



ORCP-WM-25-02

Call for Comments to the Proposed General Amendments to the WESM Rules and WESM Manual on Market Surveillance regarding Market Surveillance Committee Processes (ORCP-WR-WM-25-02)

The Rules Change Committee (RCC) is inviting all WESM Members and interested parties to submit comments to the *Proposed General Amendments to the WESM Rules and WESM Manual on Market Surveillance regarding Market Surveillance Committee Processes (ORCP-WR-WM-25-02)*.

The proposed amendments seek to enhance and clarify the procedures/ processes of the Market Surveillance Committee (MSC), mainly to ensure effective operation of the Committee and to further enhance its functions, necessary to streamline operations, clarify responsibilities, and align with current structural and procedural realities.

The WESM documents for amendment are the WESM Rules and WESM Manual on Market Surveillance (MSM).

DOCUMENTS:

Provided below are the relevant materials for your reference:

- 1) [Overview, Discussion Paper, and Matrix of Proposed Amendments](#)
- 2) RCC Form3_Matrix of Proposed Amendments for Comments – Annexes of this document
(Please write your comments in the proper columns in the matrix.)

Kindly submit your comments (in Word format) through the [File a Submission](#) page no later than **05 August 2025** or 30 working days from the date of publication (25 June 2025).

Please input in the proper field the e-mail address of your point person(s) who we could further contact regarding activities related to the processing of the proposal. All comments received shall be published in the PEMC website.

Thank you.

For the Rules Change Committee.



[In accomplishing and submitting this form, you give your consent for PEMC to collect, record, organize, and update your personal data as herein provided as part of your information for purposes of rules change process.]

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Commenter	General Comments	Proponent's Response
	<p>It is a fundamental principle that the provisions of the WESM Penalty Manual must be updated to align with any new or altered obligations imposed upon WESM Participants by developments within the WESM Rules and Manuals. Consequently, any such developments shall trigger a corresponding amendment process for the WESM Penalty Manual.</p> <p>To ensure the timely initiation of the Market Surveillance Committee's (MSC) review and amendment processes, it is incumbent upon the WGA President, WESM Governance Office and/or the Market Assessment Group, in their capacity as the WGC's secretariat, to monitor all WESM rule developments. Based on this monitoring, said office or group shall be responsible for prompting the MSC to commence revisions to the WESM Penalty Manual.</p> <p>We acknowledge the existing practice wherein the MSC may submit comments on proposed amendments to the WESM Rules and Manuals. While this demonstrates the MSC's awareness of market governance updates, it is nevertheless imperative that the propulsion for amending the Penalty Manual may originate from a body within PEMC that possesses full visibility of all developments in the rules change process, including internal deliberations in the RCC that necessitate a parallel amendment to the WESM Penalty Manual.</p>	

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	<p>It is also proposed that for MSC/RCC's consideration that, upon the PEM Board's approval of an amendment to the WESM Rules or other Manuals which vests a new obligation upon a WESM Participant, a careful and concurrent consideration be given to establishing a counterpart provision within the WESM Penalty Manual. Should such a parallel amendment be deemed necessary, it is further suggested that the submission of both the amended WESM Rule/Manual and the corresponding WESM Penalty Manual provision be made jointly to the Department of Energy (DOE) for approval, in the interest of administrative efficiency and coherence.</p>	
	<p>We respectfully seek clarification as to whether the proposed amendment implies that the procedure and guidelines for revising the WESM Penalty Manual, together with any proposed amendments thereto, shall be subject to the direct approval of the Department of Energy (DOE) subsequent to an endorsement solely from the Market Surveillance Committee (MSC).</p> <p>We respectfully suggest that the aforementioned documents should instead be endorsed by the WGA President to the DOE, following the endorsement by the MSC. This procedure is essential to ensure that all requisite triggers and stakeholder inputs, including the internal deliberations of the Rules Change Committee (RCC) that may warrant a new obligation for a WESM Participant and, by extension, a parallel provision in the Penalty Manual, have been duly considered and incorporated into PEMC's final proposal to the DOE.</p>	

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Chapter 1 – Introduction 1.6 Market Surveillance Committee	1.6.2 Responsibilities of the Market Surveillance Committee	The <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> shall from time to time as necessary and appropriate or whenever the <i>PEM Board</i> directs: xxx (d) Assist the <i>Rules Change Committee</i> in relation to its assessment of proposals to amend the <i>WESM Rules</i> under Chapter 8.	The <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> shall from time to time as necessary and appropriate or whenever the <i>PEM Board</i> directs: xxx (d) Assist the <i>Rules Change Committee</i> in relation to its assessment of proposals to amend the <i>WESM Rules</i> under Chapter 8; <u>and</u> <u>(e) Initiate or process proposed changes to the WESM Penalty Manual pursuant to Clause 7.2.5.5 and following the procedures outlined in Clause 8.4 of the WESM Rules</u>	To reflect the responsibility of the MSC to review proposed amendments to the WESM Penalty Manual pursuant to Clause 7.2.5.5 of the WESM Rules.				

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Chapter 8 – Rule Change	8.1 – Scope of Chapter 8	<p>Proposals for changes, amendments, and modifications of the <i>WESM Rules</i> and <i>Market Manuals</i>, as well as the adoption of new <i>Market Manuals</i> shall be undertaken in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.</p> <p>This chapter 8 sets out: (a) The composition and manner of appointment of the <i>Rules Change Committee</i>; (b) The procedure for effecting a change to the <i>WESM Rules and Market Manuals</i>; and (c) The procedure for approval of a change to the <i>WESM Rules and Market Manuals</i>, including proposals that will result in an amendment to the <i>WESM Price Determination Methodology</i>; and adoption of new <i>Market Manuals</i>.</p>	<p>Proposals for changes, amendments, and modifications of the <i>WESM Rules</i> and <i>Market Manuals</i>, as well as the adoption of new <i>Market Manuals</i> shall be undertaken in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.</p> <p>This chapter 8 sets out: (a) The composition and manner of appointment of the <i>Rules Change Committee</i>; (b) The procedure for effecting a change to the <i>WESM Rules and Market Manuals</i>; and (c) The procedure for approval of a change to the <i>WESM Rules and Market Manuals</i>, including proposals that will result in an amendment to the <i>WESM Price Determination Methodology</i>; and adoption of new <i>Market Manuals</i>; <u>and</u> <u>(d) The procedure for amendment of the WESM Penalty Provisions, as provided under Section 8.4, including proposals initiated</u></p>	<p>The WESM Rules already provide a structured process for amendments to the WESM Rules and Market Manuals under Chapter 8, particularly Section 8.4. However, the WESM Penalty Manual is a critical regulatory document, and its amendment process is not explicitly stated within Chapter 8. By clarifying that Section 8.4 also applies to the revision of the WESM Penalty Manual, the proposed change ensures consistency in the governance process for rule modifications.</p> <p>The proposed change explicitly recognizes the MSC's role in initiating revisions, strengthening its ability to recommend adjustments based on</p>				

