



DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. DC 2026-03-0009 *am*

**ADOPTING FURTHER AMENDMENTS TO THE WHOLESALE ELECTRICITY SPOT MARKET (WESM) MANUAL ON DISPATCH PROTOCOL RELATIVE TO THE VALIDATION PROCESS OF REPORTED DISCREPANCIES IN THE DISPATCH INSTRUCTION REPORT (DIR)**

**WHEREAS**, Sections 30 and 37(f) of Republic Act (RA) No. 9136 or the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA) provide that the Department of Energy (DOE), jointly with the electric power industry participants, shall formulate the detailed rules for the WESM, and for governing its operations;

**WHEREAS**, on 28 June 2002, the DOE, with the endorsement of the electric power industry participants, promulgated the WESM Rules through Department Circular (DC) No. DC2002-06-003;

**WHEREAS**, any changes, amendments, and modifications to the WESM Rules, including its Manuals, shall be undertaken in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 8 thereof;

**WHEREAS**, on 15 January 2025, the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) submitted to the Rules Change Committee (RCC) proposed amendments to the Dispatch Protocol Manual to:

1. Enhance the validation process of reported discrepancies in the DIR; and
2. Amend the prescribed timeline to provide the System Operator (SO), Market Operator (MO), and Generation Companies (GenCos) a sufficient period to assess and validate reported discrepancies thoroughly.

**WHEREAS**, the amendments aim to address instances where a Trading Participant (TP) requests further validation for DIR discrepancy claims already validated by the SO in relation to additional compensation claims filed by the TP with the MO;

**WHEREAS**, on 21 February 2025, the RCC approved the publication of the proposed amendments on the WESM Governance Arm website to solicit comments from stakeholders during its 243<sup>rd</sup> RCC Regular Meeting;

**WHEREAS**, on 18 July 2025, the NGCP presented the criteria for the validation of reported discrepancies, including the eligibility of revalidation requests, submission requirements, timeliness, materiality threshold, and limitations and exceptions during the 248th RCC Regular Meeting;

**WHEREAS**, on 15 August 2025, the RCC approved the proposal to have a revalidation process for the reported discrepancies in the DIR during the 249th RCC Regular Meeting. The RCC also approved the proposed criteria for both the validation and revalidation processes, with the exclusion of the materiality threshold, given the Philippine Electricity Market Corporation – Legal opinion that the WESM Rules and Manuals do not permit the imposition of a revalidation fee;

**WHEREAS**, on 19 September 2025, the RCC approved and finalized the proposed amendments for endorsement to the Philippine Electricity Market Board of Directors (PEM Board) during the 250th RCC Regular Meeting with several key changes:

1. Insertion of the proposed criteria into Section 14.5.2 for validation requests and Section 14.5.5 for revalidation requests;
2. Addition of a requirement for a certification on the veracity of the documents and information submitted as part of the criteria under Section 14.5.2; and
3. Rewording Section 14.5.4 to state that the SO shall validate the reported discrepancy instead of verifying it with the GenCos;

**WHEREAS**, on 17 October 2025, after due evaluation and deliberation, the PEM Board approved for endorsement to the DOE the above-stated RCC-approved proposal;

**WHEREAS**, on 29 October 2025, the PEM Board submitted for the final approval of the DOE the proposed amendments to the WESM Manual on Dispatch Protocol;

**WHEREAS**, the DOE, to ensure transparency and consistency with the objectives of the EPIRA and the WESM, conducted public consultations on the proposed amendments on various dates as follows:

<b>Leg</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Visayas	27 January 2026	Microsoft Teams
Mindanao	29 January 2026	Davao City
Luzon	03 February 2026	Taguig City

**NOW THEREFORE**, after review and consideration of the proposed amendments and the comments and recommendations of stakeholders, the DOE, pursuant to its authority under the EPIRA and the WESM Rules, hereby adopts, issues, and promulgates the following amendments to the WESM Manual on Dispatch Protocol:

**Section 1. Amendments to the WESM Manual on Dispatch Protocol.** The following provisions in the WESM Market Manual on Dispatch Protocol are hereby amended:

#### **SECTION 14 POST-DISPATCH DATA AND OPERATIONS REPORTS**

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## 14.5 Reporting and Publication

**14.5.1** Reports prepared pursuant to Sections 14.4.1 and 14.4.2 shall be published in the market information website in accordance with the Market Operator Information Disclosure and Confidentiality Manual. Reports prepared pursuant to Section 14.4.5 shall be published by the *Market Operator* in the market information website no later than one (1) week from the relevant *trading day* in accordance with *WESM Rules* Clause 3.5. Reports on *market intervention*, in accordance with Section 14.4.3, may be provided to the *Trading Participants* upon request in accordance with *WESM Rules* Clause 6.9.4.2.

