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### ATTENDEES

	Name	Designation/Position	Department/Company
1	Maila Lourdes G. De Castro	Chairperson, Independent	RCC
2	Francisco Leodegario R. Castro, Jr.	Member, Independent	RCC
3	Allan C. Nerves	Member, Independent	RCC
4	Concepcion I. Tanglao	Member, Independent	RCC
5	Dixie Anthony R. Banzon	Member, Generation Sector	RCC
6	Cherry A. Javier	Member, Generation Sector	RCC
7	Carlito C. Claudio	Member, Generation Sector	RCC
8	Jessie Victorio	Alternate Member, Generation Sector	RCC
9	Mark D. Habana	Member, Generation Sector	RCC
10	Michelle Tuazon	Alternate Member, Generation Sector	RCC
11	Ryan S. Morales	Member, Distribution Sector	RCC
12	Virgilio C. Fortich, Jr.	Member, Distribution Sector	RCC
13	Ricardo G. Gumalal	Member, Distribution Sector	RCC
14	Nelson M. Dela Cruz	Member, Distribution Sector	RCC
15	Lorreto H. Rivera	Member, Supply Sector	RCC
16	Ambrocio R. Rosales	Member, System Operator	RCC
17	John Mark S. Catriz	Head, Market Assessment Group	PEMC
18	Karen A. Varquez	Manager, MAG-Rules Review Division (RCC Secretariat)	PEMC
19	Divine Gayle C. Cruz	Specialist, MAG-Rules Review Division (RCC Secretariat)	PEMC
20	Dianne L. De Guzman	Specialist, MAG-Rules Review Division (RCC Secretariat)	PEMC
21	Kathleen R. Estigoy	Specialist, MAG-Rules Review Division (RCC Secretariat)	PEMC
22	Ferdinand B. Binondo	Observer	DOE
23	Melanie Papa	Observer	DOE
24	Mari Josephine C. Enriquez	Observer	DOE
25	Ryan Jaspher M. Villadiego	Observer	DOE

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I. Call to Order / Determination of Quorum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The meeting was conducted via Microsoft Teams and was called to order at 9:07 AM.</li><li>• The meeting was temporarily presided by Francisco Leodegario R. Castro, Jr. (Member/Independent).</li><li>• 14 RCC principal members and 2 alternate members were in attendance.</li></ul>															
II. Presentation and Approval of the Proposed Agenda	The provisional agenda of the meeting was approved by the body, as amended.															
III. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting	The minutes of the 171 <sup>st</sup> RCC Meeting held on 20 November 2020 was approved as amended.															
IV. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting																
4.1. Draft RCC Resolution No. 2020-18: Proposed Amendments to the WESM Rules and WESM Manuals on the Rationalization of Billing Adjustment Timelines	<p><u>Presenter:</u> Divine Gayle C. Cruz and Kathleen R. Estigoy (Secretariat)</p> <p><u>Action Requested:</u> For deliberation and approval to endorse to PEM Board</p> <p><u>Meeting Materials:</u> Annex (matrix of proposed amendments)</p> <p><u>Proceedings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Estigoy (Secretariat) presented the draft RCC Resolution, which was sent to the RCC for review and comments prior to the meeting. Below is the table summarizing the proposed changes:</li></ul> <table><tr><th>ACTIVITY</th><th>ORIGINAL TIMELINE</th><th>PROPOSED TIMELINE</th></tr><tr><td><b>1) Errors/Discrepancy</b></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>WESM Member deadline for reporting errors with MO</td><td>None</td><td>5 months after WESM Member's receipt of final statement</td></tr><tr><td>MO deadline for release of revised statement</td><td>6 months after notice of error or MO discovery</td><td>No change</td></tr><tr><td>MSP reconciliation of unintentional meter error</td><td>1 year after discovery</td><td>5 months after discovery</td></tr></table>	ACTIVITY	ORIGINAL TIMELINE	PROPOSED TIMELINE	<b>1) Errors/Discrepancy</b>			WESM Member deadline for reporting errors with MO	None	5 months after WESM Member's receipt of final statement	MO deadline for release of revised statement	6 months after notice of error or MO discovery	No change	MSP reconciliation of unintentional meter error	1 year after discovery	5 months after discovery
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	<p>framework. She also clarified that each process has a different timeline.</p> <p>Mr. Castro, Jr. (Independent) also inquired on the reckoning period to initiate dispute regarding the billing statement should there be multiple issues involved. Ms. Cruz clarified that it is reckoned from the receipt of final revised billing statement for the WESM transaction that is the subject of complaint.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Fortich, Jr. (CEBECO III) moved to approve draft resolution and the proposed amendments containing the previous and additional revisions for endorsement to the PEM Board, which was duly seconded by Mr. Claudio (MEI/PEI).</li> </ul> <p><u>Resolution:</u> The RCC approved the proposed changes to the following documents for endorsement to the PEM Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. WESM Rules;</li> <li>2. WESM Manual on Billing and Settlement Issue 6.1;</li> <li>3. WESM Manual on Metering Standards and Procedures Issue 12.0; and</li> <li>4. WESM Manual on Dispute Resolution Issue 6.0.</li> </ol> <p>The RCC also approved and authorized the Secretariat to affix their e-signature to the resolution.</p>
V. New Business	
5.1 Survey of Rules Changes for Rules Effectiveness Study	<p><u>Presenter:</u> Kathleen R. Estigoy (Secretariat)</p> <p><u>Action Requested:</u> For discussion and approval.</p> <p><u>Proceedings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Estigoy presented the proposed topics and indicative timelines for rules change effectiveness study for review and approval of the RCC. She explained that the initiative is included in MAG Departmental Plans with the following objectives:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To determine whether rules changes achieved the intended goals or benefits of the proposal;</li> <li>2. To fill the gaps in understanding what rules change worked and did not work; and</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

