



## MEETING MINUTES

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### ATTENDEES

	Name	Designation/Position	Department/Company
1.	Rachel Angela P. Anosan	Chairman, Independent	RCC
2.	Jesusito G. Morallos	Member, Independent	RCC
3.	Jordan Rel C. Orillaza	Member, Independent	RCC
4.	Emmanuel Genesis T. Andal	Member, Independent	RCC
5.	Dixie Anthony R. Banzon	Member (Principal), Generation Sector	RCC
6.	Jayson A. Francisco	Member (Principal), Generation Sector	RCC
7.	Carlito C. Claudio	Member (Principal), Generation Sector	RCC
8.	Michelle S. Tuazon	Member (Alternate), Generation Sector	RCC
9.	Jessie B. Victorio	Member (Alternate), Generation Sector	RCC
10.	Ryan S. Morales	Member (Principal), Distribution Sector	RCC
11.	Russel S. Alabado	Member (Principal), Distribution Sector	RCC
12.	Virgilio C. Fortich Jr.	Member (Principal), Distribution Sector	RCC
13.	Nelson M. Dela Cruz	Member (Principal), Distribution Sector	RCC
14.	Darryl Lon A. Ortiz	Member (Principal), Transmission Sector	RCC
15.	Bryan Alvin A. Calasanz	Member (Alternate), Supply Sector	RCC
16.	Kristoffer Monico S. Ng	Member (Alternate), Market Operator	RCC
17.	John Paulo O. Castro	DOE Observer	DOE
18.	Karen A. Varquez	Secretariat	PEMC
19.	John Eisendel M. Labay	Secretariat	PEMC
20.	Mary Rose L. Bisnar	Secretariat	PEMC
21.	Bienvenido C. Mendoza Jr.	Chief Market Assessment Officer	PEMC
22.	Aldjon Kenneth M. Yap	MAG	PEMC
23.	Ira Lee P. Corectico	MAG	PEMC
24.	Gabriel R. Marmeto	Legal	PEMC
25.	Earl James G. Reyes	Legal	PEMC
26.	Joshua Joy F. Co	Legal	PEMC
27.	Ma. Hazel M. Gubaton-Lopez	Chief Enforcement and Compliance Officer	PEMC
28.	Cedric Xian Mico L. Uy	Office of the President and WESM Governance Officer	PEMC
29.	Maranatha C. Estalilla	ERC Observer	ERC
30.	Vladimere B. Pulmones	ERC Observer	ERC
31.	Nathan Carlo B. Evangelista	ERC Observer	ERC



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	Name	Designation/Position	Department/Company
32.	Ma. Keisha Z. Pentecostes	ERC Observer	ERC
33.	Sherrie Mae C. Lago	ERC Observer	ERC
34.	Rosedel V. Nacabuan	ERC Observer	ERC
35.	Leny L. Pla	ERC Observer	ERC

### 1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM.

### 2.0 Determination of Quorum

The quorum was determined with twelve (12) principal members and four (4) alternate members present.

One (1) DOE Observer and seven (7) ERC Observers were also present in the meeting.

### 3.0 Adoption of Agenda

Mr. John Eisendel M. Labay (Secretariat) presented the revised proposed agenda.

Deferment of the agenda item 5.1 – “*Proposed Amendments to the WESM Manual on Dispatch Protocol relative to the Validation Process of Reported Discrepancies in Dispatch Instruction Report*”, pending receipt of the Proponent’s response to stakeholders’ comments

Agreement/s:

✓ The RCC adopted the proposed agenda as revised.

### 4.0 Draft Minutes of Previous Meetings

Mr. Labay presented the draft minutes of the 245<sup>th</sup> RCC (Regular) Meeting held on 11 April 2025, noting that all comments and feedback previously received had been considered and incorporated into the draft.

Agreement/s:

✓ The draft minutes was approved by the RCC as revised.

✓ The Secretariat shall route the minutes via Adobe Sign, for RCC’s signature.



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## 6.0 New Business

### 6.1 Proposed Amendments to the WESM Rules and WESM Manual on Procedures for Changes to the WESM Rules, Retail Rules, and Market Manuals

- Presenter/s: Mr. John Eisendel M. Labay (Secretariat)
- Action Requested: For Approval of Response for Submission to PEM Board and DOE
- Material/s: Annex A – Presentation Material of the 246<sup>th</sup> RCC (Regular) Meeting

#### Proceedings:

On 14 May 2025, the RCC received a copy of the DOE’s letter to the PEM Board dated 08 May 2025 pertaining to the DOE’s requirement in relation to the PEM Board-approved general amendment to the Procedures for Changes to the WESM Rules, Retail Rules, and Market Manuals (i.e. Rules Change Manual). In said letter, the DOE responded to the proposal as follows:

Topic	Proposal	DOE’s Response
1. Deliberation period on general amendments	Not later than sixty (60) working days from the <b><u>deadline of written submissions</u></b>	<i>“The DOE has no objection to the proposed changes regarding the RCC’s deliberation period for general amendments.”</i>
2. Period of validity and implementation of urgent amendments	<b><u>Until a general amendment on the same matter has been approved and become effective, whichever comes first</u></b>	<i>“Nevertheless, the DOE may consider the approval of said amendments provided that the PEM-Board approved general amendments corresponding to the implemented urgent amendments are submitted to the DOE within two (2) months prior to the lapse of the six (6) month effectivity period.”</i>

Pursuant to the DOE’s requirement for item 2, PEMC is allotted a period of four (4) months, or approximately 120 days, to complete the processing and submission of the corresponding general amendment of an urgent amendment to the DOE<sup>1</sup>.

To evaluate the feasibility of complying with the DOE’s prescribed timeline in relation to the established procedures of the RCC, the Secretariat conducted a review of general amendments corresponding an implemented urgent amendments that were processed from 2021 to 2024<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Section 6 and 7 of RCM Manual

<sup>2</sup> See Annex A page 20



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Based on the review, PEMC processed a total of four (4) proposals, with an average processing time of 141 days from the effectivity of the urgent amendment up to the submission to the DOE. This period includes the RCC's deliberations, which, on average, were conducted over the course of three (3) regular monthly meetings. Instances where processing exceeded the prescribed one hundred twenty (120) days were primarily due to the complexity and scope of the proposals under consideration.

