

## DETERMINATION OF THE MARKET SURVEILLANCE AND COMPLIANCE PANEL MSCP/2016/D5

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### Market Surveillance and Compliance Panel (“MSCP”)

Mr T P B Menon, Chair  
Mr Lee Keh Sai  
Mr Philip Chua  
Professor Euston Quah  
Professor Walter Woon

### Date of Determination

17 October 2016

### Party

Tuas Power Generation Pte Ltd

### Subject

Failure to comply with gate closure rules on 28 June 2016

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## FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES

1. On 28 June 2016, Tuas Power Generation Pte Ltd (“Tuas Power Generation”) submitted a self-report regarding its offer variations after gate closure for TUACCP3 and TUACCP4 on 28 June 2016, periods 1 and 2. On 27 July 2016, Tuas Power Generation submitted a report on further information of the incident.
2. There was an initial plan to shut down TUACCP3 on 27 June 2016 at 10:30pm. However, Tuas Power Generation’s Shift Manager (Operations) decided to change the plan to shut down TUACCP4 instead of TUACCP3 at the aforementioned timing. This change request was communicated to Tuas Power Generation’s traders.
3. Tuas Power Generation said that the trader responsible for duty for 28 June 2016 did not submit the offer variation to shut down TUACCP4 instead of TUACCP3 as requested by the Shift Manager (Operations). According to Tuas Power Generation, the said trader had wrongly assumed that the revised shut down by the Shift Manager (Operations) was for 28 June 2016 instead of 27 June 2016.
4. Upon discovering the error, the Shift Manager (Operations) immediately notified the trader on duty at that time. The trader submitted the offer changes after gate closure to increase the offer quantity from 0 megawatt for TUACCP3 and to decrease the offer quantity to 0 megawatt for TUACCP4, for periods 1 and 2 on 28 June 2016.

## APPLICABLE MARKET RULES

### 5. Section 10.4.1 of Chapter 6 provides that

10.4.1 Notwithstanding sections 5.1.5, 5.1.6 and 5.1.7, no offer variation or revised standing offer shall be submitted by or for a market participant within 65 minutes immediately prior to the dispatch period to which the offer variation or revised standing offer applies, except:

10.4.1.1 where it is intended:

- a. for a generation registered facility, to reflect its expected ramp-up and ramp-down profiles during periods following synchronisation or preceding desynchronisation; or
- b. for a generation registered facility, to reflect its revised capability during a forced outage; or
- c. to contribute positively to the resolution of an energy surplus situation pertaining to which the EMC has issued an advisory notice under section 9.3.1, by allowing for decreased supply of energy; or
- d. to contribute positively to the resolution of energy, reserve or regulation shortfall situations pertaining to which the EMC has issued advisory notices under section 9.3.1, by allowing for increased supply of energy, reserve or regulation; or
- e. to contribute positively to the resolution of energy, reserve or regulation shortfall situations in that dispatch period, where:
  - (i) the shortfall situations were indicated in a system status advisory notice issued by the EMC in respect of an emergency operating state declared by the PSO; and
  - (ii) at the time of submission of such offer variation or revised standing offer, the EMC has not yet withdrawn, in respect of that dispatch period, such system status advisory notice,

by allowing for increased supply of energy, reserve or regulation; and

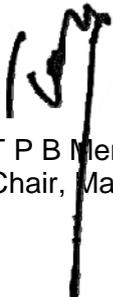
10.4.1.2 where the price so offered, other than for additional quantities of energy, reserve or regulation, is the same as that previously offered for that dispatch period.

## NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE

6. On 30 August 2016, the Market Surveillance and Compliance Panel ("MSCP") gave formal written notice to Tuas Power Generation to inform them that based on the information that had been provided, it would appear that the reason provided by Tuas Power Generation for the offer variations for TUACCP3 and TUACCP4 on 28 June 2016, periods 1 and 2, is not valid under section 10.4.1 of Chapter 6 of the Singapore Electricity Market Rules ("Market Rules"). The MSCP thus invited Tuas Power Generation to make written representations to the MSCP before it makes its determination including, if thought fit, enforcement action against them. The written representations were to include any mitigating circumstances that Tuas Power Generation would like the MSCP to consider should the MSCP find that Tuas Power Generation had breached the Market Rules in question.
7. Tuas Power Generation replied on 19 September 2016 referencing its written representations to the report that it submitted on 27 July 2016.

## DETERMINATION

8. The MSCP determined on the basis of the facts referred to above that Tuas Power Generation had breached section 10.4.1 of Chapter 6 of the Market Rules in its offer variations after gate closure for TUACCP3 and TUACCP4 for periods 1 and 2 on 28 June 2016.
9. This incident was due to carelessness, was self-reported and did not have a significant market impact on the wholesale electricity market. Nonetheless, a breach of this nature could potentially distort an efficient market outcome.
10. The MSCP hereby imposes a financial penalty of \$5,000 on Tuas Power Generation and directs Tuas Power Generation to pay costs, fixed at \$1,500.



T P B Menon  
Chair, Market Surveillance and Compliance Panel