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### ATTENDEES

No.	Name	Designation/Position	Department/ Company
1	Rachel Angela P. Anosan	Member, Independent	RCC
2	Jose Roderick F. Fernando	Member, Independent	RCC
3	Cherry A. Javier	Member (Principal), Generation Sector	RCC
4	Carlito C. Claudio	Member (Principal), Generation Sector	RCC
5	Michelle S. Tuazon	Member (Alternate), Generation Sector	RCC
6	Ryan S. Morales	Member (Principal), Distribution Sector	RCC
7	Russel S. Alabado	Member (Principal), Distribution Sector	RCC
8	Isidro E. Cacho, Jr.	Member (Principal), Market Operator	RCC
9	Jessie B. Victorio	Member (Alternate), Generation Sector	RCC
10	Dennis R. Paragas	Member (Alternate), Supply Sector	RCC
11	Kristoffer S. Ng	Member (Alternate), Market Operator	RCC
12	Leo John A. Juguilon	Office of the CGO	PEMC
13	Karen A. Varquez	RCC Secretariat	PEMC
14	Divine Gayle C. Cruz	RCC Secretariat	PEMC
15	Mari Josephine C. Enriquez	RCC Secretariat	PEMC
16	Mary Rose L. Bisnar	RCC Secretariat	PEMC
17	Hilary Romeli C. Florendo	ECO	PEMC
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19	Francisco Rufino M. Gine	Legal	PEMC
20	Marcelo L. Gemalan	Corporate Communications Specialist	PEMC
21	Lex J. Magtalas	Observer	APC
22	Sheryll M. Dy	Proponent	IEMOP
23	Lilibeth Grace L. Vetus	Proponent	IEMOP
24	Edmin Arellano	Proponent	IEMOP

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Agenda	Discussion/Agreements
I. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 1:32 PM.
II. Adoption of Agenda	The RCC adopted the agenda.  Ms. Rachel Angela P. Anosan (Independent) presided the meeting.
III. Proposed Amendments to the WESM Rules and various WESM Manual on the Interruptible Load Program (ILP) Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussions on BCQ re-declaration procedure specifically for the proposed Clauses 9.5.9 (definition of force majeure in item (e) and 9.5.12 adjustments to approved re-declarations of the Billing and Settlement Manual</li> </ul>	<u>Presenter:</u> Isidro E. Cacho (Proponent/IEMOP)  Action Request: For deliberation/discussion  Material: Annex A

### Proceedings:

- Ms. Mary Rose Bisnar (RCC Secretariat) provided brief background of the proposal. She informed the body that the proposal was endorsed by the RCC to the PEM Board through RCC Resolution No. 2023-09. The PEM Board remanded the proposal to the RCC during the 63<sup>rd</sup> PEM Board Meeting held last 30 August 2023 to further discuss the procedures on BCQ re-declaration on the following proposed new provisions of the Billing and Settlement Manual (BSM):
  - Section 9.5.9, specifically on the definition of “force majeure” causing inaccessibility of the CRSS by the Trading Participant.
  - Section 9.5.12, specifically on the determination of “erroneous” BCQ re-declaration.
- Mr. Isidro E. Cacho, Jr. (Market Operator/IEMOP) presented IEMOP’s proposed timeline of processing BCQ re-declarations (in accordance with the proposed allowable conditions under Section 9.5.9 of BSM) and the corrections allowed under proposed Section 9.5.12 of BSM. The proposed timeline read as follows:
  - The Trading Participant has D+7 timeline to process the submission of BCQ re-declaration from occurrence of said condition. Within said period, the Trading Participant may correct the submitted BCQ re-declaration.
  - To be accounted in the Preliminary Settlement Statement, the Trading Participant should re-declare their BCQ until the 28<sup>th</sup> day of the month.

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3. The Trading Participant is allowed to correct the erroneous re-declaration within 5 days after the issuance of the Preliminary Settlement Statement in order for IEMOP to validate and prepare the Final Settlement Statement.

Mr. Cacho added that IEMOP proposed the correction of the erroneous BCQ re-declaration shall be one (1) time only. He deemed that the same is validated by the Generation Company counterparties (Contestable Customer and Directly Connected Customer).