A comparative analysis between the actual timeline/process undertaken by the RCC and the projected timeline based on the DOE's requirement was done using the proposal on Forecast Accuracy Standards (FAS). The analysis outlined each procedural step and compared the actual implementation dates with dates that would have applied if the DOE prescribed timeline had been strictly followed. The submission of responses by the proponent to address comments received were shortened and the four (4) RCC meetings required for deliberation were compressed into one (1) month (i.e. February 2023), instead of 4 months (i.e. February to May 2023) to meet the DOE's schedule<sup>3</sup>. This means that for the RCC to process the FAS proposal, stricter adherence to submission schedules and more meetings in a month would be required.

In view of the result of historical review and simulation, Mr. Labay presented the proposed revisions to the process of handling a general amendment corresponding an implemented urgent amendment, with the objective of ensuring compliance with the DOE's prescribed timeline.

Item	Current	Changes
Publication of corresponding general amendment for comments by Secretariat	Within <b>ten (10) calendar days</b> from PEM Board approval of Urgent Amendments	Within <b>three (3) working days</b> from PEM Board approval of Urgent Amendments
Submission of response by Proponent	Three (3) working days prior the next <b>Regular</b> RCC meeting	Three (3) working days prior the next <b>Regular/Special</b> RCC meeting
Deliberations on corresponding general amendment by RCC	<b>Regular</b> meetings Caucus, as necessary	<b>Regular and Special</b> meetings Caucus, as necessary
Submission of PEM Board-approved proposal to DOE	Per timeline of PEMC-OCS	Secretariat to closely coordinate with PEMC-OCS
Preparation of "project timeline" per proposal	No "target end-date"	Reckon activities based on "target end-date"

The RCC deliberated on three (3) possible courses of action in response to the DOE's requirement.

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- ❖ Option 1: Request to retain proposal and cite actual timelines of completed Urgent-General Amendments (i.e. process general amendments as usual)
- ❖ Option 2: Retain proposal and adopt the DOE's prescribed timeline (i.e. process general amendments within 120 days from the PEM Board's approval of the urgent amendment)
- ❖ Option 3: Withdraw proposal (Retain current provisions on effectivity of Urgent Amendments)

Mr. Virgilio C. Fortich Jr. (Principal – Distribution) inquired whether the DOE's proposed timeline is more streamlined compared to the RCC's current process. In response, Ms. Rachel Angela P. Anosan (Chairperson) confirmed that the DOE timeline is indeed more streamlined, as it requires the RCC to complete its deliberation process, including the 30-day commenting period, and secure the PEM Board's approval and submission to the DOE within four (4) months from the effectivity of the urgent amendment. She noted that this timeline, may necessitate additional special meetings, depending on the complexity and length of the proposal.

Mr. Darryl Lon A. Ortiz (Principal – Transmission) clarified that while the DOE agrees with the substance of the proposal, it is proposing a modified timeline for submissions. Ms. Anosan affirmed this observation and emphasized that the RCC process would need to be shortened to accommodate the DOE's counterproposal. She further remarked that Options 1 and 2 are the most viable. Under Option 2, stricter adherence to submission schedules would be required, and for complex or extensive proposals, the RCC may need to convene more frequently.

Mr. Carlito C. Claudio (Principal – Generation) sought clarification regarding the implications of agreeing to the DOE's proposed timeline and subsequently failing to meet it. Ms. Anosan responded that such circumstance should be formally raised to the DOE. The letter may state that delays may occur from complex or lengthy proposals, e.g. ASMM proposal or an entirely new manual. Mr. Jayson A. Francisco (Principal – Generation) concurred, emphasizing that concerns regarding processing of complex and lengthy proposals should be explicitly stated in the letter.

Mr. Jordan Rel C. Orillaza (Independent) suggested that comments be solicited to the President and WESM Governance Officer Elvin Hayes E. Nidea and the PEM Board Chairperson Noel V. Aboboto. He further recommended that the RCC's issues and recommendations be formally elevated to the PEM Board for its decision.

In view of the agreement made, Mr. Labay presented the proposed next steps as outlined below.



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**Agreement/s:**

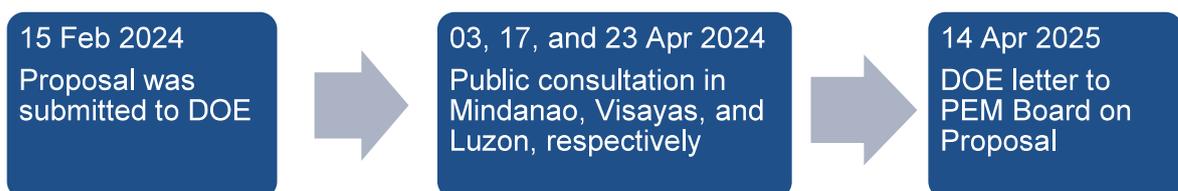
- 121 ✓ The RCC agreed to state in its letter to the WGO and the PEM Board Chairman its intention  
 122 to comply with the DOE directives, while also highlighting the potential implications and  
 123 challenges that may arise particularly in instances involving lengthy or complex proposals,  
 124 adopting a hybrid approach that reflects elements of both Options 1 and 2.  
 125 ✓ The Secretariat will send draft letter to the RCC, for review and approval.  
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128 **6.2 Disapproval of the Proposed Amendments to the WESM Rules and WESM Manuals on Penalty,**  
 129 **and Enforcement and Compliance**  
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- 131 • **Presenter/s:** Ms. Karen A. Varquez (Secretariat)
- 132 • **Action Requested:** For Information
- 133 • **Material/s:** Annex A – Presentation Material of the 246<sup>th</sup> RCC (Regular) Meeting

