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ATTY. RACHEL P. ANOSAN

Chairman

Rules Change Committee (RCC)

18/F Robinsons Equitable Tower, ADB Avenue

Ortigas Center, Pasig City

SUBJECT: Submission of the Department of Energy (DOE) Comments on the Proposed General Amendments to the Wholesale Electricity Spot Market (WESM) Ancillary Services Monitoring Manual (ASMM) 1.2 on Additional Conditions for Qualifying a Frequency Driven Event (FDE)

Dear **Atty. Anosan**:

This refers to the call for comments posted on the Philippine Electricity Market Corporation (PEMC) website regarding SN Aboitiz Power's proposed amendments to the WESM ASMM 1.2 on Additional Conditions for Qualifying an FDE.

In this regard, we would like to submit to the RCC a copy of the DOE comments on the same proposal, attached herein as **Annex A**, for further deliberation during the subsequent RCC meetings following the prescribed commenting period.

Thank you for your continued support to the DOE.

Very truly yours,

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ORCP-WM-26-03

Call for Comments to the Proposed General Amendments on Additional Conditions for Qualifying a Frequency Driven Event (FDE)

The Rules Change Committee (RCC) is inviting all WESM Members and interested parties to submit comments to SNAP Group's Proposed General Amendments to the WESM Ancillary Services Monitoring Manual (ASMM) Issue 1.2 on Additional Conditions for Qualifying a Frequency Driven Event (FDE) (*ORCP-WM-26-03*).

The proposed amendment seeks to amend Section 5.6.2 of the ASMM by introducing an additional condition to determine the termination of an FDE, in view of the following:

- a. Give ample time for the Reserve Facility to normalize its loading near the Unit setpoint, which is the initial reference of the Unit governor in computing the desired response.
- b. Variances from the Reserve Facility's Frequency Reference compared to the System Frequency.
- c. Reduction of multiple Frequency Driven Events occurrences.

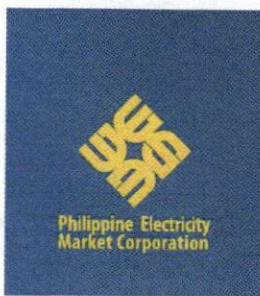
BACKGROUND:

The SN Aboitiz Power-Magat, Inc. and SN Aboitiz Power-Benguet, Inc. (collectively, the 'SNAP Group') submitted the proposed amendments on 24 March 2026 as an Urgent Amendment. Upon deliberation during its 257th Regular Meeting, the RCC determined that the proposal did not meet the urgency criteria and subsequently reclassified it as a General Amendment proposal. Consequently, the PEM Board, during its 95th Meeting on 29 April 2026, concurred with the RCC's decision on the said proposal.

DOCUMENTS:

Provided below are relevant materials for your reference and perusal:

- [Original Rules Change Proposal submitted by SNAP Group \(ORCP-WM-26-02\)](#)
- [Presentation of the Proposed Amendment](#)
- [PEM Board-approved \(RCC Resolution No. 2026-03\) per PEM Board Approval on 29 April 2026](#)



- RCC Form 3: Matrix of Proposed Amendments for Comments – Annexes of this document *(Please write your comments in the proper columns in the matrix.)*

Kindly submit your comments (in Word format) through the '[File a Submission](#)' webpage no later than **16 June 2026** or 30 working days from the date of publication (04 May 2026). We recommend using Firefox browser for submitting your comments.

Please ensure that your submission is signed securely by the designated approving authority and/or representative of your company, and input in the proper field the e-mail address of your point person(s) whom we could contact regarding activities related to the processing of the proposal.

All comments received shall be published in the PEMC website.

Thank you!

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Comments to the Proposed General Amendments to WESM Ancillary Services Monitoring Manual Issue 1.2 on Additional Conditions for Qualifying a Frequency Driven Event (FDE)

Commenter	General Comments	Proponent's Response
<u>DOE</u>	We would like to express our conditional support for PEMC-ECO's proposed rewording of the proposal attached below, taking into consideration PEMC-ECO's simulations and comparative metrics for Regulating Reserve (RR) and Contingency Reserve (CR) to mitigate overlapping Frequency Driven Events in relation to the proposal. However, such support remains subject to further comments and recommendations, as well as the concurrence and further simulation and analysis of the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP), in its capacity as the System Operator (SO) and sole buyer of reserves in the Reserve Market, with the revised proposal. It is likewise noted that certain parameters in the Reserve Conformance Standards under the Ancillary Services Monitoring Manual (ASMM) utilize compliance monitoring parameters established by the SO for contracted Ancillary Services (AS) Procurement Agreements. Therefore, the concurrence of the SO with PEMC-ECO's proposed rewording of the proposal is essential to ensure that PEMC-ECO's revised proposal remains fully aligned with the operational realities of AS procurement by the SO in the Reserve Market, including the corresponding technical parameters governing CR and RR. PEMC-ECO's Proposed Rewording ASMM 1.2 5.6.2 xxx xxx xxx The event will qualify as Frequency-Driven Event, for this purpose, if: a. the event lasts for more than five (5) seconds; and b. the frequency deviation exceeds the deadband setting by 0.02 Hz for conventional generating units and 0.01 Hz for battery energy storage systems; <u>The Frequency Driven Event shall be deemed to have terminated when:</u> <u>ac.</u> the frequency has normalized within the deadband setting by 0.02Hz for conventional generating units and 0.01 Hz for battery energy storage systems; and <u>bd.</u> the frequency has normalized and stayed within such the threshold (as defined in item c.) for at least 25 seconds <u>or has reached the nominal frequency of 60Hz, whichever comes first.</u> For clarity, item (a) and item (b) determine the start of a FDE, while item (c) and item (d) determine the end of a FDE.	