**14.5.2** Each *Generation Company* shall validate all the data in the Dispatch Instruction Report as published by the *Market Operator* on the market information website. Any discrepancies shall be reported by the *Generation Company* to the *Market Operator* within fourteen (14) calendar days after the *Market Operator's* publication of the Dispatch Instruction Report.

- a. Discrepancies may pertain to inconsistencies between the published Dispatch Instruction Report and the *Generation Company's* data on the relevant *dispatch instruction*, including the dispatch quantity (MW), the nature or category of *dispatch instructions*, and/or the *dispatch intervals*, among others.
- b. These discrepancies must be reported and submitted with complete supporting documents, including but not limited to, logs, screenshots, correspondences, and voice recordings, along with an accompanying certification, duly notarized by a corporate lawyer of the *Generation Company*, attesting to the veracity and authenticity of the submitted documents.

Failure by the *Generation Company* to report to the *Market Operator* any discrepancy in the manner as stated shall render the data in the report as final.

**14.5.3** Within two (2) working days from receipt of a report, the *Market Operator* shall determine whether the report has been submitted within the required period and is accompanied by supporting documents and certification in accordance with Section 14.5.2 of this Manual. If these are met, the *Market Operator* shall request the *System Operator* to validate the discrepancy reported by the *Generation Company*.

**14.5.4** The *System Operator* shall validate the reported discrepancy and provide the results of its validation to the *Market Operator* within seven (7) working

days from the receipt of the request. Upon receipt of the validation report, the *Market Operator* shall immediately provide a copy to the *Generation Company*. If the *Market Operator* has not received any validation within the prescribed timeline, the published data from the Dispatch Instruction Report shall be maintained.

When market data is not submitted within the prescribed timeline due to communication failure between the meter and the meter data retrieval system, the Wholesale Metering Service Provider shall retrieve the metering data from the meter manually through a meter reader handheld device or laptop. The metering data shall then be uploaded to the meter data retrieval system of the Wholesale Metering Service Provider for export to the Meter Data Collection System of the Market Operator.

**14.5.5** If the *Generation Company* finds further discrepancies in the results of the validation report, the *Generation Company* may request further validation, provided that the request for revalidation:

- a. Pertains to the same *dispatch intervals* covered in the original discrepancy report. No new data or issues not covered by the original discrepancy report will be considered;
- b. Is submitted within three (3) working days from the receipt of the first validation results from the *Market Operator*;
- c. Is accompanied by new or newly discovered evidence and supporting documents that were not available at the time of the validation request despite the exercise of reasonable diligence, together with a sworn explanation detailing such unavailability; and
- d. Is accompanied by a certification, duly notarized by a corporate lawyer of the *Generation Company*, attesting to the veracity and authenticity of the submitted additional supporting documents.

A request for revalidation may only be made once. Failure by the *Generation Company* to submit a request for revalidation to the *Market Operator* in the manner stated above shall render the data in the first validation report as final.

**14.5.6** Within two (2) working days from the receipt of the request for revalidation, the *Market Operator* shall determine if the request is submitted within the required period and accompanied by supporting documents and certification in accordance with Section 14.5.5 of this Manual. If these are met, the *Market Operator* shall then request the *System Operator* to revalidate the reported discrepancies. The *System Operator* shall then provide the results of its revalidation to the *Market Operator* within seven (7) working days from receiving the request. Upon receipt of the revalidation report, the *Market Operator* shall immediately provide a copy to the *Generation Company*.

If the *System Operator* does not provide any revalidation results within the prescribed period, the first validation results shall be deemed final. No further revalidation requests shall be considered. The *Market Operator*

shall inform the *Generation Company* of the finality of the results of the first validation.

**14.5.7** The *Market Operator* shall publish the *System Operator's* final validation results on the market information website.

**14.5.8** If the *Generation Company* claims additional compensation related to the reported discrepancies that were not validated within the prescribed timeline, the *Generation Company* may subject the said claim to the WESM dispute resolution process.

## SECTION 17 MANAGEMENT OF MUST-RUN UNITS

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### **17.5 Reporting and Publication**

Each *Generation Company* shall validate all the data related to MRU contained in the Dispatch Instruction Report as published by the *Market Operator* on the market information website. A *Generation Company* may request validation of any discrepancy in these reports in accordance with requirements and procedures set out under Section 14.5 of this Manual.

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**Section 2. Repealing Clause.** The provisions of other circulars, orders, issuances, rules, and regulations that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Circular are hereby repealed, amended, modified, or superseded accordingly.

**Section 3. Separability Clause.** If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Circular is declared unconstitutional or invalid, such parts not affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

**Section 4. Effectivity.** This Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation. A copy of this Circular shall be filed with the University of the Philippines Law Center – Office of the National Administrative Register.

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