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	<p>3. To recommend enhancements to rules change processes.</p> <p>The proposed study topics were determined from the survey of RCC-approved rules change proposals from 2010 until 2020 (November) or for the last ten (10) years. There is a total of 129 surveyed proposals, broken down as follows:</p> <table><tr><td></td><td>Approved</td><td>Disapproved</td></tr><tr><td>General</td><td>113</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>Urgent</td><td>10</td><td>3</td></tr></table> <p>The proposals were categorized based on the WESM objectives and topics, as follows:</p> <table><tr><th>Category (Topics)</th><th>%</th></tr><tr><td>Efficiency of MO &amp; Service Providers (metering, registration, billing, clarification on processes, bid to bill)</td><td>38</td></tr><tr><td>Competition (pricing, scheduling and dispatch)</td><td>35</td></tr><tr><td>Governance (WGC, oversight function)</td><td>17</td></tr><tr><td>Reliability (grid, security of supply, business continuity)</td><td>7</td></tr><tr><td>Transparency (publication, reporting, exceptions to confidentiality)</td><td>3</td></tr></table> <p>Below are the frequently revised topics:</p> <table><tr><th>Topic</th><th>%</th></tr><tr><td>Registration, Suspension, Deregistration, Cessation</td><td>8.8%</td></tr><tr><td>Dispute Resolution</td><td>7.1%</td></tr><tr><td>Metering - Site Specific Loss</td><td>5.3%</td></tr><tr><td>Prudential requirement - Initial PR, Maximum/Actual Exposure</td><td>5.3%</td></tr></table>		Approved	Disapproved	General	113	3	Urgent	10	3	Category (Topics)	%	Efficiency of MO & Service Providers (metering, registration, billing, clarification on processes, bid to bill)	38	Competition (pricing, scheduling and dispatch)	35	Governance (WGC, oversight function)	17	Reliability (grid, security of supply, business continuity)	7	Transparency (publication, reporting, exceptions to confidentiality)	3	Topic	%	Registration, Suspension, Deregistration, Cessation	8.8%	Dispute Resolution	7.1%	Metering - Site Specific Loss	5.3%	Prudential requirement - Initial PR, Maximum/Actual Exposure	5.3%
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	3	Registration, Suspension, Deregistration, Cessation
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Claudio noted that the Manual on Must-Run Unit (MRU) was already submitted for repeal to the DOE in view of the implementation of the enhanced WESM design and asked why it was included as an item for proposed study. Ms. Cruz responded that the MAG has initially discussed the same and is on the position that while the manual will be repealed and the mode of compensation has changed, the constrained-on and constrained off generators are not totally eliminated in the enhanced WESM design. It is also considered as one of the controversial topics in the WESM which makes it an interesting topic for study.</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Claudio suggested replacing the MRU topic with Dispatch Protocol Manual (DPM) since the MRU was incorporated in the DPM. Ms. Cruz explained that the study topic selection was not solely based per manual as it will be too broad considering the indicative timeline for conducting it. Mr. Rosales (SO) agreed with the suggestion of Mr. Claudio and explained that the issue on MRU is an application of merit order table, which is a part of dispatch protocol. He added that if the constrained-on constrained-off topic will be pursued, it can only be studied in relation to compensation, since the operations side of it is included in the dispatch protocol.</p> <p>Mr. Rosales further explained that MRU is only applied whenever there are security concerns (e.g. thermal, frequency control, etc.). It is controversial and needs to be studied because of the question of whether to compensate a constrained-off generator which is instructed to decrease its output even if it was scheduled to be dispatched based on the merit order table.</p> <p>Ms. Estigoy clarified if the topic on MRU will still be included in the study or if it will be replaced with the dispatch protocol. Mr. Castro, Jr. (Independent) opined that it must still be included as study topic, but the content of which must be clearly communicated to the participants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Castro, Jr. asked about the method for conducting the proposed study. Ms. Estigoy answered that the RRD is planning to utilize ex-</li> </ul>	

