



Market Rule Amendment Proposal

PART 1 – MARKET RULE INFORMATION

Identification No.: MR-00230-R00	
Subject: Administration	
Title: Disclosure of generator output and outage information and interchange schedules and actual flows on an intertie zone basis	
Nature of proposal (please indicate with X): ___Alteration___ Deletion ___X___ Addition	
Chapter: 4, 5 and 9	Appendix:
Sections: 7.3 (Ch. 4), 6.5 (Ch. 5), 2.5 (Ch. 9)	
Sub-sections proposed for amending: 7.3.4 (Ch. 4), 6.5.5 (Ch. 5) and 2.5.3 (Ch. 9)	

PART 2 – PROPOSAL HISTORY

Version	Reason for Issuing	Version Date
1.0	Recommended for IMO Board approval	March 25, 2003
2.0	Approved by IMO Board	March 28, 2003

Approved Amendment *Publication Date:* 3 April 2003

Approved Amendment *Effective Date:* No later than December 31, 2003

PART 3 – EXPLANATION FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Provide a brief description of the following:

- The reason for the proposed amendment and the impact on the *IMO-administered markets* if the amendment is not made
- Alternative solutions considered
- The proposed amendment, how the amendment addresses the above reason and impact of the proposed amendment on the *IMO-administered markets*.

This market rule amendment would authorize and obligate the IMO to publish certain market information, namely:

- Generation unit specific output information;
- Generation facility, aggregated by fuel type, maintenance and outage information on an historical and planned basis; and
- Total interchange schedules and total actual flows on an intertie zone basis.

In 2002 the IMO Board of Directors received a proposal from the Independent Power Producers' Society of Ontario (IPPSO) for modifications to the IMO Information Confidentiality Catalogue (ICC). Three of the proposals were more detailed variants on the information disclosures proposed by this rule amendment. At the direction of the Board, the entire proposal was subject to stakeholder review by the Market Operations Standing Committee on November 20, 2002 and presented to the Market Advisory Council on November 26, 2002. The entire proposal was also reviewed by the IMO Technical Panel on November 5, 2002.

Based on the stakeholder reviews, the IMO Board directed the Market Surveillance Panel to assess the potential market impacts, if any, of the disclosure of the information contained in the stakeholdered proposal.

In its report to the IMO Board, the Market Surveillance Panel concluded that:

- It has some concerns about releasing unit-specific energy output information, related to market participants pricing up or withholding supply, but that these concerns are not significant enough to warrant withholding the information given the stage of development of the Ontario electricity market;
- The unit specific energy output information should be released with a longer delay and the Panel suggests a minimum of one-hour after dispatch since it is possible for a competitor without an extensive portfolio to lessen the risk of pricing up by increasing the offer price for only a portion of its output;
- Should the IMO Board decide to release this information (output and outage), the impacts should be monitored and there should be periodic reviews of the desirability of continuing to release this data in light of the evolution of the structure of the market to one that is more effectively competitive.

Under the IMO's licence, the IMO can only release confidential information if prior consent is given by the person to whom the confidential information relates or if there is a market rule obligation for the IMO to publish the information. Therefore, market rule amendments are required to obligate the IMO to publish generation unit output and outage information and intertie schedule and flow information. All four information types currently constitute confidential information under the Market Rules.

PART 4 – PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Chapter 4 – Grid Connection Requirements

7.3 Monitoring Information Provided by Generators to the IMO

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7.3.4 The IMO shall publish, no earlier than one hour following each dispatch hour, the actual generation capacity (in MW) and energy production (in MWh) for each generation unit based on information provided to it by market participants. Generation capacity and energy production for generation units with rating less than 20 MVA can be aggregated by station.

Chapter 5 – Power System Reliability

6.5 (Outage) Information

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6.5.5 The IMO shall publish generator outage information aggregated by fuel type based on information provided to it by market participants.

Chapter 9 – Settlements and Billing

2.5 Collection of Interchange Schedule Data

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2.5.3 The IMO shall publish the total scheduled and actual flows of energy between the IMO-controlled grid and each intertie zone.

PART 5 – IMO BOARD COMMENTS