

Market Operator

Consultation Impact Statement

Generating Unit Tie Break Procedure

Summary

The Generating Unit Tie Break Procedure has been prepared to specify the key principles to be adopted when deciding on the dispatch order of competing generators who have identical offer details.

Introduction

This Generating Unit Tie Break Procedure is published to support the smooth operation of the I-NTEM by providing a transparent method for dispatching generating units that have identical off-load orders or identical dispatch offer prices at the Pool Price Point.

The method makes use of a pre-determined allocation of a period to each Generator to assign priority to that entity. A period of four weeks will apply where the offer prices are identical and equal to zero. A period of one day will apply where the offer prices are identical and greater than zero. The periods will be allocated in sequence across the number of Generators registered in the I-NTEM. For example, with two registered Generators, any one Generator will be given a priority every second period. The sequence will be reset when a change in the number of registered Generators occurs.

Consultation Process

This procedure has been prepared by the System Controller in accordance with clause 4.4B(e) of the System Control Technical Code (the Code). The procedure is also published in accordance with the Market Operator's Consultation Procedure (as found on the Market Operator website).

Consultation is to be held over 18 business days, commencing Tuesday 15 March and ending 2pm Monday 11 April 2016. Submissions from I-NTEM stakeholders and interested parties are invited.

Stakeholders are requested to provide comments on the document under consultation.

It should be noted that the Market Operator will publish submissions in full. Should a stakeholder consider sections of their submission as confidential, a separate public version of the submission should be provided to the Market Operator for publication.

Impacts

Generators will be assigned priority for off-load and marginal pricing events alternatively on a daily basis, depending on the number of Generators registered to operate in the I-NTEM.

The impact will be counter beneficial in that a Generator that is off-loaded first on a specific day will be dispatched first at the margin on that day if equal price conditions occur.

Proposed Amendments

This is a new document.

Consultation Questions

Are the principles contained in the Generating Unit Tie Break Procedure suitable for use by the Power System Controller for the I-NTEM?

NOTE:

This document is under consultation.

Stakeholders, please send your submissions to:

market.operator@powerwater.com.au

Consultation closes 2pm Monday 11 April 2016.