

Questionnaire Response

1. Gate Closure Timings

Although the market schedule WD1 has to be completed before the market schedule EA1 it does preclude gate closures for WD1 and EA1 occurring at the same time. Participants are bidding in prices and it is not necessary to know the market schedule from WD1 to formulate a bid for EA1 bids. The EA1 run should be initiated as soon as the WD1 run is completed and the end conditions are known without having to wait for the publication of the output from WD1.

As we are not a 24 hour operation our preference for gate closures are:

EA1 10.00am

EA2 12.30pm – need to know EA1 outcome plus time to formulate bids

WD1 9 – 10am.

2. System Operational Schedules

A production schedule in advance of EA2 gate closure is not necessary.

Participants require a production schedule preferably by 3.00pm on D-1. If it is possible to receive the production schedule from EA2 by 3.00pm then a production schedule for EA1 will not be necessary. The schedule is required as the gas market ends at 4.00pm.

Using the stated times for the various RCUC runs it would appear that the WD1 RCUC run would need to start at 8am with gate closure occurring at 6.30am if participants are to receive a production schedule by 3pm D-1. This highlights a need to review RCUC as it appears to be a barrier to market development.

3. Offer submission

Gas re-nominations need 3 hours to become effective and time is required to process notices therefore the production schedule would need to be available before 1pm to meet a 6pm start.

4. (P,Q) pairs

As bidding is for unused interconnector capacity 5(P,Q) pairs should suffice.

5. System security mitigation options

In principle we are in favour of modifying the market scheduling engine to reflect generator parameters more accurately. Given that this is a fundamental change to the market a more detailed and comprehensive study should be undertaken and consulted upon.

We are also broadly in favour of generator flexibility incentives however more

detailed knowledge is required to fully understand the impact of any proposed incentives.