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			<u>by the Market Surveillance Committee (MSC).</u>	market surveillance findings and enforcement experience.				
Chapter 8 – Rule Change	8.4 – Consideration of Proposals to Change the WESM Rules or Market Manuals or to adopt new Market Manuals by the Rules Change Committee	Consideration of Proposals to Change the WESM Rules or Market Manuals or to adopt new Market Manuals by the Rules Change Committee <i>(Title of the Section).</i>	Consideration of Proposals to Change the WESM Rules or Market Manuals or to adopt new Market Manuals by the Rules Change Committee	To allow for flexibility in the rules which will allow MSC to refer to the considerations under this Clause in the review of the proposed amendments to the WESM Penalty Manual which is the responsibility of the Committee.				
Chapter 8 – Rule Change 8.4 – Considerati	8.4.1 – Rules Change Classification Procedures	(NEW)	<u>8.4.1.4 Subject to approval of the DOE for amendments related to Penalty provisions, the Market Surveillance Committee shall develop guidelines and procedures for matters</u>	To introduce new provision that provides basis for the MSC to establish and develop guidelines and procedures for				

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on of Proposals to Change the WESM Rules or Market Manuals or to adopt new Market Manuals by the Rules Change Committee			<u>related to the penalty mechanism. These guidelines and procedures will, as far as practicable, be consistent with the provisions of this Chapter 8, provided, however, that the Committee may establish procedures, time periods and manner of publication and effectivity other than as stated in this Chapter 8 depending on the classification of the proposed change.</u>	amendments related to the WESM Penalty Manual in view of its responsibility under Clause 7.2.5.5 of the WESM Rules.				
Chapter 8 – Rule Change 8.4 – Consideration of Proposals to Change the WESM Rules or Market Manuals or to adopt	8.4.2 – Assessment of proposals	Pursuant to <i>WESM Rules</i> Clause 8.3.3 (b), the <i>Rules Change Committee</i> shall assess whether the proposed change to the <i>WESM Rules</i> or <i>Market Manual</i> , or the proposal for a new <i>Market Manual</i> is: xxx	Pursuant to <i>WESM Rules</i> Clauses <u>1.6.2 (e) and</u> 8.3.3 (b), the <i>Rules Change Committee</i> <u>or the Market Surveillance Committee, for matters related to penalty provisions in the WESM,</u> shall assess whether the proposed change to the <i>WESM Rules</i> or <i>Market Manual</i> , or the proposal for a new <i>Market Manual</i> is: xxx	To cover the responsibility of the MSC to review any proposed amendments related to penalties imposed in the WESM				

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new Market Manuals by the Rules Change Committee								
Chapter 8 – Rule Change 8.4 – Consideration of Proposals to Change the WESM Rules or Market Manuals or to adopt new Market Manuals by the Rules Change Committee	8.4.3 – Discretions when assessing a proposal	In considering whether a proposal for a change in the <i>WESM Rules</i> or a <i>Market Manual</i> , or for the adoption of a new <i>Market Manual</i> satisfies the criteria as set out in <i>WESM Rules</i> Clause 8.4.1, the <i>Rules Change Committee</i> may: (a) Take into account any information and documents that the <i>Rules Change Committee</i> reasonably considers to be relevant to its consideration of the proposed change to the <i>WESM Rules</i> or <i>Market Manual</i> or the proposed new <i>Market Manual</i> ;	In considering whether a proposal for a change in the <i>WESM Rules</i> or a <i>Market Manual</i> , or for the adoption of a new <i>Market Manual</i> satisfies the criteria as set out in <i>WESM Rules</i> Clause 8.4.1, the <i>Rules Change Committee</i> <u>or the Market Surveillance Committee for matters related to Penalty Manual</u> may: (a) Take into account any information and documents that the <i>Rules Change Committee</i> reasonably considers to be relevant to its consideration of the proposed change to the <i>WESM Rules</i> or <i>Market Manual</i> or the proposed new <i>Market Manual</i> ; (b) Consult with such persons whom the <i>Rules Change</i>	To cover the responsibility of the MSC to review any proposed amendments related to penalties imposed in the WESM	<i>We respectfully seek clarification as to whether the MSC, in its process of amending the WESM Penalty Manual, is required to consider the nature of a proposed amendment, specifically, whether it is an urgent or a general amendment.</i> <i>Should this be the case, it is imperative that the amendment process for the Penalty Manual</i>			

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		<p>(b) Consult with such persons whom the <i>Rules Change Committee</i> reasonably considers will likely be affected by the proposal;</p> <p>(c) Seek such information and views from any person as may be practicable under the circumstances; and</p> <p>(d) Refer and delegate the proposal to any working group, comprised of persons having such expertise as the <i>Committee</i>, in the <i>Rules Change Committee's</i> absolute discretion, whenever it considers reasonable or necessary or as it may consider practicable in the circumstances delegating to that working group any obligation or task of the <i>Rules Change Committee</i> as set out in <i>WESM Rules</i> Clauses 8.4.3 , and 8.4.5 other than this <i>WESM Rules</i> Clause 8.4.3 (d).</p>	<p><i>Committee</i> reasonably considers will likely be affected by the proposal;</p> <p>(c) Seek such information and views from any person as may be practicable under the circumstances; and</p> <p>(d) Refer and delegate the proposal to any working group, comprised of persons having such expertise as the <i>Committee</i>, in the <i>Rules Change Committee's</i> absolute discretion, whenever it considers reasonable or necessary or as it may consider practicable in the circumstances delegating to that working group any obligation or task of the <i>Rules Change Committee</i> as set out in <i>WESM Rules</i> Clauses 8.4.3 , and 8.4.5 other than this <i>WESM Rules</i> Clause 8.4.3 (d).</p>		<p><i>gives due consideration to the different timelines associated with urgent and general amendments, particularly for proposals that extensively impact the Penalty Manual's provisions.</i></p>			

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Chapter 8 – Rule Change 8.4 – Consideration of Proposals to Change the WESM Rules or Market Manuals or to adopt new Market Manuals by the Rules Change Committee	8.4.4 – Notification following failure to satisfy criteria	If the <i>Rules Change Committee</i> concludes that a proposal does not satisfy the criteria set out in <i>WESM Rules</i> Clause 8.4.2, it shall notify the proponent and the <i>PEM Board</i> within 10 <i>working days</i> after its decision on the non-adoption of the proposal, including the reason for its decision.	<u>(a)</u> If the <i>Rules Change Committee</i> concludes that a proposal does not satisfy the criteria set out in <i>WESM Rules</i> Clause 8.4.2, it shall notify the proponent and the <i>PEM Board</i> within 10 <i>working days</i> after its decision on the non-adoption of the proposal, including the reason for its decision. <u>(b) For amendments related to Penalty provision, the Market Surveillance Committee shall notify the proponent within 10 working days after its decision on the non-adoption of the proposal, including the reason for its decision.</u>	Renumbering To clarify the responsibility of the MSC to review any proposed amendments related to penalties imposed in the WESM.				
Chapter 8 – Rule Change 8.4 – Consideration of Proposals to Change the WESM Rules or Market Manuals or to adopt new Market Manuals by the Rules Change Committee	8.4.5 – Notification following failure to satisfy criteria	If the <i>Rules Change Committee</i> concludes that a proposal satisfies the criteria as set out in <i>WESM Rules</i> Clause 8.4.2, the <i>Rules Change Committee</i> shall:	If the <i>Rules Change Committee</i> concludes that a proposal satisfies the criteria as set out in <i>WESM Rules</i> Clause 8.4.2, the <i>Rules Change Committee</i> shall:	To cover the responsibility of the MSC to review any proposed amendments related to penalties imposed in the WESM				

