



Republic of the Philippines  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. DC2017-04-0003

**ADOPTING THE WHOLESALE ELECTRICITY SPOT MARKET (WESM) MARKET  
MANUAL ON GUIDELINES GOVERNING THE CONSTITUTION OF PEM BOARD  
COMMITTEES AND ITS FURTHER AMENDMENTS**

**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 27 April 2016, the Rules Change Committee (RCC) received the Technical Committee's (TC) proposed amendments to the WESM Market Manual, particularly on the Guidelines Governing the Constitution of PEM Board Committees;

**WHEREAS**, the TC's proposal sought to update the said Guidelines Governing the Constitution of PEM Board Committees for consistency with the guidelines of the DOE on appropriate referencing of entities and to clarify provisions regarding the conduct of business, voting and procedures of the TC;

**WHEREAS**, on 01 June 2016, the Rules Change Committee (RCC) during its 115<sup>th</sup> RCC Meeting discussed the said proposal, which thereafter approved its publication in the WESM website to solicit comments from market participants and other interested parties;

**WHEREAS**, on 03 August 2016, the RCC during its 117<sup>th</sup> RCC Meeting deliberated on the proposal giving due course to the comments received from market participants and the DOE, and thereafter, it finalized and approved the proposal for endorsement to the PEM Board;

**WHEREAS**, on 29 November 2016, after due evaluation and deliberation, the PEM Board during its 121<sup>st</sup> PEM Board Meeting approved for endorsement to the DOE the above stated proposed amendments, with minor modifications, to the Guidelines Governing the Constitution of PEM Board Committees;

**WHEREAS**, on 09 December 2016, the above stated PEM Board-approved amendments to the Guidelines Governing the Constitution of PEM Board Committees were submitted to the DOE for final approval, in compliance with Chapter 8 of the WESM Rules;

**WHEREAS**, the DOE reviewed the said PEM Board-approved proposal, and deems it appropriate and consistent with the WESM Rules and the objectives of the WESM; and

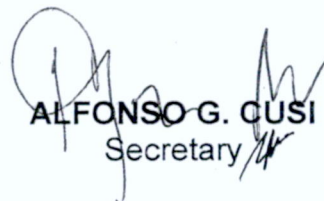
**NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to its authority under the EPIRA and WESM Rules, the DOE hereby adopts, issues, and promulgates the following Market Manual and its further amendments:

**Section 1. Amendments to the Market Manual.** Pursuant to DOE Circular No. DC2015-07-0013 entitled "Adopting Further Amendments to the WESM Rules (Procedure for Changes to the WESM Rules and Market Manuals)," the WESM Market Manual on "Guidelines Governing the Constitution of PEM Board Committees" presented as "Annex A" to this Circular is hereby approved and adopted.

**Section 2. 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 3. Effectivity.** This Circular shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the completion of their publication either in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines, and shall remain in effect until otherwise revoked.

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