134 Ms. Karen A. Varquez (Secretariat) presented the summary of the subject proposal, which was  
 135 approved by the RCC on 22 December 2023<sup>4</sup> and subsequently by the PEM Board on 31 January  
 136 2024, outlining the rationale of the proposed amendments. She emphasized that the revisions to  
 137 the WESM Rules and WESM Enforcement and Compliance Manual (ECM) are amendments  
 138 related to penalty provisions and amendments on enforcement and compliance process.  
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140 Ms. Varquez also presented the timeline of activities of the DOE’s processing of the proposal.  
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<sup>4</sup> [RCC Resolution No. 2023-15](#)



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144 On 14 April 2025, the PEM Board and RCC received the letter from the DOE, disapproving the  
 145 proposal. The DOE letter provides the following information:

- 146 • Current procedures in the Enforcement and Compliance Manual and WESM Penalty  
 147 Manual are complete to meet the objectives of their issuance. The proposed amendments  
 148 do not address the issues on penalty collection.
- 149 • DOE disapproves the proposal and directs MO and Governance Arm to strictly comply  
 150 with the provisions, including the collection of penalties.
- 151 • Proposed amendments may be revisited and reconsidered at a later time, in consideration  
 152 of the ongoing review of the WESM structure and framework (by the DOE).  
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154 Ms. Anosan sought clarification regarding the appropriate process of amending the rules that  
 155 includes provisions on penalties. Ms. Varquez explained that all penalty-related amendments will  
 156 processed by the Market Surveillance Committee (MSC), such that the MSC would be  
 157 responsible for submitting the relevant amendments to the DOE.  
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159 Ms. Varquez informed the RCC that a preliminary meeting between PEMC and IEMOP had  
 160 already been conducted. The next step involves coordination with the DOE and ERC to discuss  
 161 the implementation of the DOE's decision. Among the matters to be addressed are:  
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- 163 • Harmonization of the current provisions on the entity who will collect financial penalty in  
 164 the Penalty Manual (i.e. MO)<sup>5</sup> and Ancillary Services Monitoring Manual (i.e. WESM  
 165 Governance Arm)<sup>6</sup>.
- 166 • Confirmation whether the DOE's disapproval includes the proposed amendments on non-  
 167 penalty provisions  
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169 Agreement/s:

- 170 ✓ The RCC noted on the information  
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## 172 7.0 Other Matters

### 173 7.1 Update on Proposed Amendments

- 174 • Presenter/s: Mr. John Eisendel M. Labay (Secretariat)
- 175 • Action Requested: For information
- 176 • Material/s: Annex A – Presentation Material of 246<sup>th</sup> RCC (Regular) Meeting  
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178 Proceedings:

<sup>5</sup> Section 7.2.5.4 of the WESM Rules and Section 6 of the WESM Penalty Manual

<sup>6</sup> Section 3.3.7 of the WESM Ancillary Services Monitoring Manual



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Mr. Labay provided the status of the following rules change proposals:

Status	Topic
Proposed Amendment's awaiting DOE's Approval	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Interruptible Load Program</li> <li>2. Rules Change Process</li> <li>3. Dispatch Schedules below Minimum Stable Load</li> </ol>
General Amendments under RCC Evaluation or Finalization	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Further revision to the Urgent Amendment to the Ancillary Service Monitoring Manual</li> <li>2. Validation Process of Reported Discrepancies in the Dispatch Instruction Report (DIR)</li> <li>3. Market Surveillance Committee Processes – new proposal for submission to the RCC with the Secretariat's Preliminary Assessment on 19 May 2025</li> </ol>
Urgent Amendment Approved by the PEM Board	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dispatch Schedules below Minimum Stable Load</li> <li>2. Further revision to the Urgent Amendment on the Ancillary Service Monitoring Manual</li> </ol>
Disapproved by DOE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Enforcement and Compliance Manual in Alignment with Penalty Manual</li> </ol>
Deferred Proposals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Must-Offer Rule (MOR)</li> <li>2. No Outstanding Balance</li> <li>3. Electric Retail Aggregation Program</li> <li>4. Energy Storage Systems (ESS)</li> </ol>

Agreement/s:

- ✓ The RCC noted updates on the proposed amendments.

### 7.2 DOE Updates

There are no updates from the DOE

### 7.3 Schedule of Activities

- Presenter/s: Mr. John Eisendel M. Labay (Secretariat)
- Action Requested: For information
- Material/s: Annex A – Presentation Material of 246<sup>th</sup> RCC (Regular) Meeting



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Proceedings:

Mr. Labay presented the following schedule of activities, for RCC's information:

Meetings	Schedule
RCC Meeting	20 June 2025 (Face to Face)
	16 July 2025
BRC Meeting	19 May 2025
PEM Board Meeting	28 May 2025

Given the aforementioned schedule, he informed the RCC that there is an RCC agenda item regarding Reserve Conformance Standards and related Enforcement Actions scheduled for the May 2025 BRC and PEM Board Meetings.

Mr. Labay further informed and reminded the RCC of the following<sup>7</sup>:

1. PEMC AGMM 2025 on 19 June 2025;
2. New regulations imposed by the Robinsons Equitable Tower Management, the usage of turnstiles through QR Code or facial recognition to access the RET Building for the preparations for the upcoming face-to-face RCC Meeting on 20 June 2025;
3. Governance Committee Survey Part B and Governance Committee Support Survey – Deadline on 03 June 2025; and
4. Changes in RCC Secretariat Composition.

Agreement/s:

- ✓ The RCC noted the schedule of activities and the reminders.