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	<p>ante and ex-post framework in carrying out the study. Ex-ante framework would describe the condition for which the rules change was made, while ex-post framework would determine the outcome of the rules change proposal after its implementation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Javier (APC) inquired whether the newly promulgated rules, like the one regarding enhanced WESM design will be covered by the study, and if so, how would the effectiveness be measured considering its inception. Ms. Estigoy explained that one of the selection criteria for study topic is that it should not be covered by the WESM design study, hence, those are excluded.</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Catriz also addressed the question of Ms. Javier that in some proposals, effectiveness of rules change can already be determined despite its early implementation like the BCQ declaration, while others like the effect of dispute resolution can be observed after an actual case has occurred. Therefore, the effectiveness will depend on the nature and topic of the proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Fortich, Jr. asked whether the study topics will only be limited to the selection criteria mentioned. Ms. Estigoy answered that the topics are still for review and approval of the RCC, thus, other topics may still be added. Ms. Varquez (Secretariat) added the RRD is in the initial stage of the exercise and is still gaining experience in conducting it. The survey proved to be insightful as the results reflect the interest and priorities of the market participants for the last ten years. Thus, it is proposed by the Secretariat to start-off from the topics arising from the survey, and in the future, it is aimed that other topics will be covered. She also noted that one of the purposes of the initial study activity is to prepare for the effectiveness study of the current vis-à-vis the enhanced WESM design and operations, considering the significant number of rules change proposals in relation to that. Another purpose also includes the determination of whether to engage an external party to conduct the effectiveness study like the engagement of IES, an Australian consultancy, which conducted the WESM design study.</li> <li>On the query of Ms. Tanglao (Independent) on the criteria to be used for determining the effectiveness of the rules change, she noted the response of Mr. Catriz (MAG) via Teams chat that this will vary depending on the goal of the proposal. Thus, she expects that</li> </ul>



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	<p>the criteria will likewise be presented by the Secretariat in the subsequent meeting, especially since it will reflect the work of the RCC.</p> <p>Mr. Catriz elucidated that discussion papers submitted by the proponents can be used in determining the criteria for effectiveness as these contain the issues why rules change proposals have been submitted, how the issues will be addressed by the rules change, and the expected outcome after the implementation of the changes. The outcome is to be measured whether it was achieved or not. Besides the discussion paper, externalities may be covered by the criteria such as the rules change facilitation, process of promulgation and evaluation of what has been promulgated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noting the extent of the studies, Mr. Castro, Jr. also requested the Secretariat to include its proposed approach if there is a change in the scope due to data availability concerns. He also noted that the timeline for conducting the study and the manpower requirement must be considered in drafting the methodology.</li> <li>• Mr. Fortich, Jr. moved for the provisional approval of the conduct of the study and the topics to be studied, which was duly seconded by Ms. Javier.</li> </ul> <p><u>Resolution:</u> The RCC provisionally approved the conduct of rules effectiveness study for MRU, prudential requirement and registration, suspension, deregistration and cessation topics.</p> <p>The Secretariat shall present the criteria for effectiveness and proposed approach should there be changes in the scope for each study topic by Q1 2020.</p>
VI. Other Matters	
6.1 DOE Public Consultation Updates	<p><u>Presenter:</u> Ferdinand B. Binondo (DOE)</p> <p><u>Action Requested:</u> For information</p> <p><u>Proceedings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Binondo informed the RCC that virtual public consultations will be held on December 15 for Visayas and Mindanao WESM Members regarding the following draft proposed amendments:</li> </ul>



