps

The IESO recommends that the Technical Panel vote to post the proposed market rule amendment MR-00492-R00 and Technical Panel Terms of Reference for a stakeholder review and comment period ending on July 31, 2026. At the September 15, 2026 Technical Panel meeting, the IESO will request a Technical Panel vote to recommend the draft market rule amendments and changes to the Terms of Reference.

The target for IESO Board approval is October 30, 2026.

## Accompanying Materials

- Presentation to Technical Panel
- Market Rule Amendment Proposal – MR-00492-R00 Market Rule Amendment Process Refresh
- Summary of Changes
- Supporting changes to Market Manual 2.3 - Market Rule Amendment Procedure
- Technical Panel Terms of Reference