### 8.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 AM.

Prepared by:



JOHN EYSENDEL M. LABAY  
 Rules Review Specialist  
 Market Assessment Group

Reviewed by:



KAREN A. VARQUEZ  
 Rules Review Sr. Manager  
 Market Assessment Group

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Noted by:



**BIENVENIDO C. MENDOZA, JR.**  
Chief Market Assessment Officer

Approved by:



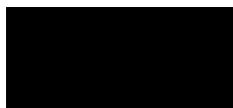
**RACHEL ANGELA P. ANOSAN**  
Chairperson, Independent



**JESUSITO G. MORALLOS**  
Member, Independent



**JORDAN REL C. ORILLAZA**  
Member, Independent



**EMMANUEL GENESIS T. ANDAL**  
Member, Independent



**DIXIE ANTHONY R. BANZON**  
Member, Generation Sector  
Masinloc Power Partners Co. Ltd. (MPPCL)



**JAYSON A. FRANCISCO**  
Member, Generation Sector  
Aboitiz Power Corp. (APC)



**CARLITO C. CLAUDIO**  
Member, Generation Sector  
Millennium Energy, Inc./Panasia Energy, Inc.  
(MEI/PEI)



(Attended by Ms. Michelle S. Tuazon)  
**MARK D. HABANA**  
Member, Generation Sector  
Vivant Corporation – Philippines (Vivant)



**RYAN S. MORALES**  
Member, Distribution Sector  
Manila Electric Company (MERALCO)



**VIRGILIO C. FORTICH, JR.**  
Member, Distribution Sector  
Cebu III Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CEBECO II)





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Member, Distribution Sector  
Angeles Electric Corporation (AEC)



**NELSON M. DELA CRUZ**  
Member, Distribution Sector  
Nueva Ecija II Area 1 Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
(NEECO II – Area I)



(Attended by Mr. Bryan Alvin A. Calasanz)  
**GIAN KARLA C. GUTIERREZ**  
Member, Supply Sector  
First Gen Corporation (FGEN)



(Attended by Mr. Kristoffer Monico S. Ng)  
**ISIDRO E. CACHO, JR.**  
Member, Market Operator  
Independent Electricity Market Operator of the  
Philippines (IEMOP)



**DARRYL LON A. ORTIZ**  
Member, System Operator  
National Grid Corporation of the Philippines  
(NGCP)



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**God our Father, we gather as your faithful servants and stewards of the resources you have given our nation.**

**We pray for wisdom that our deliberations in our RCC meeting will consistently be based on the best interest of WESM (in particular) and the government and the Filipino nation (in general), we are sworn to serve.**



**We pray for courage and boldness to face the challenges that we may meet in the course of performing our task, that calls for the highest standards of honesty, integrity and competence, in order to preserve the trust and confidence given to us by our people.**





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**We pray that this nation will be able to achieve transparent and reasonable prices of electricity, in a regime of free and fair competition and full public accountability, to achieve greater operational and economic efficiency.**

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**We call on you Heavenly Father to remind us that you can see through our hearts and know our innermost thoughts and intentions.**

**Guide us every step of the way as we strive to contribute our part for honest and efficient governance so deserved by our people.**

**These we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.**

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### DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Representation/ Sector	Principal Member / Alternate Member		Attendance
Independent	Rachel Angela P. Anosan		
	Jesusito G. Morillos		
	Jordan Rel C. Orillaza		
	Emmanuel Genesis T. Andal		
Generation	Dixie Anthony R. Banzon	Michael Valer G. Mariano	
	Jayson A. Francisco	Charm Krizia L. Medina	
	Carlito C. Claudio	Jessie B. Victorio	
	Mark D. Habana	Michelle S. Tuazon	
Distribution	Ryan S. Morales	Manuel Luis Zagala	
	Russel S. Alabado	Alfredo C. Sanaga, Jr.	
	Virgilio C. Fortich, Jr.	Getulio Z. Crodua	
	Nelson M. Dela Cruz	Darwin T. Daymief	
Supply	Gian Karla C. Gutierrez	Bryan Alvin A. Calasanz	
Transmission	Darryl Lon A. Ortiz	Clark N. Agustin	
Market Operator	Isidro E. Cacho, Jr.	Kristoffer Monico S. Ng	



## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA





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Proposed Agenda	Presenter	Action Required
I. Call to Order		
II. Determination of Quorum		
III. Adoption of Agenda	Secretariat	For approval
IV. Draft Minutes of Previous Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>245<sup>th</sup> RCC (Regular) Meeting, 11 April 2025</li> </ul>	Secretariat	For approval
V. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting		
5.1 Proposed Amendments to the WESM Manual on Dispatch Protocol relative to the Validation Process of Reported Discrepancies in Dispatch Instruction Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deliberation of Proposal</li> </ul>	Secretariat/NGCP (Proponent)	For deliberation and approval
VI. New Business		
6.1 Proposed Amendments to the WESM Rules and WESM Manual on Procedures for Changes to the WESM Rules, Retail Rules, and Market Manuals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DOE Updates</li> </ul>	Secretariat	For discussion
6.2 Disapproval of the Proposed Amendments to the WESM Rules and WESM Manuals on Penalty, and Enforcement and Compliance	Secretariat/PEMC (Proponent)	For information

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#### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Proposed Agenda	Presenter	Action Required
VII. Other Matters		
7.1 Update on Proposed Amendments	Secretariat	For information
7.2 DOE Updates	DOE Observers	For information
7.3 Schedule of Activities	Secretariat	For information
VIII. Adjournment		

