



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. _____

**ADOPTING FURTHER AMENDMENTS TO THE WHOLESALE ELECTRICITY
SPOT MARKET (WESM) MARKET MANUALS ON REGISTRATION,
SUSPENSION, AND DE-REGISTRATION CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES; AND
WESM MANUAL ON MARKET NETWORK MODEL CRITERIA AND
PROCEDURES**

(Provisions for the New Load Facility/ies of a Registered WESM Member)

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 WESM and formulate the detailed rules governing the operations thereof;

WHEREAS, on 28 June 2002, the Department of Energy (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, Retail Rules and their Market Manuals shall be undertaken in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 8 of the WESM Rules;

WHEREAS, on 14 August 2019, the Market Operator submitted to the Rules Change Committee (RCC) its proposed amendments to the WESM Market Manuals, particularly on the WESM registration and market network model;

WHEREAS, the proposal aims to prevent the possible discrepancies or disputes in the scheduling and settlement processes of the WESM caused by the non-registration of new load facilities of a registered WESM Member;

WHEREAS, on 16 August 2019, the RCC during its 155th RCC Meeting, discussed and approved the said proposal for publication in the Philippine Electricity Market Corporation's (PEMC) information website to solicit comments from market participants and other interested parties;

WHEREAS, on 18 October 2019 and 08 November 2019, during the 157th RCC Meeting and 158th RCC Meeting, respectively, deliberated on the proposal giving due course to the comments received from market participants, and thereafter finalized and approved for endorsement to the PEM Board;

WHEREAS, on 27 November 2019, after due evaluation and deliberation, the PEM Board during its 18th Regular PEM Board Meeting, approved for endorsement to the DOE the above stated RCC-approved proposal;

WHEREAS, on 19 December 2019, the PEM Board-approved amendments were submitted to the DOE for final approval, in compliance with Chapter 8 of the WESM Rules;

WHEREAS, on _____, the DOE conducted Public Consultations 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 along with the comments and recommendations from the Public Consultation, made further revisions on the proposed amendments for consistency 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 Market Manuals:

Section 1. Amendments to the Market Manual on Market Network Model Development and Maintenance Criteria and Procedures. The provisions in the Market Manual on Market Network Model Development and Maintenance Criteria and Procedures Issue 3.0 as presented in the attached matrix (ANNEX A) of this Circular are hereby approved and adopted.

Section 2. Amendments to the WESM Manual on Registration, Suspension, and De-Registration Criteria and Procedures. The following provisions to the Market Manual on Registration, Suspension and De-Registration Criteria and Procedures Issue 4.0 as presented in the attached matrix (ANNEX A) of this Circular are hereby approved and adopted.

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 15 days following its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation. Copies thereof shall be filed with the University of the Philippines Law Center – Office of National Administrative Register (UPLC-ONAR).

Issued this _____ 2020 at the DOE, Energy Center, Rizal Drive, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, Metro Manila.

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