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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Operation of the Renewable Energy Market;</li> <li>2. Abolition of Various Market Manuals in view of the Implementation of the Enhanced WESM Design and Operations; and</li> <li>3. Procedures for Changes to the WESM Rules, Retail Rules and Market Manuals.</li> </ol> <p>The DOE conducted the virtual public consultations for above-mentioned proposals for Luzon WESM Members last December 10.</p> <p><u>Resolution:</u> N/A (for information only)</p>
VII. Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 January 2021</li> <li>• 19 February 2021</li> <li>• 19 March 2021</li> </ul>
VIII. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 AM.

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 <b>DIXIE ANTHONY R. BANZON</b> Masinloc Power Partners Co. Ltd. (MPPCL)	 <b>CHERRY A. JAVIER</b> Aboitiz Power Corp. (APC)
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Distribution Sector Members:	
 <b>VIRGILIO C. FORTICH, JR.</b> Cebu III Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CEBECO III)	 <b>RYAN S. MORALES</b> Manila Electric Company (MERALCO)

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 <b>RICARDO G. GUMALAL</b> Iligan Light and Power, Inc. (ILPI)	 <b>NELSON M. DELA CRUZ</b> Nueva Ecija II Area 1 Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NEECO II – Area 1)
Supply Sector Member:	
 <b>LORRETO H. RIVERA</b> TeaM (Philippines) Energy Corporation (TPEC)	
Market Operator Member:	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ISIDRO E. CACHO, JR.</b>        Independent Electricity Market Operator of the Philippines        (IEMOP)</p>	
System Operator Member:	
 <b>AMBROCIO R. ROSALES</b> National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP)	

ANNEX – Proposed Amendments to the WESM Rules and WESM Manuals on the Rationalization of Billing Adjustment Timelines

WESM Rules				
Title	Clause	Provision	Proposed Amendment	Rationale
Final Statements	(new)	(none)	<p><b><u>3.14.5.3</u></b></p> <p><b><u>If the WESM member reasonably believes there was an error or discrepancy in the final statement given to the WESM Member by the Market Operator under this Clause 3.14.5, the WESM member may notify the Market Operator of that error or discrepancy within five (5) months from the WESM Member’s receipt of the final settlement statement and the Market Operator shall review the final statement.</u></b></p>	Reduce duration of possible additional obligations resulting from errors in settlement statements to one (1) year.
Final Statements	(new)	(none)	<p><b><u>3.14.5.4</u></b></p> <p><b><u>If a WESM Member disagrees with the Market Operator’s decision as regards the notification made in Clause 3.14.5.3 or determines that there is an error or discrepancy in the Market Operator’s adjustment to the final statement as reflected in the revised final statement, the</u></b></p>	To establish a process where WESM Members may take the dispute resolution route only after they have exhausted the process of notifying and reconciling errors and discrepancies in their final statements with the Market Operator per WR 3.14.5.3.

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Title	Clause	Provision	Proposed Amendment	Rationale
			<u>WESM Member may lodge a dispute through the WESM dispute resolution process in accordance with WESM Rules Clause 7.3 within six (6) months from the WESM Member’s receipt of the Market Operator’s decision or revised final statement.</u>	New clause 3.14.5.4 to reflects said sequential process.
Disputes	3.14.8	Disputes	<u>Reporting of Errors and</u> Disputes	To clarify in the heading that the section contains processes for WESM Members’ reporting of errors with the MO and raising disputes via WESM dispute resolution process.
Disputes	3.14.8.2	Disputes in respect of <i>final statements</i> or the supporting data provided with them in accordance with <i>WESM Rules</i> Clause 3.14.5 shall be raised within twelve (12) months of the relevant billing period, provided, however, that the data contained in reports submitted by the System Operator pursuant to WESM Rules Clause 3.5.13.1 that have already become final shall not be subject of dispute.	Disputes <u>Reporting of errors</u> in respect of <i>final statements</i> or the supporting data provided with them in accordance with <i>WESM Rules</i> Clause 3.14.5 shall be raised within <del>twelve (12)</del> <u>five (5)</u> months of <u>the WESM Member’s receipt of the final settlement statement</u> , provided, however, that the data contained in reports submitted by the System Operator pursuant to WESM Rules Clause 3.5.13.1 that have already become final shall not be subject of dispute.	Reduce general duration of possible additional obligations resulting from disputes to one (1) year.