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on of Proposals to Change the WESM Rules or Market Manuals or to adopt new Market Manuals by the Rules Change Committee		<p>(a) Notify the <i>PEM Board</i>, all <i>WESM Members</i> and all other interested parties of the proposal; and</p> <p>(b) Invite such parties to make written submissions regarding the proposal within the next 30 <i>working days</i> after publication of the proposed change to the <i>WESM Rules</i> or <i>Market Manual</i>, or new <i>Market Manual</i> in the market information website.</p>	<p>(a) Notify the <i>PEM Board</i>, all <i>WESM Members</i> and all other interested parties of the proposal; and</p> <p>(b) Invite such parties to make written submissions regarding the proposal within the next 30 <i>working days</i> after publication of the proposed change to the <i>WESM Rules</i> or <i>Market Manual</i>, or new <i>Market Manual</i> in the market information website.</p> <p><u>If the <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> concludes that a proposal satisfies the criteria as set out in <i>WESM Rules Clause 8.4.1.1 (b) and (c) and WESM Penalty Manual Section 7.1.2</i>, the <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> shall:</u></p> <p><u>(a) Notify all <i>WESM Members</i> and all other interested parties of the proposal; and</u></p> <p><u>(b) Invite such parties to</u></p>					

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			<u>make written submissions regarding the proposal within the next 30 working days after publication of the proposed change to the WESM Penalty Manual in the market information website.</u>					
Chapter 8 – Rule Change 8.4 – Consideration of Proposals to Change the WESM Rules or Market Manuals or to adopt new Market Manuals by the Rules Change Committee	8.4.6 – Submissions regarding proposed Rules Change	To be validly considered, a written submission made in response to a proposed change to the <i>WESM Rules</i> , <i>Market Manual</i> , or proposal for the adoption of a new <i>Market Manual</i> , as provided under Clause 8.4.5 (b), must be received by the <i>Rules Change Committee</i> no later than 30 <i>working days</i> after the notice and invitation referred to in <i>WESM Rules</i> Clauses 8.4.5 (a) and (b) are issued.	To be validly considered, a written submission made in response to a proposed change to the <i>WESM Rules</i> , <i>Market Manual</i> , or proposal for the adoption of a new <i>Market Manual</i> , as provided under Clause 8.4.5 (b), must be received by the <i>Rules Change Committee</i> <u>or the Market Surveillance Committee for matters related to Penalty Provision</u> , no later than 30 <i>working days</i> after the notice and invitation referred to in <i>WESM Rules</i> Clauses 8.4.5 (a) and (b) are issued.	To cover the responsibility of the MSC to review any proposed amendments related to penalties imposed in the WESM				

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Chapter 8 – Rule Change 8.4 – Consideration of Proposals to Change the WESM Rules or Market Manuals or to adopt new Market Manuals by the Rules Change Committee	8.4.7 – Approval of proposals	If the <i>Rules Change Committee</i> , upon deliberation of the proposal and having considered all valid submissions, concludes that it is necessary or desirable to give effect to the proposed change to the <i>WESM Rules</i> or the <i>Market Manual</i> , or adoption of new <i>Market Manual</i> , then it shall submit said proposal to the <i>PEM Board</i> for approval.	If the <i>Rules Change Committee</i> <u>or the Market Surveillance Committee for matters related to Penalty Provision</u> , upon deliberation of the proposal and having considered all valid submissions, concludes that it is necessary or desirable to give effect to the proposed change to the <i>WESM Rules</i> or the <i>Market Manual</i> , or adoption of new <i>Market Manual</i> , then it shall submit said proposal to the <i>PEM Board</i> <u>or directly to DOE for amendments to Penalty Provision</u> for approval.	To cover the responsibility of the MSC to review any proposed amendments related to penalties imposed in the WESM	<i>It is proposed that, prior to the direct transmittal of amendments pertaining to the WESM Penalty Manual to the DOE, a reconciliation of such amendments shall be undertaken by the President of the WGA.</i> <i>The purpose of this proposed mechanism is to ensure that the submissions from the MSC, if applicable, are fully aligned with the market developments and rule changes that have been observed and</i>	If the <i>Rules Change Committee or the Market Surveillance Committee for matters related to Penalty Provision</i> , upon deliberation of the proposal and having considered all valid submissions, concludes that it is necessary or desirable to give effect to the proposed change to the <i>WESM Rules</i> or the <i>Market Manual</i> , or adoption of new <i>Market Manual</i> , then it shall submit said proposal to the <i>PEM Board</i> or directly to DOE for amendments to Penalty Provision, <u>upon the</u>		

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					<i>deliberated upon by the RCC.</i>	<u>endorsement of the WGA President</u> , for approval.		
Chapter 8 – Rule Change 8.6 – Approval of Proposal for Changes to the WESM Rules or Market Manuals or adopt new Market Manuals	8.6.1 – DOE assessment of proposal	If the <i>PEM Board</i> submits a proposal to the <i>DOE</i> for <i>DOE's</i> final approval of any changes to the <i>WESM Rules</i> or <i>Market Manuals</i> , or adoption of a new <i>Market Manual</i> , in accordance with the <i>WESM Rules</i> Clause 8.5.4, the <i>DOE</i> shall assess whether the proposed change to the <i>WESM Rules</i> satisfies the criteria which are set out in Clause 8.4.2.	If the <i>PEM Board</i> <u>or Market Surveillance Committee for amendments related to Penalty provision</u> submits a proposal to the <i>DOE</i> for <i>DOE's</i> final approval of any changes to the <i>WESM Rules</i> or <i>Market Manuals</i> , or adoption of a new <i>Market Manual</i> , in accordance with the <i>WESM Rules</i> Clause 8.5.4, the <i>DOE</i> shall assess whether the proposed change to the <i>WESM Rules</i> satisfies the criteria which are set out in Clause 8.4.2.	To cover the responsibility of the MSC to review any proposed amendments related to penalties imposed in the WESM				