To further understand the proposed timeline, Ms. Anosan requested clarification on the following matters:

- a) If the Trading Participant was not able to re-declare their BCQ due to an ILP event on or before the 28<sup>th</sup> day of the month, is the Trading Participant still allowed to re-declare their BCQ until the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the following month?
  - Mr. Cacho responded that the Trading Participant can still re-declare their BCQ until the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the following month or five (5) days after the issuance of the Preliminary Settlement Statement. However, any re-declaration made beyond the 28<sup>th</sup> day of the month will be included in the Final Settlement Statement.
  - Based on the discussions, Ms. Anosan stated that the 28<sup>th</sup> day of the month refers to the calendar days whereas the reckoning of the five (5) days' timeline is after the issuance of the Preliminary Settlement Statement (i.e., if the Preliminary Settlement Statement is issued on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month therefore BCQ re-declaration correction is until 6<sup>th</sup> day of the month). Mr. Cacho responded affirmatively on this regard.
- b) If the Trading Participant made BCQ re-declaration on or before the 28<sup>th</sup> day of the month, which will be accounted for on the Preliminary Settlement Statement, and after the issuance of the Preliminary Settlement Statement it is observed that the BCQ re-declaration is erroneous, can the Trading Participant still correct the erroneous BCQ re-declaration?
  - Mr. Cacho confirmed that the Trading Participant can still correct the erroneous BCQ re-declaration. He also explained that the one-time correction, as reflected on IEMOP's proposed timeline, refers to correction of erroneous BCQ re-declaration in which shall be allowed within (5) days from the issuance of the Preliminary Settlement Statement.

Following the discussions on the proposed timeline, Mr. Ryan S. Morales (Distribution) agreed to the IEMOP's proposed timeline. However, he inquired if the cut-off time of BCQ re-declaration is until 11:59 PM. Mr. Cacho then responded positively.

- On Section 9.5.9 of BSM, Mr. Cacho said that IEMOP proposed to add a statement referring to Section 9.5.12 of BSM.

Ms. Anosan reiterated the PEM Board's concern on the proposal which are particular on the definition of "force majeure" and on the determination of the erroneous BCQ re-

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declaration. She added that the Section 9.5.9 provides the conditions on when it is possible to make BCQ re-declaration (i.e., Inaccessibility of CRSS by Trading Participant).

Ms. Varquez informed the body that Dir. Nethercott asked about the definition of “force majeure” on item (e) of Section 9.5.9 of BSM which read as follows:

**“9.5.9 The Market Operator is authorized to approve a request for re-declaration of bilateral contract quantities made under Section 9.5.7 of this Manual provided that such re-declaration complies with all the following requirements:**

- a) **The bilateral contract quantity re-declarations were submitted no later than seven (7) business days from the end of the relevant trading day when the *force majeure* event occurred;**
- b) **The bilateral contract quantity re-declarations were only for intervals when the Market Operator’s electronic submission platform was inaccessible;**
- c) **The bilateral contract quantity re-declarations of Generation Companies correspond with their respective contract enrolments;**
- d) **The bilateral contract re-declarations of Generation Companies follow the prescribed format and mode of submissions;**
- e) **The Generation Company immediately reported the inability to access the Market Operator’s electronic submission platform within the day of occurrence of the *force majeure* event; and**
- f) **The Generation Company attests, by way of a public document, to the truthfulness and correctness of the submitted proof of inability to access the Market Operator’s electronic submission platform.”**

Mr. Cacho responded that force majeure on item (e) of Section 9.5.9 of BSM refers to the inaccessibility of the CRSS. He believed that the additional clarification on the said section is about the force majeure which refers to the Market System and does not necessarily refer to the limitation on the end of the Customers or on the GenCo or the entity who will make the re-declaration of BCQ.

Ms. Anosan reiterated that the said section is about the authority of the MO to allow re-declarations if the CRSS is inaccessible. But essentially, this is only for situations where the platform for submission of BCQ re-declarations becomes unavailable and the Trading Participant is given 7 days from the day when the force majeure event occurred to re-declare their BCQ. With that, she then suggested to set out the conditions referring to the unavailability of the CRSS regardless of the causes instead of referring to force majeure.