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WESM Rules				
Title	Clause	Provision	Proposed Amendment	Rationale
Disputes	(new)	(none)	<b><u>3.14.8.3</u></b>  <b><u>Disputes in respect of the Market Operator’s decision or revised final statement resulting from the WESM Member’s action per Clause 3.14.8.2 shall be raised within six (6) months from the WESM Member’s receipt of the Market Operator’s decision or revised final statement pursuant to Clause 7.3, provided, however, that the data contained in reports submitted by the System Operator pursuant to WESM Rules Clause 3.5.13.1 that have already become final shall not be subject of dispute.</u></b>	To establish a process where WESM Members may take the dispute resolution route only after they have exhausted the process of notifying and reconciling errors and discrepancies in their final statements with the Market Operator.
Disputes	3.14.8.3	Disputes raised under this clause 3.14.8 shall be resolved by agreement or pursuant to the dispute resolution procedures set out in clause 7.3.	<del>3.14.8.3</del> <b><u>3.14.8.4</u></b>  Disputes raised under this clause 3.14.8 shall be resolved by agreement or, <b><u>in the case of Clause 3.14.8.3,</u></b> pursuant to the dispute resolution procedures set out in clause 7.3.	To clarify that the procedure described in clause 3.14.8.3 shall particularly adhere to Clause 7.3 regarding WESM dispute resolution process.
Settlement Revisions	3.14.9.1	XXX  The <i>Market Operator</i> shall issue the adjustment to the <i>final statement</i> not later than twelve (12) calendar months after the resolution of the dispute or receipt of the	XXX  The <i>Market Operator</i> shall issue the adjustment to the <i>final statement</i> not later than <del>twelve (12)</del> <b><u>six (6)</u></b> calendar months after the resolution of the dispute or receipt of the	Reduce general duration of possible additional obligations resulting from disputes to one (1) year

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WESM Rules				
Title	Clause	Provision	Proposed Amendment	Rationale
		relevant final and executory Order unless parties to be billed agrees that the issuance of the particular WESM bill adjustment shall be at a later time.	relevant final and executory Order unless parties to be billed agrees that the issuance of the particular WESM bill adjustment shall be at a later time.	
Disputes About Payment	7.3.6	<p>If a dispute arises between a <i>WESM member</i> and the <i>Market Operator</i> in respect of final statements or the supporting data provided with them in accordance with clause 3.14.5, then</p> <p>(a) The dispute shall be referred to the <i>Dispute Resolution Administrator</i> in accordance with clause 7.3.4.3 within twelve months of the dispute arising;</p> <p>xxx</p>	<p>If a dispute arises between a <i>WESM member</i> and the <i>Market Operator</i> in respect of <del>final</del> <b><u>revised final</u></b> statements or the supporting data provided with them in accordance with clause 3.14.5, then</p> <p>(a) The dispute shall be referred to the <i>Dispute Resolution Administrator</i> in accordance with clause <del>7.3.4.3</del> <b><u>7.3.4.2</u></b> within <del>twelve</del> <b><u>six (6)</u></b> months of the dispute <b><u>on the revised final statement</u></b> arising;</p> <p>xxx</p>	To establish a process where WESM Members may take the dispute resolution route only after they have exhausted the process of notifying and reconciling errors and discrepancies in their final statements with the Market Operator.
Disputes Affecting Final Statements	7.3.7	<p>Where an amount stated to be payable in a final statement is the subject of a dispute and the resolution of the dispute affects the amount payable, then:</p> <p>(a) When the dispute is resolved in accordance with this clause 7.3, the Market Operator shall issue a revised final</p>	<p>Where an amount stated to be payable in a final statement is the subject of a dispute and the resolution of the dispute affects the amount payable, then:</p> <p>(a) When the dispute is resolved in accordance with this clause 7.3, the Market Operator shall issue a revised final statement to replace each final statement affected by the</p>	To refer to appropriate clauses regarding issuance of final settlement statements.