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Chapter 8 – Rule Change 8.6 – Approval of Proposal for Changes to the WESM Rules or Market Manuals or adopt new Market Manuals	8.6.3 – Notification following failure to satisfy criteria	<p>If the <i>DOE</i> concludes that a proposal does not satisfy the criteria, which are set out in <i>WESM Rules</i> Clause 8.4.2, the <i>DOE</i>, shall notify:</p> <p>(a) The <i>PEM Board</i>;</p> <p>(b) The <i>Rules Change Committee</i>; and</p> <p>(c) The person who proposed the change to the <i>WESM Rules</i>,</p> <p>within 10 <i>working days</i> of reaching that conclusion and shall provide reasons for its decision.</p>	<p>If the <i>DOE</i> concludes that a proposal does not satisfy the criteria, which are set out in <i>WESM Rules</i> Clause 8.4.2, the <i>DOE</i>, shall notify:</p> <p>(a) The <i>PEM Board</i> <u>and the Rules Change Committee for amendments to WESM Rules and Market Manuals</u>;</p> <p>(b) The <i>Rules Change Committee</i> <u>Market Surveillance Committee for amendments related to Penalty Manual</u>; and</p> <p>(c) The person who proposed the change to the <i>WESM Rules</i>,</p> <p>within 10 <i>working days</i> of reaching that conclusion and shall provide reasons for its decision.</p>	To cover the responsibility of the MSC to review any proposed amendments related to penalties imposed in the WESM				
Chapter 8 – Rule Change	8.7 – Rules Change Committee Indemnity	<p>8.7 RULES CHANGE COMMITTEE INDEMNITY</p> <p>The <i>Rules Change Committee</i> and its members, and any</p>	<p>8.7 RULES CHANGE COMMITTEE AND MARKET SURVEILLANCE COMMITTEE INDEMNITY</p> <p>The <i>Rules Change Committee</i> <u>or the Market Surveillance</u></p>	To cover the responsibility of the MSC to review any proposed amendments related to penalties imposed in the WESM				

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		working group to whom any task or obligation is delegated under Clause 8.4, are not to be personally liable in any way for any change, which is made to the <i>WESM Rules</i> .	<u>Committee</u> and its members, and any working group to whom any task or obligation is delegated under Clause 8.4, are not to be personally liable in any way for any change, which is made to the <i>WESM Rules</i> .					

WESM Manual on Market Surveillance Issue 2.0								
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Section 1 – Introduction 1.1 Purpose	1.1.1	This Manual establishes the principles of the <i>WESM Rules</i> and <i>Retail Rules</i> on market monitoring, assessment and surveillance. The same also provides the procedures for the conduct of activities related to market monitoring,	This Manual establishes the principles of the <i>WESM Rules</i> and <i>Retail Rules</i> on market monitoring, assessment and surveillance. The same also provides the procedures for the conduct of activities related to market monitoring, assessment and surveillance	To reflect the responsibility of the MSC to review any proposed amendments to the WESM Penalty Manual pursuant to Clause 7.2.5.5 of the WESM Rules.				

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		assessment and surveillance to implement the said rules.	to implement the said rules, <u>and the review of proposed amendments to the WESM Penalty Manual in accordance with the Clauses 1.6.2 (e) and 7.2.5.5 of the WESM Rules.</u>					
Section 1 – Introduction	1.2 – Scope	<p>This Manual covers all related procedures and activities concerning market monitoring, assessment and surveillance as follows:</p> <p>(a) All activities and procedures, including the functions, authority and reports of the Market Surveillance Committee, Enforcement and Compliance Office and the Market Assessment Group; and</p> <p>(b) Rules on access to information and data management.</p>	<p>This Manual covers all related procedures and activities concerning market monitoring, assessment and surveillance, <u>and review of proposed amendments to the WESM Penalty Manual</u> as follows:</p> <p>(a) All activities and procedures, including the functions, authority and reports of the Market Surveillance Committee, Enforcement and Compliance Office and the Market Assessment Group; and</p> <p>(b) Rules on access to information and data management.</p>	To reflect the responsibility of the MSC to review any proposed amendments to the WESM Penalty Manual pursuant to Clause 7.2.5.5 of the WESM Rules.				

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Section 2 – Definition, Interpretation, and Construction	2.1 – Definition of terms	xxx Market Assessment Report means the periodic report prepared by the <i>Market Assessment Group</i> and submitted to the <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> .	xxx Market Assessment Report means the periodic report <u>for Wholesale and Retail electricity markets</u> prepared by the <i>Market Assessment Group</i> and submitted to the <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> .	To reflect that the assessment reports include both the Wholesale and Retail Electricity markets.				
		xxx Market Surveillance Committee refers to the WESM Governance Committee tasked under WESM Rules to monitor, assess and report on the activities and developments in the WESM.	xxx Market Surveillance Committee refers to the WESM Governance Committee tasked under WESM Rules to monitor, assess and report on the activities and developments in the WESM, <u>and review the WESM Penalty Manual and any amendments thereof.</u>	To include MSC's responsibility in reviewing the WESM Penalty Manual and any amendments thereof.				
		xxx <u>Monthly Market Statistics</u> refers to the monthly online						

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		<p>xxx</p> <p>Review Document on Over-Riding Constraints means the report prepared by the <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> in accordance with Section 5.5 of this Manual.</p> <p>xxx</p> <p>Review Report means the report prepared by the <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> and submitted to the <i>PEM Board</i> in accordance with Section 5.7 of this Manual.</p>	<p><u>publication on market statistics in the Philippines.</u></p> <p><u>Monitoring Report refers to the accomplishments of the Market Surveillance Committee deliberated during the covered period including the approved market reports.</u></p> <p>xxx</p> <p>Review Document on Over-Riding Constraints <u>Report</u> means the report prepared by the <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> in accordance with Section 5.5 of this Manual.</p> <p>xxx</p> <p><u>Review Report on Market Intervention / Suspension</u> means the report prepared by the <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> and submitted to the <i>PEM Board</i> in accordance</p>	<p>To reflect the appropriate term or name of documents / reports conducted by the Committee.</p> <p>To update reference provision.</p>				

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		xxx	with Section 5.7 3 of this Manual. xxx					
Section 3 – Responsibilities	3.1 – Market Surveillance Committee	In accordance with the <i>WESM Rules</i> , the <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> shall have the following responsibilities: xxx (b) Prepare and Submit Monthly Monitoring Reports, Quarterly Retail Market Monitoring Reports, Annual Reports to the <i>PEM Board</i> , the <i>DOE</i> and the <i>ERC</i> , as the case may be, as required under this <i>Market Manual</i> , which shall include the following:	In accordance with the <i>WESM Rules</i> , the <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> shall have the following responsibilities: xxx (b) Prepare and Submit Monthly Monitoring Reports, Quarterly Retail Market Monitoring Reports, Annual Reports to the <i>PEM Board</i>, the <i>DOE</i> and the <i>ERC</i>, as the case may be, as required under this <i>Market Manual</i>, <u>the Quarterly Monitoring Reports, Quarterly Market Reports covering three (3) billing periods, and Annual Market Reports covering the January to December billing period, including the last quarter, for the Wholesale</u>	It is proposed shifting from monthly to quarterly monitoring to enhance the depth and accuracy of market assessments. This change will allow us to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Conduct More Detailed Assessments: By covering longer periods, we can perform more comprehensive analyses, leading to more accurate and insightful evaluations of market conditions. ● Identify Trends: Quarterly monitoring will enable us to better 				