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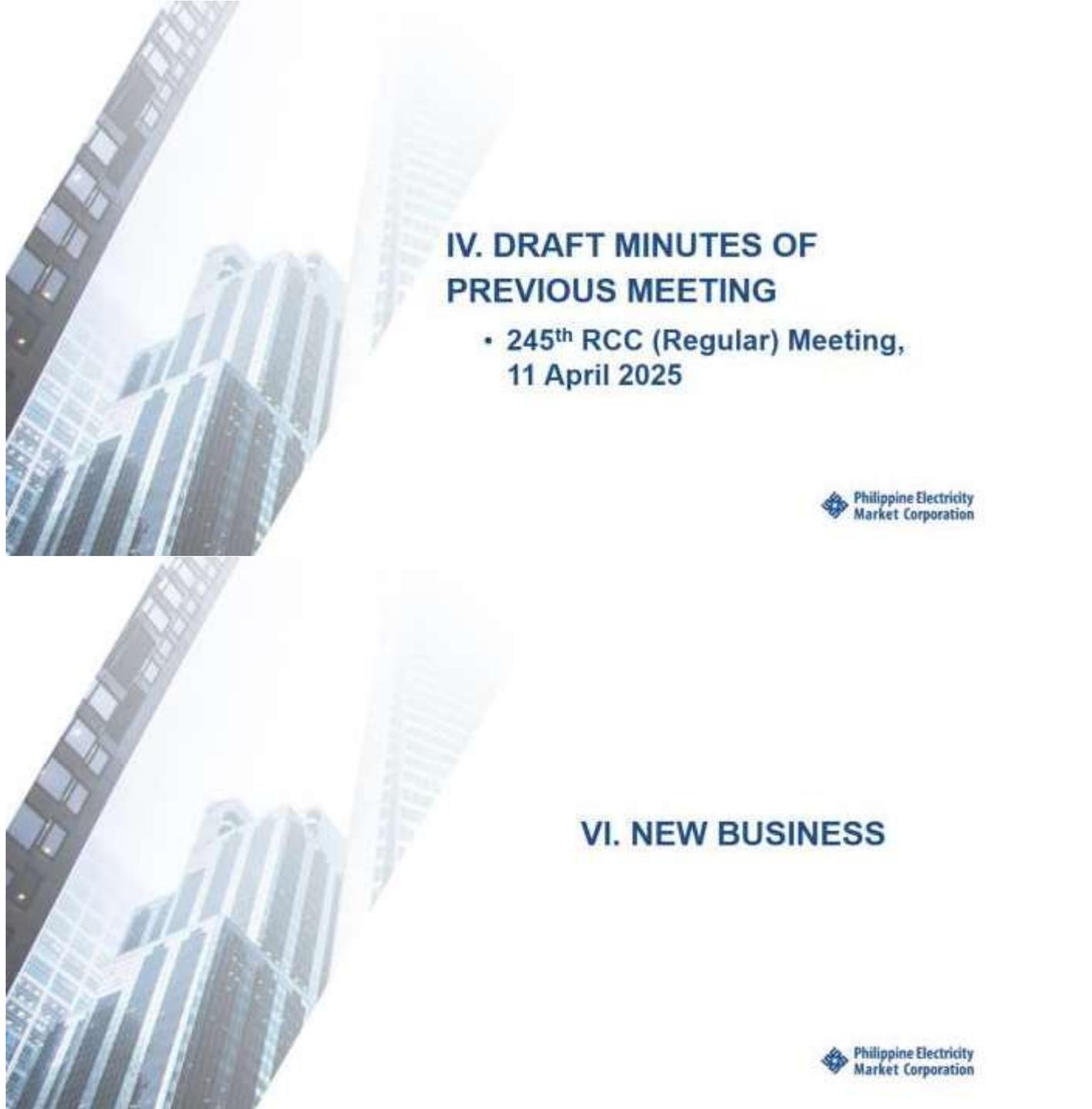




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#### IV. DRAFT MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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#### VI. NEW BUSINESS





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#### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ON THE EFFECTIVITY OF URGENT AMENDMENTS AND PROCESSING OF GENERAL AMENDMENTS

##### o Highlights of the Proposal

Topic	Proposal	DOE
1. Period of validity and implementation of urgent amendments	Six (6) months from publication or until a general amendment on the same matter has been approved and become effective, whichever comes first	!
2. Deliberation period on general amendments	Not later than sixty (60) working days from the date of publication of the proposal for comments <u>deadline of written submissions</u>	✓

##### o Timeline



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#### PERIOD OF VALIDITY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF URGENT AMENDMENTS

Nevertheless, the DOE may consider the approval of said amendments provided that the PEM-Board approved general amendments corresponding to the implemented urgent amendments are submitted to the DOE within two (2) months prior to the lapse of the six (6) month effectivity period.

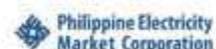
- Two (2) months prior to the laps of the six (6) month effectivity period ~ 4 months or 120 days

##### 1. Timelines of completed urgent proposals by RCC (2021-2024)

- Effectivity of RCM Section 7.4 (f) on 26 November 2021 ~ Urgent Amendments are published as General Amendments after ten (10) calendar days from PEM Board approval (i.e. no need for resubmission by the Proponent)
- Four (4) proposals – GEOP (2021), FAS, Preferential Dispatch (2022), and RTD below Pmin (2024)

##### 2. Changes to the Urgent Amendment process to comply with DOE's prescribed timeline

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#### TIMELINES OF COMPLETED URGENT PROPOSALS BY RCC (2021-2024)

DOE: Two (2) months prior to the laps of the six (6) month effectivity period – 4 months or 120 calendar days

Item / Proposal	GEOP (2021)	FAS (2022)	Preferential Dispatch (2022)	RTD below Pmin (2024)	Average
# of calendar days from effectivity of Urgent Amendment to:					
RCC submission of General Amendment to PEM Board (# of RCC meetings)	128 (3)	131 (3)	110 (2)	107 (2)	119 (3)
PEMC submission of General Amendment to DOE:	139	162	132	130	141
# of Effectivity Extension					
	2	2	2	1	2

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#### POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THE URGENT AMENDMENT PROCESS TO COMPLY WITH DOE'S PRESCRIBED TIMELINE

- DOE: Two (2) months prior to the laps of the six (6) month effectivity period – 4 months or 120 calendar days