Ms. Varquez added that Dir. Nethercott also mentioned that the MO is trying to request for clarity on the implementation of the said conditions, if the suggestion of Ms. Anosan would remove any discretion on the part of IEMOP/MO on what the acceptable reason is, then it may be a concern. According to her, if the said condition qualifies on the definition of force

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majeure, which is set out in WESM Rules, then it would be up to the IEMOP/MO whether to approve or not the request for re-declaration of BCQ of the Trading Participant. On the other hand, she asked how the MO will consider a request for re-declaration in light of the inaccessibility of CRSS if the “force majeure” will be deleted in item (e) of Section 9.5.9.

In terms of the sequence of sub-provisions of Section 9.5.9, Ms. Anosan suggested to state the item (b) first. Followed by the timeline stated in item (a) after the conditions in item (b) occurs.

Ms. Cherry A. Javier (Generation) inquired if there are instances of inaccessibility due to the Trading Participant itself. She added that it would be better to specify the inaccessibility of the CRSS because of the Market Operator. Ms. Anosan suggested to revise the provision to address Ms. Javier’s comment regarding the inaccessibility of the CRSS due to the events on the end of the Market Operator.

In line with Ms. Javier’s comments, Mr. Cacho highlighted that those instances of inaccessibility due to incidents from the end of the Trading Participant (i.e., loss of internet connection) should not be included.

Mr. Carlito C. Claudio (Generation) also agreed with Ms. Javier. However, he inquired on why the GenCo is required to submit a document as a proof of inaccessibility of CRSS, wherein the MO already knows the CRSS has downtime, and it is also included in the MO performance monitoring. Ms. Anosan agreed to Mr. Claudio’s comment and suggested to delete item (f) of Section 9.5.9.

- On Section 9.5.12, the following discussions were raised:

In line with IEMOP’s proposal, Ms. Varquez suggested to not refer the Section 9.5.12 to Section 9.5.9 since the latter covers the BCQ re-declaration due to CRSS inaccessibility, whereas the former covers all the BCQ re-declaration and corrections.

Mr. Cacho agreed to Ms. Varquez’s suggestions. However, he raised two matters for further discussion:

- On Section 9.5.9, the consideration of limitations on the end of Trading Participants in terms of inaccessibility of the CRSS (i.e., inability to access the CRSS due to loss of internet connection due to extreme weather conditions).
- On Section 9.5.12, the conditions to be considered as “erroneous” re-declaration.

To provide an idea on what constitutes an error, Mr. Morales stated that erroneous data refers to any deviation from the agreed (i.e. cleared by affected parties: DU, RES, CC, GenCo) de-loaded kWh and the re-declared kWh. Ms. Anosan responded that based on the given definition of erroneous data, the said data is not available to MO. Mr. Morales added that validation was already made among the CC, DU, RES, and GenCo. The MO is

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146 not privy to the erroneous re-declaration since it is assumed that the BCQ re-declaration of  
 147 the GenCo is validated among said parties.

148 Ms. Sheryll M. Dy (IEMOP) pointed out that the rationale on defining what constitutes an  
 149 erroneous BCQ re-declaration is to exercise diligence on the part of Trading Participants.  
 150 She added that the 7-day period is enough time for the Trading Participants to validate the  
 151 re-declaration.

152 Ms. Anosan suggested IEMOP to further review the possible conditions of “erroneous re-  
 153 declaration” that they will process.

### 154 Agreements:

- 155 • The meeting was concluded with the following agreements:
- 156 a) In coordination with the RCC Secretariat, the IEMOP will further revise the Sections
  - 157 9.5.9 and 9.5.12 of the Billing and Settlement Manual.
  - 158 b) IEMOP to provide the conditions in what are the “erroneous re-declaration” that the
  - 159 Market Operator will process.
  - 160 c) Possible considerations of circumstances when the reason of CRSS inaccessibility
  - 161 is due to incidents beyond the Trading Participant’s control.
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IV. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.

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### Annex A – IEMOP's Proposed Timeline

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## PROPOSE TO ALLOW RE-DECLARATION OF RE-DECLARED BCQ WESM BILLING TIMELINE



