



Proposed Amendments to the WESM Manual on Registration, Suspension, and De-Registration Criteria and Procedures and WESM Manual on Market Network Model Criteria and Procedures to Clarify Procedures for the Registration of a New Load Facility

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I. SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED RULES CHANGE

The amendments to the WESM Manual on Registration, Suspension, and De-Registration Criteria and Procedures ("WESM Registration Manual") and WESM Manual on Market Network Model Criteria and Procedures are proposed to clarify procedures for the registration of a new load facility of a registered WESM Member and to add provision on the energization of new facilities only upon WESM registration. A sanction provision is also recommended to be incorporated in the Penalty Manual upon availability for non-compliance in WESM registration of additional load facility.

II. BACKGROUND

Clause 3.3 of the WESM Registration Manual under the Post-Registration Transactions and Changes section enumerates the different criteria that qualify as facility-related changes in the WESM. The enumerated facility-related changes that require changes or updates in WESM registration include changes in registered capacity, re-classification of generation units, representation in the market network model, retirement of facilities, and transfer of registration of facilities.

As observed during operations, a criterion that is not included in the list of facility-related changes is the registration of new load facilities (e.g., new connection point of a distribution utility, station use of generation companies). Non-registration and non-modelling of a new load facility of a registered WESM Member would affect the scheduling and the settlement process of the energy consumed in the WESM.

III. THE PROPOSED RULES CHANGE

In view of the installation of new load facilities in the grid, it is proposed to add provisions under Clause 3.3 of the WESM Registration Manual to clarify the procedures to be followed by an existing WESM member and the Market Operator when registering a new load facility in the WESM.

Highlights of the changes in the WESM Registration Manual for the registration of additional load facilities are as follows:

- requirement for the WESM Member to register the load facility in the WESM;
- reference to existing technical and commercial requirements for the new load facility; and
- application of the procedures and timelines for the registration of new WESM Members to the registration of new load facilities.

In addition, it is proposed to add provisions under the Market Network Model Manual to emphasize that energization of new facilities must only be completed upon its WESM Registration.

RCC / PEMC may consider including sanctions in or application of the relevant provisions of the penalty manual which approval remains pending.

IV. BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPONENT

The proponent is the Independent Electricity Market Operator of the Philippines, Inc. IEMOP acts as the market operator of the WESM.

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V. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The amendments to the WESM Manual on Registration, Suspension, and De-Registration Criteria and Procedures and WESM Manual on Market Network Model Criteria and Procedures are proposed to clarify procedures for the registration and energization of additional load facilities in the WESM. By revising the WESM Manuals, possible discrepancies or disputes in the scheduling and settlement processes of the WESM caused by the non-registration of new load facilities will be prevented.

VI. REFERENCES

1. WESM Rules
2. WESM Manual on Registration, Suspension, and De-Registration Criteria and Procedures Issue 4.0
3. WESM Manual on Market Network Model Criteria and Procedures Issue 3.0