Item	Current	Changes
Publication of corresponding general amendment for comments by Secretariat	Within ten (10) calendar days from PEM Board approval of Urgent Amendments	Within three (3) working days from PEM Board approval of Urgent Amendments
Submission of response by Proponent	Three (3) working days prior the next Regular RCC meeting	Three (3) working days prior the next Regular/Special RCC meeting
Deliberations on corresponding general amendment by RCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular meetings</li> <li>Caucus, as necessary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular and Special meetings</li> <li>Caucus, as necessary</li> </ul>
Submission of PEM Board-approved proposal to DOE	Per timeline of PEMC-OCS	Secretariat to closely coordinate with PEMC-OCS
Preparation of "project timeline" per proposal	No "target end-date"	Reckon activities based on "target end-date"

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#### SIMULATION

Procedure / FAS (2022)	Actual	Per DOE Timeline
Effectivity of Urgent Amendment	25 Nov 2022 to 23 May 2023	
Publication of General Amendment for Comments	14 Dec 2022 to 27 Jan 2023	01 Dec 2022 to 16 Jan 2023
Proponent submission of response	03 Feb 2023 to 10 Feb 2023	16 Jan to 27 Jan 2023
RCC Meetings	17 Feb 2023 17 Mar 2023 28 Apr 2023 19 May 2023	27 Jan 2023 03 Feb 2023 10 Feb 2023 17 Feb 2023 (Regular)
RCC submission to PEM Board	26 May 2023	21 Feb 2023
PEM Board Meeting approving the General Amendment	27 Jun 2023	26 Feb 2023
PEMC submission to DOE	10 Jul 2023	xx Mar 2023
4 months or 120 calendar days		25 Mar 2023

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#### FOR DISCUSSION

Options	Discussion
1. Request to retain proposal and cite actual timelines of completed Urgent-General Amendments	RCC letter to WGO/PEMC President citing timelines of previous urgent amendments and the implications/concerns related to Option 2
2. Retain proposal and adopt the DOE's prescribed timeline	
3. Withdraw proposal (Retain current provisions on effectivity of Urgent Amendments)	x

- Cite possible delayed submission due to lengthy and complex proposals, e.g. ASMM proposal (urgent amendment was superseded by another urgent amendment to address implementation concerns)
- Request comments from WGO and PEM Board Chairperson: Raise RCC issues/recommendations to the PEM Board; PEM Board to decide

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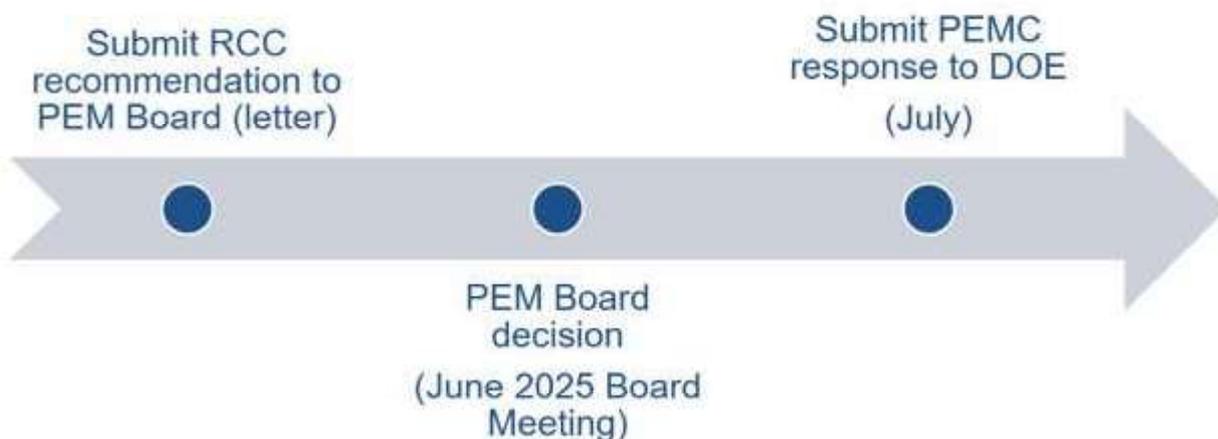


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### PROPOSED NEXT STEPS



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- For Information

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## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ON ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE PROCESS IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE PENALTY MANUAL REVISIONS

### o Highlights of the Proposal (WESM Rules)

Proposed Amendment	Rationale
Transfer the responsibility to collect penalties from the <b>Market Operator</b> to the <b>WESM Governance Arm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collection of penalty is proposed to be transferred to WESM Governance Arm.</li> </ul>
Added one more item, i.e., <b>"Utilization of financial penalty collected"</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revised to add basis for including a provision on penalty utilization in the Penalty Manual</li> </ul>
Re-define <b>"Enforcement proceeding"</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To add reconsideration and appeal proceedings as essential enforcement activities in determining breach of the Rules.</li> </ul>
Revise <b>Clause 7.2.4.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide basis for the rule on exhaustion of available remedies before a penalty is issued/implemented</li> </ul>

*Provisions on Enforcement and Compliance process only*

5.2 DISAPPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE WESM RULES AND ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE MANUAL



## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ON ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE PROCESS IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE PENALTY MANUAL REVISIONS

### o Highlights of the Proposal (Enforcement and Compliance Manual)

Area/Subject of Amendment	Brief Description	Area/Subject of Amendment	Brief Description
On Compliance Monitoring and Assessment Section	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revised the Timeline - To afford the WESM Member more time to respond in consideration of the time to gather information from the person or unit in charge</li> </ul>	On Investigation Review / Remand of Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revised for clarity – that there is no need for ECO to inform the concerned Trading Participants that a case is remanded</li> </ul>
On Enforcement Proceedings Section / Request for Reconsideration and Appeal Section / Glossary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transfer of provisions related Reconsideration and Appeal from Penalty Manual to EC Manual</li> </ul>	On Implementation of Enforcement Actions Section	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For consistency with the rule on exhaustion of remedies: The Notice of Specified Penalty will be issued only when the finding, resolution or decision becomes final and executory.</li> </ul>
On Initiation of Investigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To ensure that what is being tried is for a possible violation of Market Rules/Market Manuals only. This would prevent unnecessary efforts and time to investigate</li> <li>Added a provision for clarity on jurisdictional matters</li> </ul>	Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clinal correction</li> <li>Italicized the words or terms that have been defined in the Market Rules/Market Manuals</li> <li>Consistent use of terminologies</li> <li>Removed redundant provisions</li> <li>Updated rule references which have already been changed by series of amendments</li> <li>Deletion of Definition already defined under WESM Rules</li> </ul>
On Remedial Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen the need for imposition of remedial measures at any stage of proceedings (during or after the compliance monitoring or investigation)</li> </ul>		