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		statement to replace each final statement affected by the resolution of the dispute, in accordance with clause 3.14.5; and	resolution of the dispute, in accordance with <del>clause</del> <b><u>Clauses</u></b> 3.14.5 <b><u>and 3.14.9</u></b> ; and  xxx	

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WESM Manual on Billing and Settlement Issue 6.1				
Title	Section	Provision	Proposed Amendment	Rationale
Issuance of Final Statements	4.2.2	(new)	<b><u>d) If the WESM Member reasonably believes there was an error or discrepancy in the final statement given to the WESM Member by the Market Operator, the WESM member may notify the Market Operator of that error or discrepancy within five (5) months from the WESM Member’s receipt of its final settlement statement and the Market Operator shall review the final statement.</u></b>	Reduce duration of possible additional obligations resulting from errors in settlement statements to one (1) year
Disputes in the Preliminary and Final Statements	4.2.3 (b) and (c)	b) Dispute in respect with the final statement and its corresponding data shall be raised within twelve (12) months of the relevant billing period  c) Disputes raised under the Section 4.2.3 of this Manual, shall be resolved by agreement or pursuant to the dispute resolution procedure set out in the WESM Rules Clause 7.3	<b><u>Reporting of Errors and</u></b> Disputes in the Preliminary and Final Statements  xxx  (b) <b><u>Dispute Reporting of errors</u></b> in respect of the final statement and its corresponding data shall be raised within <del>twelve (12) months of the relevant billing period</del> <b><u>five (5) months from the WESM Member’s receipt of the final settlement statement.</u></b>  (c) <b><u>Disputes in respect of the Market Operator’s decision or revised final statements</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduce general duration of possible additional obligations resulting from disputes to one (1) year</li><li>• To establish a process where WESM Members may take the dispute resolution route only after they have exhausted the process of notifying and reconciling errors and discrepancies in their final statements with the Market Operator.</li></ul>

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WESM Manual on Billing and Settlement Issue 6.1				
Title	Section	Provision	Proposed Amendment	Rationale
			<p><u>resulting from the WESM Member’s action per Section 4.2.3(b) shall be raised within six (6) months from the WESM Member’s receipt of the Market Operator’s decision or revised final statement pursuant to Clause 7.3.</u></p> <p>(c)-(d) Disputes raised under the Section 4.2.3 of this Manual, shall be resolved by agreement or, <u>in the case of 4.2.3(c)</u>, pursuant to the dispute resolution procedure set out in the WESM Rules Clause 7.3</p>	
Issuance of Revised Statements	4.2.4(a)	<p>XXX</p> <p>The Market Operator shall issue the adjustment to the final statement not later than twelve (12) calendar months after the resolution of the dispute or receipt of the relevant final and executory Order unless parties to be billed agrees that the issuance of the particular WESM bill adjustment shall be at a later time.</p>	<p>XXX</p> <p>The <i>Market Operator</i> shall issue the adjustment to the final statement not later than <del>twelve (12)</del> <u>six (6)</u> calendar months after the resolution of the dispute or receipt of the relevant final and executory Order unless parties to be billed agrees that the issuance of the particular WESM bill adjustment shall be at a later time.</p>	Reduce general duration of possible additional obligations resulting from disputes to one (1) year



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WESM Manual on Metering Standards and Procedures Issue 12.0				
Title	Clause	Provision	Proposed Amendment	Rationale
Unresolved MTRs	7.2.2	<p>As described in Section 6.0 of this document, the <i>Market Operator</i> can implement the VEE of metering data, when MTRs are not resolved within specific periods. These estimates remain in place until the MTR is rectified to the <i>Market Operator's</i> satisfaction.</p> <p>If the MSP submitted the report after the final settlement period, the said adjustment will be reflected on the following billing period.</p> <p>In cases where there is unintentional meter error (e.g. meter multiplier) that causes meter malfunction to occur in the process, a prescribed period of one year is allowed for reconciliation from the date of discovery of such error.</p>	<p><del>As described in Section 6.0 of this document, the <i>Market Operator</i> can implement the VEE of metering data, when MTRs are not resolved within specific periods. These estimates remain in place until the MTR is rectified to the <i>Market Operator's</i> satisfaction.</del></p> <p><del>If the MSP submitted the report after the final settlement period, the said adjustment will be reflected on the following billing period.</del></p> <p><del>In cases where there is unintentional meter error (e.g. meter multiplier) that causes meter malfunction to occur in the process, a prescribed period of one year is allowed for reconciliation from the date of discovery of such error.</del></p>	Entire Section 7.2.2 may be deleted since the process is already covered in Section 7.3.2 (notice same title of 7.2.2 and 7.3.2: “Unresolved MTR”).
Unresolved MTRs	7.3.2	<p>xxx</p> <p>c. After Deadline</p>	<p>xxx</p> <p>c. After Deadline</p>	Reduce duration of possible additional obligations resulting from errors in settlement statements to one (1) year. Also provide the Market Operator one (1)