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		(i) Market Assessment Report; (ii) Retail Market Assessment Report; (iii) Over-riding Constraints Report; and (iv) Apparent or suspected incidents of <i>anti-competitive behavior</i> or abuse of market power by any <i>WESM Participant/Member</i>	<p><u>and Retail electricity markets,</u> which shall include the following:</p> <p>(i) Market Assessment Report; (ii) Retail Market Assessment Report; (iii) Over-riding Constraints Report; and (iv) Apparent or suspected incidents of <i>anti-competitive behavior</i> or abuse of market power by any <i>WESM Participant/Member</i></p> <p><u>The Committee shall publish Monthly Market Statistics that include the results of the monitoring indices specified in the Catalogue of Market Monitoring Data and Indices (CMMDI) and Catalogue of Retail Market Monitoring Data and Indices (CRMMDI).</u></p>	<p>identify and understand market trends, which may not be as apparent in shorter, monthly reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource Optimization: Focusing on quarterly reports will allow us to allocate resources more efficiently, ensuring that our analyses are thorough and well supported. <p>Additionally, to address any specific market issues or developments, we retain the discretion to submit monthly reports or special reports as necessary. This flexibility ensures that we can respond promptly to any</p>				

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				emerging concerns or significant changes in the market.				
Section 3 – Responsibilities	3.1 – Market Surveillance Committee	(NEW)	<u>(c) In the conduct of its market surveillance function, recommend to PEMC President the issuance of Notice of Possible Commission of Anti-competitive Behavior for any apparent or suspected incidents of anti-competitive behavior or abuse of market power by any WESM Participant/Member.</u>	<p>In view of the revisions to Section 3.1(b), a separate provision is introduced to specify the responsibility of the MSC in addressing any observed or suspected incidents of anti-competitive behavior or abuse of market power by any WESM Participant/Member. This separate provision aims to clarify that reports related to such behavior will be submitted on a per-occurrence basis rather than periodically.</p> <p>Consistent with Section 4.4 of the Market Surveillance Manual, clarified that the recommendation for</p>	<p><i>We suggest to change PEMC to WGA for consistency.</i></p> <p><i>We would like to request for a clarification regarding the jurisdictional authority over anti-competitive behavior within the WESM, specifically to delineate the responsibilities of the MSC, ERC, and the Philippine Competition Commission (PCC).</i></p>	(c) In the conduct of its market surveillance function, recommend to PEMC WGA President the issuance of Notice of Possible Commission of Anti-competitive Behavior for any apparent or suspected incidents of anti-competitive behavior or abuse of market power by any WESM Participant/Member.		

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		(c) Prepare and submit special market reports as may be directed by the PEM Board, DOE or ERC;	(d) (e) Prepare and submit special market reports as may be directed by the PEM Board, DOE or ERC;	the issuance of Notice of the MSC will be submitted to PEMC President. Renumbering	<i>We would like to to inquire whether an existing manual or set of rules explicitly defines what constitutes anti-competitive behavior and abuse of market power by WESM Participants, and if the investigation and enforcement of such rules fall within the explicit purview of the MSC.</i> <i>In the event that no such comprehensive and applicable rules have been established, it is hereby proposed that a detailed and authoritative</i>			

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					<p><i>framework be developed. This framework shall establish the precise parameters and criteria required to empower the MSC to effectively conduct investigations into anti-competitive behavior and market power abuse. This will also enable for the WESM Participants to be guided on the anti-competitive behavior and market power abuse.</i></p>			
Section 3 – Responsibilities	3.1 – Market			To reflect the appropriate name of the report and to				

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	Surveillance Committee	<p>(d) Review an event of <i>market intervention</i> or <i>market suspension</i>, as defined under Chapter 6 of the <i>WESM Rules</i>, and prepare the corresponding Market Intervention or Market Suspension Report to be submitted to the <i>PEM Board</i>;</p> <p>(e) Propose amendments to the <i>WESM Rules</i> in accordance with Chapter 8;</p>	<p>(e) (d) Review an event of <i>market intervention</i> or <i>market suspension</i>, as defined under Chapter 6 of the <i>WESM Rules</i>, and prepare the corresponding Review Report on Market Intervention or Market Suspension Report to be submitted to the <i>PEM Board</i>;</p> <p>(f) (e) Propose amendments to the <i>WESM Market Rules and Market Manuals</i> in accordance with Chapter 8;</p>	<p>distinguish it from the report/s submitted by either System Operator or Market Operator.</p> <p>To reflect the appropriate name of the report and to distinguish it from the report/s submitted by either System Operator or Market Operator.</p>				
Section 3 – Responsibilities	3.1 – Market Surveillance Committee	<p>(f) Upon request, assist the Rules Change Committee in reviewing proposed amendments to the <i>WESM Rules</i> and <i>Market Manuals</i>, and make recommendations on the expected impact and necessity of the amendment proposal;</p>	<p>(g) (f) Upon request, assist the Rules Change Committee in reviewing proposed amendments to the <i>WESM Rules</i> and <i>Market Manuals</i>, and make recommendations on the expected impact and necessity of the amendment proposal;</p>	Renumbering				

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		(g) Annually review and propose changes, as appropriate, to the <i>WESM Penalty Manual</i> pursuant to Clause 7.2 of the <i>WESM Rules</i> .	<p>(h) (g) Annually review, and propose changes, as appropriate, and review any proposed amendments to the <i>WESM Penalty Manual</i> pursuant to Clause 7.2.5.5 of the <i>WESM Rules</i>;</p> <p><u>(i) Submit a Request for Investigation (RFI) whenever the Committee has information on acts or omissions which may possibly constitute to a breach of the WESM Rules and WESM Manuals in accordance with Section 4.6.2 of the Enforcement and Compliance Manual.</u></p>	<p>To update the reference Clause, for clarity.</p> <p>To reflect the responsibility of the MSC to review any proposed amendments to the <i>WESM Penalty Manual</i> pursuant to Clause 7.2.5.5 of the <i>WESM Rules</i>.</p> <p>To include that in the performance of its monitoring functions the MSC have observed any acts or breaches to the <i>WESM Rules</i> and <i>Market manuals</i>, the Committee may submit a RFI to ECO for further assessment / evaluation.</p>				
Section 3 – Responsibilities	3.3 – Market	In accordance with the <i>WESM Rules</i> , the <i>Market Assessment Group</i> shall, among others,	In accordance with the <i>WESM Rules</i> , the <i>Market Assessment Group</i> shall, among others,	To include as a responsibility of MAG, as Secretariat of the MSC, the preliminary				