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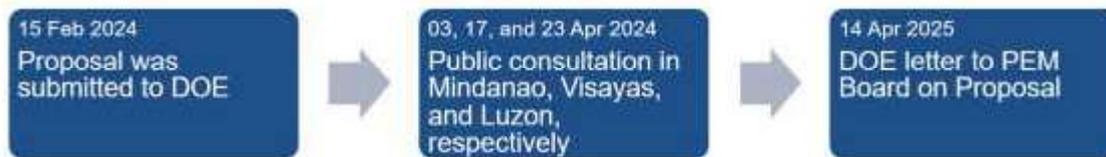
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##### o Timeline



#### 6.2 DISAPPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE WESM RULES AND ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE MANUAL



#### DOE DECISION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

- Current procedures in the Enforcement and Compliance Manual and WESM Penalty Manual are complete to meet the objectives of their issuance. The proposed amendments do not address the issues on penalty collection.
- DOE disapproved the proposal and directs MO and Governance Arm to strictly comply with the provisions, including the collection of penalties.
- Proposed amendments may be revisited and reconsidered at a later time, in consideration of the ongoing review of the WESM structure and framework (by the DOE).





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#### DOE DECISION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

- **Matters for discussion by DOE, ERC, IEMOP, and PEMC**
  - Provisions on the entity who will collect financial penalty
    - Penalty Manual – MO
    - Ancillary Services Monitoring Manual – WESM Governance Arm
  - Provisions on Enforcement and Compliance process (i.e. non-penalty provisions)
    - Should PEMC re-file these proposed amendments?

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#### ACTION REQUESTED

- **For Information**

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## VII. OTHER MATTERS



## 7.1 UPDATE ON THE PROPOSALS





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#### UPDATES ON THE PROPOSALS

##### Urgent Amendments

	Proposal	Proponent	Update/Status
1	Proposed Urgent Amendments on WESM Manual on Dispatch Protocol on Issuance and Coverage of Dispatch Schedules below <b>Minimum Stable Load</b>	PEMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>23 October 2024 – PEM Board approved the urgent amendment by way of PEM Board Resolution No. 2024-77-05</li> <li>25 October 2024 – Effectivity of the WESM DP Issue 21.1</li> <li>26 March 2025 – PEM Board approved the extension of the effectivity for another six (6) months (i.e. 23 October 2025) by way of PEM Board Resolution No. 2025-82-03</li> <li>See corresponding General Amendment</li> </ul>
2	Proposed Revision to the Urgent Amendments to the Ancillary Services Monitoring Manual regarding <b>Reserve Conformance Standards</b> and related Enforcement Actions	PEMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 December 2024 - PEM Board approved the urgent amendment by way of PEM Board Resolution No.2024-79-01</li> <li>12 December 2024 – Effectivity of the WESM ASMM Issue 1.2</li> <li>See corresponding General Amendment</li> </ul>



#### UPDATES ON THE PROPOSALS

##### General Amendments – Under RCC Evaluation (3)

	Proposal	Proponent	Update/Status
1	Proposed Revision to the Urgent Amendments to the Ancillary Services Monitoring Manual regarding <b>Reserve Conformance Standards</b> and related Enforcement Actions.	PEMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comments received from ACEN, APC, MEI/PEI, MERALCO, MSC, SMGP, SNAP, SPC/SIPC, and NGCP</li> <li>21 Feb 2025 and 14 Mar 2025 – RCC deliberates the comments received</li> <li>11 April 2025 -</li> <li>08 May 2025 – RCC approved the proposal by way of RCC Resolution No. 2025-02</li> </ul>
2	Proposed Amendments to the WESM Manual on Dispatch Protocol relative to the <b>Validation Process of Reported Discrepancies in the Dispatch Instruction Report</b>	NGCP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Posted in PEMC Website on 25 February 2025, for comments until 11 April 2025</li> <li>Comments received from APC, CENPRI, DOE, IEMOP, MEI/PEI, MERALCO, MSC, PEMC, SPC/SIPC, and TC.</li> <li>For RCC's Deliberation and Approval</li> </ul>





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General Amendments – Under RCC Evaluation (3)

	Proposal	Proponent	Update/Status
3	Proposed General Amendments to the WESM Rules and Various WESM Manuals on the <b>Market Surveillance Committee Processes</b>	MSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14 May 2025 – Submission of the proposal (for discussion and approval in the next RCC Meeting on 20 June 2025)</li> </ul>



#### UPDATES ON THE PROPOSALS

General Amendments – RCC Evaluation Deferred (4)

	Proposal	Proponent	Update/Status
1	Proposed Amendment to the WESM Rules and WESM Manual on Dispatch Protocol regarding <b>Must-Off</b> Rule	GNPK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18 October 2024 – The RCC deferred the deliberation of the proposal, pending DOE's response to GNPK</li> <li>25 October 2024 – GNPK brought up issues and concerns to the DOE</li> <li>03 March 2025 – Letter to GNPK requesting for updates on the proposal</li> </ul>
2	Proposed General Amendments to the Retail Rules and Retail Manual on Market Transaction Procedures on <b>No Outstanding Balance</b> (Harmonization with ERC Resolution No. 01, Series of 2023)	IEMOP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deferred deliberation pending ERC's issuance of Omnibus Retail Electricity Market Rules.</li> <li>28 August 2024 – ERC officially released the ERC Resolution No. 13, Series 2024.</li> <li>29 August 2024 – In relation to the ERC Resolution, the RCC sent a letter to IEMOP requesting for the updates on the proposals.</li> <li>05 September 2024 – IEMOP will provide an update to the RCC as soon as they have finalized their action plan.</li> <li>07 March 2025 – substitute consolidated proposal to be submitted</li> </ul>
3	Proposed General Amendments to the WESM Rules, Retail Rules and Market Manuals on the Implementation of <b>Electric Retail Aggregation Program</b>	IEMOP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>07 March 2025 – substitute consolidated proposal to be submitted</li> </ul>



