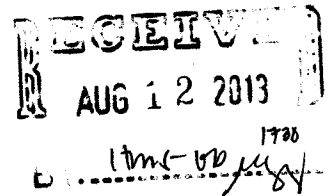


Republic of the Philippines  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY



DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. DC 2013-07-0016

**ADOPTING FURTHER AMENDMENTS TO THE WESM RULES  
(Registration of Metering Service Provider)**

**WHEREAS**, Section 37 of the Electric Power Industry Reform Act 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, upon the joint endorsement of the electric power industry participants, promulgated the WESM Rules through Department Circular No. 2002-06-003;

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

**WHEREAS**, on 20 March 2013, the Philippine Electricity Market Corporation (PEMC) submitted its proposed amendment to Clause 4.4 (Registration of Metering Service Provider) of the WESM Rules to the Rules Change Committee (RCC) for consideration and approval;

**WHEREAS**, the proposal aims to address the condition when there is only one Metering Service Provider (MSP) in the transmission level, and it will allow the lone MSP to provide metering services on an interim basis for a market trading node assign to it or a connection point that it owns until another MSP becomes authorized by the Energy Regulatory Commission and is registered with the Market Operator;

**WHEREAS**, on 03 April 2013, the RCC and the PEMC thoroughly discussed the proposed amendments during the 73<sup>rd</sup> RCC Meeting;

**WHEREAS**, on the same meeting, the RCC agreed to published the proposal in the WESM website to solicit comments from participants and other interested parties;

**WHEREAS**, on 15 May 2013, the RCC in its 74<sup>th</sup> Meeting deliberated upon the comments submitted, and agreed to adopt the proposed amendment as originally submitted by PEMC for endorsement to the PEM Board;

**WHEREAS**, on 20 June 2013, after due evaluation and deliberation, the PEM Board has resolved to approve for endorsement to the DOE the above stated amendment to the WESM Rules;

**WHEREAS**, on 01 July 2013, the above stated amendment was endorsed to the DOE for approval, consistent with Chapter 8 of the WESM Rules;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to its authority under the WESM Rules, the DOE hereby issues, adopts and promulgates the following amendment to the WESM Rules:

**Section 1. Amendment to the WESM Rules.**

1.1 Clause 4.4 under Registration of Metering Services Provider is amended to read -

xxx            xxx            xxx

4.4.3 If a *Trading Participant* is a *Customer* and also a *Network Service Provider*, the *Trading Participant* may register as a *Metering Services Provider* only for connection points that it does not own.

Provided, however, that if such *Trading Participant* is also a *Metering Services Provider* and there is only one *Metering Services Provider* registered with the *Market Operator* (in the Transmission Level), then it shall be allowed to provide *metering services* on an interim basis for a *market trading node* assigned to it or a connection point that it owns until another *Metering Services Provider* becomes authorized by the *ERC* and is registered with the *Market Operator* upon which the *metering services* shall be transferred to another *Metering Services Provider* following the applicable procedure.

**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 in full force and effect.

**Section 3. Effectivity.** This Circular shall take into effect immediately following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation and shall remain in effect until otherwise revoked.

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Secretary



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