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	Assessment Group	<p>have the following authorities and responsibilities:</p> <p>xxx</p> <p>(i) Inform the <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> on policy developments, amendments to the <i>WESM Rules</i> and <i>Market Manuals</i>, and decisions of the PEM Board relevant to the market monitoring and surveillance functions; and (j) Recommend to the <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> the adoption or modification of market monitoring indices.</p>	<p>have the following authorities and responsibilities:</p> <p>xxx</p> <p>(i) Inform the <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> on policy developments, amendments to the <i>WESM Rules</i> and <i>Market Manuals</i>, and decisions of the PEM Board relevant to the market monitoring and surveillance functions; and (j) Recommend to the <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> the adoption or modification of market monitoring indices; <u>and</u></p> <p><u>(k) Provide preliminary assessment on submitted proposed general amendments to the WESM Penalty Manual.</u></p>	assessment of submitted proposals for completeness and accuracy. This assessment will serve as a reference for the Committee.				

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Section 3 – Responsibilities	3.6 – Other WESM Governance Committees	<p>In accordance with the WESM Rules, the other <i>WESM Governance Committees</i> shall, among others, have the following responsibilities:</p> <p>(a) Notify the <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> whenever they have knowledge of acts or omissions which may possibly constitute to a Breach of the <i>WESM Rules</i> and <i>WESM Manuals</i>;</p> <p>(b) Notify the <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> when they have knowledge of acts or omissions constituting possible abuse of market power or anti-competitive behavior.</p> <p>(c) Provide assistance and technical expertise to other <i>WESM Governance Committees</i> when so requested; and</p>	<p>In accordance with the WESM Rules, the other <i>WESM Governance Committees</i> shall, among others, have the following responsibilities:</p> <p>(a) Notify the <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> whenever they have knowledge of acts or omissions which may possibly constitute to a Breach of the <i>WESM Rules</i> and <i>WESM Manuals</i>;</p> <p>(a) (b) Notify the <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> when they have knowledge of acts or omissions constituting possible abuse of market power or anti-competitive behavior.</p> <p>(c) Provide assistance and technical expertise to the other <i>WESM Governance</i> <i>Market Surveillance Committees</i> when so requested; and</p>	<p>The responsibility related to the Breach of the WESM Rules and Market Manuals was transferred to the Compliance Committee (CC).</p> <p>Renumbering</p> <p>To clearly indicate the other WGCs' assistance to the MSC pursuant to its mandate under the</p>				

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		(d) Promptly provide all data, information, reports and other documentation requested by <i>DOE, ERC, PEM Board, WESM Governance Committees, Market Assessment Group or Enforcement and Compliance Office.</i>	(d) Promptly provide all data, information, reports and other documentation requested by <i>DOE, ERC, PEM Board, WESM Governance Committees, <u>or</u> Market Assessment Group or Enforcement and Compliance Office.</i>	WESM Rules and Market Surveillance Manual. Removal of ECO since the enforcement functions of the MSC were transferred to the CC				
Section 3 – Responsibilities	3.7 – WESM Members and Participants	Whenever required by the <i>Market Surveillance Committee, the Enforcement and Compliance Office or Market Assessment Group</i> , a WESM Member shall timely submit requested information and data and documents to enable the <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> to effectively carry out its functions and responsibilities under this Manual.	Whenever required by the <i>Market Surveillance Committee, the Enforcement and Compliance Office or Market Assessment Group</i> , a WESM Member shall timely submit requested information and data and documents to enable the <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> to effectively carry out its functions and responsibilities under this Manual.	Removal of ECO since the enforcement functions of the MSC were transferred to the CC.				

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Section 4 – Market Monitoring 4.1 – Market Assessment	4.1.1	The Market Assessment Group shall prepare monthly and annual Market Assessment Reports for submission to the <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> , which shall include: xxx	The Market Assessment Group shall prepare monthly quarterly and annual Market Assessment Reports for submission to the Market Surveillance Committee, which shall include: xxx	It is being proposed shifting from monthly to quarterly monitoring to enhance the depth and accuracy of market assessments. This change will allow us to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Conduct More Detailed Assessments: By covering longer periods, we can perform more comprehensive analyses, leading to more accurate and insightful evaluations of market conditions. ● Identify Trends: Quarterly monitoring will enable us to better identify and understand market trends, which may not be as apparent 				

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				<p>in shorter, monthly reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource Optimization: Focusing on quarterly reports will allow us to allocate resources more efficiently, ensuring that our analyses are thorough and well supported. 				
Section 4 – Market Monitoring 4.1 – Market Assessment	4.1.3	(NEW)	<u>4.1.3 The Market Assessment Group shall maintain a record of its monitoring and assessment and provide the Market Surveillance Committee a summary of observations during its periodic monitoring meetings.</u>	To ensure that the Committee will be updated on the actual condition of the market and if there's any issues or notable observations that require immediate action, MAG shall continue to present in periodic meetings.				
Section 4 – Market Monitoring	4.1.3	4.1.3 <i>The Market Surveillance Committee shall review and prepare periodic reports for submission to the PEM Board,</i>	4.1.3 4.1.4 <i>The Market Surveillance Committee shall review and prepare periodic reports for submission to the</i>	Renumbering				

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4.1 – Market Assessment		the <i>DOE</i> and the <i>ERC</i> , as the case may be.	<i>PEM Board</i> , the <i>DOE</i> and the <i>ERC</i> , as the case may be.					
Section 4 – Market Monitoring 4.1 – Market Assessment	4.1.4	4.1.4 Upon submission to the <i>PEM Board</i> , the above-mentioned <i>Market Assessment Reports</i> shall be published in the <i>WESM market information website</i> .	4.1.4 4.1.5 Upon submission to the <i>PEM Board</i> , the above-mentioned <i>Market Assessment Reports</i> shall be published in the <i>WESM market information website</i> .	Renumbering				
Section 4 – Market Monitoring 4.3 – Periodic Monitoring by the Market Surveillance Committee	4.3.1	The <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> shall meet at least once every month to carry out a review of the Market Assessment Report and the Retail Market Assessment Report submitted by the <i>Market Assessment Group</i> , and the preparation of the Monthly Monitoring Report and Retail Market Monitoring Report to be submitted to the <i>PEM Board</i> .	The <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> shall meet at least once every month to carry out a review of the <u>WESM and Competitive Retail Electricity Market conditions</u> Market Assessment Report and the Retail Market Assessment Report submitted by the <i>Market Assessment Group</i>, <u>which shall form part of</u> the preparation of the Monthly Monitoring Report and Retail Market Monitoring Report to be submitted to the <i>PEM Board</i> , <u>DOE and ERC</u> .	To clarify that the Market Surveillance Committee shall still meet at least once every month to review the current market conditions for both the WESM and Retail Market. This is to ensure the Committee's immediate response for any issues or notable observations that require immediate action.				