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General Amendments – RCC Evaluation Deferred (4)

	Proposal	Proponent	Update/Status
4	Proposed General Amendments to the WESM Rules and various WESM Market Manuals regarding <b>Energy Storage Systems</b> in view of the DOE DC2023-04-0008	IEMOP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Published in the PEMC Website to request for comments on 22 August 2024 until 07 October 2024.</li> <li>Received comments from MERALCO, MEI/PEI, SPC/SIPC, MGEN, SNAP, APC, NGCP, ACEN, PEMC, and Technical Committee (TC)</li> <li>Deferred (As requested by proponent) proposal pending the forthcoming issuance of the ERC Rules on Energy Storage Systems</li> <li><b>Deferral informed to Commenters on 04 Feb 2025</b></li> </ul>



#### UPDATES ON THE PROPOSALS

General Amendments – For DOE Promulgation (3)

	Proposal	Proponent	Update/Status
1	Proposed General Amendments to the WESM Rules and Various WESM Manuals on the <b>Interruptible Load Program Implementation</b>	IEMOP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jan 31, 2024: Approved by the PEM Board <b>PEM Board Resolution No. 2024-68-03</b></li> <li>DOE conducted Public Consultation: - 3 April 2024, 17 April 2024 and 23 April 2024</li> <li><b>For finalization of DOE</b></li> </ul>
2	Proposed Amendments to the <b>Rules Change Process</b>	RCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>28 August 2024 – PEM Board approved the proposed amendments to the Rules Change Process (PEM Board Reso No. 2024-75-01)</li> <li><b>25 September 2024 – Endorsed to the DOE</b></li> </ul>
3	Proposed General Amendments on WESM Manual on Dispatch Protocol on <b>Issuance and Coverage of Dispatch Schedules</b> regarding <b>Minimum Stable Load</b>	PEMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved through RCC Resolution No. 2025-01</li> <li>Approved by PEM Board, subject to comment</li> <li><b>26 March 2025 – PEM Board approved the general amendment by way of PEM Board Resolution No. 2025-82-03</b></li> <li><b>24 April 2025 – Submission of the proposal to the DOE for approval and ERC for information.</b></li> </ul>



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General Amendments – For DOE’s Response

	Proposal	Proponent	Update/Status
1	Proposed General Amendments to the WESM Manual on Dispatch Protocol regarding <b>Non-security Overriding Constraints</b>	NPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>25 March 2024 – Per RCC advise, NPC elevated concerns to DOE</li> <li>17 May 2024 – RCC approved Reso on the conclusion of NPC’s Proposal for endorsement to PEM Board</li> <li>31 July 2024 – <b>PEM Board concurred with the RCC’s decision to conclude the National Power Corporation’s (NPC) proposed rules change</b></li> </ul>



### UPDATES ON THE PROPOSALS

General Amendments – Disapproved by the DOE

	Proposal	Proponent	Update/Status
1	Proposed Amendments to the WESM Rules and WESM Manuals on <b>Penalty, and Enforcement and Compliance</b>	PEMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jan 31, 2024: Approved by the PEM Board <b>PEM Board Resolution No. 2024-68-06</b></li> <li>DOE conducted Public Consultation: 3 April 2024, 17 April 2024 and 23 April 2024</li> <li>11 April 2025 – <b>Letter to PEMC from DOE on the disapproval of the Proposed Amendments to the WESM Rules and WESM Manuals on Penalty, and Enforcement and Compliance</b></li> <li>16 April 2025 – <b>IEMOP submitted a letter to the DOE, affirming its immediate compliance with the DOE’s directive and committing to provide updates on the implementation of the WESM Penalty Manual in due course.</b></li> </ul>



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## 7.2 DOE UPDATES



## 7.3 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES





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### SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 June 2025</li> <li>• (Face to Face)</li> <li>• 18 July 2025</li> </ul> <p><b>RCC Meetings</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19 May 2025</li> <li>• (Agenda: Reserve Conformance Standards and related Enforcement Actions)</li> </ul> <p><b>BRC Meeting</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 28 May 2025</li> <li>• (Agenda: Reserve Conformance Standards and related Enforcement Actions)</li> </ul> <p><b>PEM Board Meeting</b></p>
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### OTHER MATTERS

#### PEMC AGMM 2025

- What: PEMC AGMM 2025 (In-Person Event Only)
- When: 19 June 2025 | Thursday | 2:00–5:00 PM (Registration starts at 1:00 PM)
- Where: Ballroom A, Crowne Plaza Manila Galleria
- Attire: Business Formal





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#### OTHER MATTERS

##### Robinsons Equitable Tower Building Access

- Access to RET Building via turnstiles through QR Code or facial recognition
- Registration through GoWork App
- For ease-of-access to the building, WGC member may register in the GoWork App
- If not registered, WGC member or any visitors shall present a valid ID and log their entry at the reception area of RET Building.

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#### OTHER MATTERS

##### Governance Committee Survey

- Governance Committee Survey for the period January to December 2024
  - (OP.WGO.TMP.02) Governance Committee Survey Part B
  - (OP.WGO.TMP.04) Governance Committee Support Survey
  
- Deadline for submission po is on or before **03 June 2025**.

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#### OTHER MATTERS

##### Changes in RCC Secretariat Composition:

1. Karen A. Varquez
2. John Eisendel M. Labay
3. Mary Rose L. Bisnar

Divine Gayle C. Cruz – Assigned as Senior Manager of Market Development Division of the Market Assessment Group

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## VIII. ADJOURNMENT





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