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Memorandum

To: **Technical Panel**

From: Darren Byers

Date: September 8, 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 and as more recently specified in the Technical Panel's Terms of Reference (ToR).

At the July 14th Technical Panel meeting, the Panel voted to post the proposed market rule amendments and the Technical Panel's Terms of Reference for stakeholder review and comment. One set of comments was received from Vlad Urukov (generator representative). The feedback with IESO responses is attached.

The following revisions have been made to the amendment proposal and ToR in response to Mr. Urukov's comments:

- Section 4.2.2: Mr. Urukov suggested an editorial change in the reference to stakeholder engagement initiatives to be consistent with section 4.3.2.1. The IESO has made a change to section 4.3.2.1 to address this point.
- Section 4.3.1: it was suggested that the cross reference should also refer to section 4.2.1, in the event that sections 4.2.4 and 4.2.5 are skipped. The IESO agrees and has modified section 4.3.1 accordingly.
- Section 4.3.1: Mr. Urukov commented that it was unclear if the determination would be through a vote. On review, it was determined to be appropriate to include further details in the ToR to outline how votes are conducted at Technical Panel. A new section, 5.3.3 has been added to the ToR to clarify this.
- Mr. Urukov commented that the ToR had details with respect to the sequencing of the publication of stakeholder comments that was missing in the market rules, section 4.4.2.2. As such, the IESO has added a cross reference in the vote to recommend

section 4.5.1.1 to clarify that the vote can only take place following the posting of both the amendment proposal along with the subsequent response document.

- Section 4.6: Mr. Urukov asked whether references to the "technical panel" should be changed to the "IESO", within the context of amendments or written reports submitted to the IESO Board for consideration. The IESO agrees and has modified section 4.6 accordingly.
- Sections 4.2, 4.8 and 4.9: Mr. Urukov had clarifying questions about how amendments initiated under 4.8 (OEB initiated amendment) and 4.9 (IESO Board or Technical Panel initiated) would proceed. After considering the question, the IESO has edited the cross references in section 4.8 and 4.9 to reflect the intended approach.

Lastly, Mr. Urukov raised an area of ambiguity in his view around the market manual change process. In the event that a market participant disagrees with a market manual change, they can submit a market rule amendment submission. The IESO agrees that this process could benefit from additional clarity and has adopted some of Mr. Urukov's suggestions in Market Manual 2.3.

The above changes have been added to the amendment proposal, ToR, and MM2.3 and are highlighted in yellow.

Panel Action and Next Steps

The IESO recommends that the Technical Panel vote to recommend the proposed market rule amendments MR-00492-R00 to the IESO Board for approval at its October 30, 2026 meeting. Per the Technical Panel Terms of Reference, Panel members will be asked to provide reasons for their stated positions.

The IESO further recommends that the Terms of Reference for the Technical Panel be revised to align with the proposed rule amendments, and that the Technical Panel vote to recommend these changes to the IESO Board.

Accompanying Materials

- Market Rule Amendment Proposal – MR-00492-R00 Chapter 3 Market Rule Amendment Process Refresh
- IESO Response to Stakeholder Comments
- Technical Panel Terms of Reference
- Summary of Changes
- Market Manual 2.3: Market Rule Amendment Procedure (for information purposes only).