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				Further, the Monthly Monitoring Report, which contains the accomplishments of the Committee for every billing period, will still be prepared and submitted monthly to apprise the PEM Board, DOE and ERC of the activities undertaken of the Committee. For checks and balance.				
Section 4 – Market Monitoring 4.3 – Periodic Monitoring by the Market Surveillance Committee	4.3.2	Subject to existing health protocols issued by the National Government and/or local government units by reason of the COVID-19 pandemic, meetings of the <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> shall be held “onsite” at the PEMC office premises or “online” via remote communication. The <i>PEMC</i> shall ensure that adequate space and facilities are allocated to the <i>Market</i>	Subject to existing health protocols issued by the National Government and/or local government units by reason of the the COVID-19 pandemic, meetings of the <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> shall be held “onsite” at the PEMC office premises or “online” via remote communication. The <i>PEMC</i> shall ensure that adequate space and facilities are allocated to the <i>Market</i>	Make it general just in case there will be another form of pandemic happened in the future.				

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		<i>Surveillance Committee</i> for this purpose.	<i>Surveillance Committee</i> for this purpose.					
Section 4 – Market Monitoring 4.3 – Periodic Monitoring by the Market Surveillance Committee	4.3.4	In the periodic monitoring meetings, the <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> shall: (a) Assess market monitoring indices and price trends in the <i>WESM</i> and the Retail Market to evaluate whether spot prices and reserve prices are in line with those that may be expected in an effectively competitive market; Identify market outcomes or pricing situations that are inefficient or contrary to competition or the <i>WESM</i> objectives; (b) Identify market outcomes or pricing situations that are inefficient or contrary to competition or the <i>WESM</i> Objectives; xxx	In the periodic monitoring meetings, the <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> shall: (a) Assess market monitoring indices and price trends in the <i>WESM</i> and the Retail Market to evaluate whether spot prices and reserve prices are in line with those that may be expected in an effectively competitive market; Identify market outcomes or pricing situations that are inefficient or contrary to competition or the <i>WESM</i> objectives; (b) Identify market outcomes or pricing situations that are inefficient or contrary to competition or the <i>WESM</i> Objectives; xxx	remove the redundant provision				

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Section 4 – Market Monitoring 4.3 – Periodic Monitoring by the Market Surveillance Committee	4.3.7	The <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> shall prepare a Monthly Monitoring Report at the end of each periodic monitoring meeting which shall contain: xxx (g) Approved Market Assessment Report	The <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> shall prepare a Monthly Quarterly Monitoring Report at the end of each periodic monitoring period meeting which shall contain: xxx (g) Approved Market Assessment Reports	It is being proposed to shift from monthly to quarterly monitoring to avoid redundancy in the reports as well as enhance the depth and accuracy of market assessments.				
Section 4 – Market Monitoring 4.3 – Periodic Monitoring by the Market Surveillance Committee	4.3.8	The <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> shall submit to the <i>PEM Board</i> the following: (a) Monthly Monitoring Report, not later than one week after its approval; (b) Quarterly Retail Market Monitoring Report, not later than one week after its approval; (c) Annual Retail Market Monitoring Report, within the first quarter of the succeeding year;	The <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> shall submit to the <i>PEM Board</i> the following: (a) Monthly and Quarterly Monitoring Report, not later than one week after its approval; (b) Annual Monitoring Report, which contains its accomplishments and work plan, within the first quarter of the succeeding year; (c) (b) Quarterly Retail Market Assessment Monitoring Report, not later than one week after its approval;	To reflect the existing timescale of the reports submitted and prepared by the Committee. Renumbering.				

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		(d) Annual Market Assessment Report, within the third quarter of the succeeding year; and (e) Annual Report, which contains its accomplishments and work plan, within the first quarter of the succeeding year.	(d) (e) Annual Retail Market Assessment Monitoring Report, within the first quarter of the succeeding year; (e) Quarterly Market Assessment Report, not later than one week after its approval; (f) (d) Annual Market Assessment Report, within the second third quarter of the succeeding year; and (g) Quarterly Over-riding Constraints Report, not later than one week after its approval; (h) Annual Over-riding Constraints Report, within the third quarter of the succeeding year (e) Annual Report, which contains its accomplishments and work plan, within the first quarter of the succeeding year.					
Section 4 – Market Monitoring	4.3.9	The <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> shall transmit a copy of the Monthly Monitoring Report, Annual Market	The <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> shall transmit a copy of the Monthly Quarterly Monitoring Report, Quarterly	To reflect the existing timescale of the reports submitted and				

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4.3 – Periodic Monitoring by the Market Surveillance Committee		Assessment Report, Quarterly Retail Market Monitoring Report and Annual Retail Market Monitoring Report to the <i>DOE</i> and <i>ERC</i> .	and Annual Market Assessment Report, Quarterly and Annual Retail Market Assessment Monitoring Report and Annual Retail Market Monitoring Report Quarterly and Annual Over-riding Constraints Report to the <i>DOE</i> and <i>ERC</i> .	prepared by the Committee. Harmonization of the term / name of the reports for clarity.				
Section 5 – Other Review Functions		(NEW)	<u>5.6 Review of the Proposed Amendments to the WESM Penalty Manual</u> <u>5.6.1 The proposals shall be submitted to the Market Surveillance Committee, through the WESM Governance Committee Secretariat, who shall check for the completeness of the proposal and its compliance with the formal requirements set forth in Section 7.1.4 of the WESM Penalty Manual. Only proposals which are made in the prescribed form shall be accepted and considered as submitted.</u>	To provide a clear and detailed framework for the MSC regarding its responsibilities and procedures for reviewing and approving any proposed changes to the WESM Penalty Manual or Penalty Provisions.				

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			<p><u>5.6.2 Complete proposals shall be given due course and shall be forwarded to the Market Surveillance Committee for consideration within five (5) working days from receipt of complete proposal.</u></p> <p><u>5.6.3 Incomplete proposals or those which do not comply with the formal requirements shall be denied due course, and the WESM Governance Committee Secretariat shall notify the proponent of the denial citing the grounds therefor. The proponent may resubmit the proposal and comply with the formal requirements.</u></p> <p><u>5.6.4 Upon endorsement by the WESM Governance Committee Secretariat,</u></p>					

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			<p><u>(a) the Market Surveillance Committee shall give due course to the proposal in the next Committee meeting.</u></p> <p><u>b) if the Market Surveillance Committee finds that the proposal does not satisfy the criteria as prescribed in Sections 7.1.2 of the WESM Penalty Manual, it shall notify the proponent within ten (10) working days of its decision and the reasons therefor.</u></p> <p><u>c) if the Market Surveillance Committee determines that the proposal satisfies the criteria as prescribed in Section 7.1.2 and 7.1.3 of the WESM Penalty Manual, it shall notify the proponent of the proposal and proceed to evaluate the proposal in the manner set forth in this Market Manual.</u></p>					

