



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. _____

**ADOPTING FURTHER AMENDMENTS TO THE WHOLESALE ELECTRICITY
SPOT MARKET (WESM) RULES AND MARKET MANUAL ON GUIDELINES ON
SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS IN AND BETWEEN TRADING INTERVALS TO
REFINE PUBLICATION PROCEDURES**

WHEREAS, Sections 30 and 37(f) of the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA) provides that the DOE, jointly with the electric power industry participants, shall establish the Wholesale Electricity Spot Market (WESM) and formulate the detailed rules governing the operations thereof;

WHEREAS, on 28 June 2002, the DOE, with the endorsement of the electric power industry participants, promulgated the WESM Rules through Department Circular No. DC2002-06-003;

WHEREAS, any changes, amendments, and modifications to the WESM Rules including its Market Manuals shall be undertaken in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 8 thereof;

WHEREAS, on 28 November 2018, the Rules Change Committee (RCC) received the Independent Electricity Market Operator's proposed amendments to the WESM Rules and WESM Manuals on Guidelines on Significant Variations in and Between Trading Intervals to Refine Publication Procedures;

WHEREAS, the proposal aimed to change the mode of transmittal of the monthly summary of the Daily Significant Variations Report from hard copy printouts to publication in the Market Information website for the public to access;

WHEREAS, on 06 December 2018, the RCC during its 147th RCC Meeting, approved the publication of the proposal to solicit comments from participants and interested parties within thirty (30) working days from the date of its publication in the Philippine Electricity Market Corporation's website;

WHEREAS, on 22 February 2019, the RCC during its 149th RCC Meeting deliberated on the proposal giving due course to the comments received from the market participants, which thereafter approved its endorsement to the PEM Board;

WHEREAS, on 23 April 2019, after due evaluation and deliberation, the PEM Board approved the above stated RCC-approved proposal for endorsement to the DOE;

WHEREAS, on 15 May 2019 the PEM Board-approved amendments to the WESM Rules and WESM Manual on Guidelines on Significant Variations in and Between Trading Intervals to Refine Publication Procedures were submitted to the DOE for final approval, in compliance with Chapter 8 of the WESM Rules;

WHEREAS, on 27 August 2019, the DOE conducted a Public Consultation on the said proposed amendments to ensure transparency and consistency with the objectives of the EPIRA and the WESM;

WHEREAS, the DOE reviewed the said PEM Board-approved proposal and considered it consistent with the objectives of the WESM such as transparency and efficiency;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to its authority under the EPIRA and the WESM Rules, the DOE hereby adopts, issues, and promulgates the following amendments to the WESM Rules and WESM Manual on Guidelines on Significant Variations in and Between Trading Intervals to Refine Publication Procedures:

Section 1. Amendments to the WESM Rules. The following provision in the WESM Rules is hereby amended:

- (a) Section 1.3.1.5 under Responsibilities of the Market Operator is amended to read as -

“1.3.1.5 The Market Operator shall publish a copy of the completed report referred to in clause 1.3.1.4. in the Market Information Website.”

Section 2. Amendments to the WESM Manual on Guidelines on Significant Variations in and Between Trading Intervals. The following provisions in the WESM Manual on Guidelines on Significant Variations in and Between Trading Intervals are hereby amended:

- (a) Section 3.1.4 under Market Operator is amended to read as -

“3.1.4 Publish a daily report that contains information that will identify any significant variation. It should be published within ten (10) business days from cognizance of the event in the Market Information Website.”

- (b) Section 3.1.5 under Market Operator is amended to read as -

“3.1.5 Publish a monthly summary of the Significant Variations Report covering a particular billing period in the Market Information Website.”

Section 3. Separability Clause. If for any reason, any section or provision of this Circular is declared unconstitutional or invalid, such parts not affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

Section 4. Effectivity. This Circular shall take effect upon its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation and shall remain in effect until otherwise revoked.

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