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WESM Manual on Metering Standards and Procedures Issue 12.0				
Title	Clause	Provision	Proposed Amendment	Rationale
		If the <i>Metering Services Provider</i> resolves the Meter Trouble Report and submits <i>metering data</i> after the issuance of the final settlement statement of the affected trading day, the <i>Market Operator</i> shall reflect the said adjustment within one year.	If the <i>Metering Services Provider</i> resolves the Meter Trouble Report and submits <i>metering data</i> after the issuance of the final settlement statement of the affected trading day, the <i>Market Operator</i> shall reflect the said adjustment within <del>one year</del> <b><u>six (6) months.</u></b>	month to prepare the revised statements upon receipt of corrected metering data.
Unresolved MTRs	7.3.2	xxx  e. Meter Malfunction  In cases where there is an unintentional meter error (e.g., erroneous use or application of meter multiplier) that causes a meter malfunction, the Metering Services Provider shall reconcile the metering data of the affected trading intervals within three months to one (1) year after the date of discovery of such error.	xxx  e. Meter Malfunction  In cases where there is an unintentional meter error (e.g., erroneous use or application of meter multiplier) that causes a meter malfunction, the Metering Services Provider shall reconcile the metering data of the affected trading intervals within <del>three months to one (1) year</del> <b><u>five (5) months</u></b> after the date of discovery of such error.	Reduce duration of possible additional obligations resulting from errors in settlement statements to one (1) year. Also provide the Market Operator one (1) month to prepare the revised statements upon receipt of corrected metering data.

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WESM Manual on Dispute Resolution Issue 6.0				
Title	Clause	Provision	Proposed Amendment	Rationale
Disputes with the MO on Settlement and Payments	7.2.1	Disputes between a WESM Member and the MO related to a final settlement statement or its supporting data must be referred to the DRA within twelve (12) months from receipt of such final settlement statement and/or its supporting data. The WESM Member shall notify the MO of its dispute of the final statement or part of the supporting data, provided, however, that data contained in reports submitted by the System Operator pursuant to <i>WESM Rules</i> Clause 3.5.13.1 that have already become final shall not be subject of dispute.	Disputes between a <i>WESM Member</i> and the <i>Market Operator</i> related to a final <b><u>revised final</u></b> settlement statement or its supporting data, <b><u>or over the Market Operator’s decision on the WESM Member’s notification of error or discrepancy in a final statement,</u></b> must be referred to the DRA within <del>twelve (12)</del> <b><u>six (6)</u></b> months from receipt of such final <b><u>revised final</u></b> settlement statement, <del>and/or</del> its supporting data, <b><u>or the Market Operator’s decision</u></b> . The <i>WESM Member</i> shall notify the <i>Market Operator</i> of its dispute of the final <b><u>revised final</u></b> statement or part of the supporting data, provided, however, that data contained in reports submitted by the <i>System Operator</i> pursuant to <i>WESM Rules</i> Clause 3.5.13.1 that have already become final shall not be subject of dispute.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduce general duration of possible additional obligations resulting from disputes to one (1) year.</li><li>• To establish a process where WESM Members may take the dispute resolution route only after they have exhausted the process of notifying and reconciling errors and discrepancies in their final statements with the Market Operator.</li></ul>

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WESM Manual on Dispute Resolution Issue 6.0				
Title	Clause	Provision	Proposed Amendment	Rationale
Disputes with the MO on Settlement and Payments	7.2.4	Once the dispute is resolved, the MO shall issue, if necessary, the revised final statements with the corresponding supporting data, which shall replace the previous final statements. All parties and WESM Members shall be bound by the payment obligations that arise from the revised final statements.	Once the dispute is resolved, the <u>Market Operator</u> shall issue, if necessary, the revised final statements <u>within six (6) months</u> with the corresponding supporting data, which shall replace the previous final statements. All parties and WESM Members shall be bound by the payment obligations that arise from the revised final statements.	Reduce general duration of possible additional obligations resulting from disputes to one (1) year.

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