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			<p><u>5.6.5 Consultation to Other Committees and Entities</u></p> <p><u>a) The Market Surveillance Committee shall notify all the WESM participants, as well as other interested parties of the proposal through publication, inviting them to give written submissions regarding the proposal.</u></p> <p><u>b) The Market Surveillance Committee shall hold a consultation meeting with the Rules Change Committee and the PEM Board on the proposed amendments within thirty (30) working days from the date of first publication of notice.</u></p> <p><u>5.6.6 Adoption and Approval of the Proposal</u></p> <p><u>a) If the Market Surveillance Committee concludes that</u></p>					

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			<p><u>the proposal satisfies the prescribed criteria and that the procedures set forth in this Manual and in the WESM Penalty Manual have been duly complied with, it shall approve the amendment.</u></p> <p><u>b) In any case, the Market Surveillance Committee may approve the proposal with modifications if it deems proper.</u></p> <p><u>5.6.7 If the Market Surveillance Committee concludes that the proposal does not satisfy the prescribed criteria, it shall notify the proponent, the parties who made written submissions, of its decision and the reasons for rejection, within five (5) working days from the approval of the resolution on the deliberation of the proposal.</u></p>					

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			<p><u>5.6.8 If the Market Surveillance Committee determines that the procedures set forth in this Manual were not duly complied with and that the breach of procedure is material, it shall refer the proposal back to the Proponent so that the procedural error can be rectified.</u></p> <p><u>5.6.9 Pursuant to Clause 7.2.5.5 of the WESM Rules and Sections 3 and 7 of the WESM Penalty Manual, the Market Surveillance Committee shall endorse the approved proposal(s) to the DOE for its review and promulgation, thereafter.</u></p>					
Section 7 – Access to Information and Data	7.4	A request for information by the <i>Market Surveillance Committee, Enforcement and Compliance Office</i> and <i>Market Assessment Group</i> shall:	A request for information by the <i>Market Surveillance Committee, Enforcement and Compliance Office</i> and <i>Market Assessment Group</i> shall:	Removal of ECO since the enforcement and compliance functions were transferred to CC. Minor / clerical edit.				

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Management		(a) Be in writing; (b) Indicate the reason for the request; (c) Specify the document or information requested and, when applicable, the format; (d) Specify a reasonable time within which the information must be provided; and Provide other relevant information or clarification to ensure that the request is understood by the Recipient.	(a) Be in writing; (b) Indicate the reason for the request; (c) Specify the document or information requested and, when applicable, the format; (d) Specify a reasonable time within which the information must be provided; and <u>(e)</u> Provide other relevant information or clarification to ensure that the request is understood by the Recipient.					
Section 8 – Confidentiality	8.8	The members of the <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> , <i>Enforcement and Compliance Office</i> and <i>Market Assessment Group</i> as the case may be, shall prepare a version of their Reports, deleting information they have determined to be confidential, to enable its dissemination and publication.	The members of the <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> , <i>Enforcement and Compliance Office</i> and <i>Market Assessment Group</i> as the case may be, shall prepare a version of their Reports, deleting information they have determined to be confidential, to enable its dissemination and publication.	Removal of ECO since the enforcement and compliance functions were transferred to CC.				

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Section 9 – Limitation of Liability and Indemnification	9.1	Members of the <i>PEM Board</i> and other <i>PEMC</i> officers and staff, <i>Market Surveillance Committee, Enforcement and Compliance Office</i> , and the <i>Market Assessment Group</i> , as the case may be, shall not be made personally liable for any loss, liability or damage suffered or incurred by a <i>WESM member</i> , the <i>System Operator</i> , the <i>Market Operator</i> or any other person by reason of a disclosure of information in reports prepared as a result of the exercise of assessment, monitoring and compliance functions undertaken in accordance with the <i>WESM Rules, Retail Rules</i> or this <i>Market Manual</i> , unless they have acted with malice, manifest partiality, evident bad faith, gross incompetence or gross negligence.	Members of the <i>PEM Board</i> and other <i>PEMC</i> officers and staff, <i>Market Surveillance Committee, Enforcement and Compliance Office</i> , and the <i>Market Assessment Group</i> , as the case may be, shall not be made personally liable for any loss, liability or damage suffered or incurred by a <i>WESM member</i> , the <i>System Operator</i> , the <i>Market Operator</i> or any other person by reason of a disclosure of information in reports prepared as a result of the exercise of assessment, monitoring and compliance functions undertaken in accordance with the <i>WESM Rules, Retail Rules</i> or this <i>Market Manual</i> , unless they have acted with malice, manifest partiality, evident bad faith, gross incompetence or gross negligence.	Removal of ECO since the enforcement and compliance functions were transferred to CC.				
Section 9 – Limitation of Liability and	9.2	Should any member of the <i>PEM Board</i> and other <i>PEMC</i> officers and staff, <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> ,	Should any member of the <i>PEM Board</i> and other <i>PEMC</i> officers and staff, <i>Market Surveillance Committee</i> ,	Removal of ECO since the enforcement and compliance functions were transferred to CC.				

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Indemnification		<i>Enforcement and Compliance Office, Market Assessment Group</i> , as the case may be, be adjudged liable for any amount for liability or damage suffered or incurred by any person or entity, the <i>PEMC</i> shall hold them free and harmless from such loss, liability or damage, and shall fully indemnify said persons through an indemnification process to be developed by the <i>PEM Board</i> ; Provided, however, that the indemnification shall exclude any liability arising out of conduct involving malice, manifest partiality, evident bad faith, gross incompetence or gross negligence. Said indemnification shall cover: xxx	<i>Enforcement and Compliance Office, Market Assessment Group</i> , as the case may be, be adjudged liable for any amount for liability or damage suffered or incurred by any person or entity, the <i>PEMC</i> shall hold them free and harmless from such loss, liability or damage, and shall fully indemnify said persons through an indemnification process to be developed by the <i>PEM Board</i> ; Provided, however, that the indemnification shall exclude any liability arising out of conduct involving malice, manifest partiality, evident bad faith, gross incompetence or gross negligence. Said indemnification shall cover: xxx					
Section 10 – Amendment , Publication	10.2.1	This Manual, as it may be amended from time to time, shall be published in the market information website	This Manual, as it may be amended from time to time, shall be published in the market information website maintained by the Market	To reflect the appropriate entity with oversight in the amendment and				

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and Effectivity 10.2 – Publication and Effectivity		maintained by the <i>Market Operator</i> . This Manual or any amendments thereto shall become effective upon approval of the <i>DOE</i> in accordance with WESM Rules Clause 8.6.4. The date of effectivity shall be indicated in this document.	Operator <u>WESM Governance Arm</u> . This Manual or any amendments thereto shall become effective upon approval of the <i>DOE</i> in accordance with WESM Rules Clause 8.6.4. The date of effectivity shall be indicated in this document.	publication of the Manual.				