

Proposed Amendments to the WESM Rules and WESM Manual on Registration, Suspension, and De-Registration Criteria and Procedures to Harmonize with R.A. 11234 and Additional Requirements for De- Registration and Cessation

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I. SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED RULES CHANGE

The amendments to the WESM Rules and WESM Manual on Registration, Suspension, and De-Registration Criteria and Procedures are proposed to harmonize provisions on allowed time frame for market operator to release actions on applications as specified in Section 13 under RA 11234 (An Act Establishing the Energy Virtual One-Stop Shop for the Purpose of Streamlining the Permitting Process of Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution Projects).

Additional amendments on the same WESM Manual are also proposed for consistency on other provisions to clarify requirements on facility de-registration and WESM membership cessation.

II. BACKGROUND

Under Section 13 of RA 11234, the market operator is given a total of 15 calendar days to release actions on applications received, counting from the submission of complete requirements. The original provisions in the WESM Rules use "working days" in the WESM application process timelines in view of working hours of the personnel performing the tasks involved. On the other hand, the WESM Rules and WESM Manual on Registration, Suspension, and De-Registration Criteria and Procedures uses "business days" in the WESM application process timelines, which when referred to the business days of the spot market, translates to calendar days.

To cover other improvements in the documented WESM Manual on Registration, Suspension, and De-Registration Criteria and Procedures, additional amendments are proposed to clarify certain provisions specifically on facility-de-registration and WESM membership cessation.

III. THE PROPOSED RULES CHANGE

In view of timeframe provisions in RA 11234, amendments to the WESM Rules and to the WESM Manual on Registration, Suspension, and De-Registration Criteria and Procedures are proposed to reflect RA 11234 requirement for WESM application process timelines in the WESM Rules (i.e., 15 calendar days instead of 15 working days).

For consistency in the implementation of the certain processes for facility de-registration and WESM membership cessation, the following amendments to the WESM Rules and to the WESM Manual on Registration, Suspension, and De-Registration Criteria and Procedures are additionally proposed:

- Reflect additional requirement (i.e., proof of disconnection) for notifying the Market Operator regarding facility de-registration

- Clarify and reflect additional requirement (i.e., proof of disconnection) from WESM member prior to issuance of Notice of Cessation

IV. BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPONENT

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

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V. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The amendments to the WESM Rules and WESM Manual on Registration, Suspension, and De-Registration Criteria and Procedures are proposed to harmonize time frame provisions in RA 11234. By revising the WESM Rules and WESM Manual, process timelines in relation to WESM applications are consistent and compliant with the relevant law.

Additional amendments to the WESM Manual on Registration, Suspension, and De-Registration Criteria and Procedures, other than those in view of RA 11234, clarifies requirements for de-registration and cessation.

VI. REFERENCES

1. WESM Rules
2. WESM Manual on Registration, Suspension, and De-Registration Criteria and Procedures
3. RA 11234 (An Act Establishing the Energy Virtual One-Stop Shop for the Purpose of Streamlining the Permitting Process of Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution Projects)