

DETERMINATION OF THE MARKET SURVEILLANCE AND COMPLIANCE PANEL MSCP/2004/D12

Market Surveillance and Compliance Panel (“MSCP”)

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Date of Determination

14 September 2004

Party

Energy Market Company Pte Ltd (“EMC”)

Subject

Failure to determine and release schedules and publish information for period 39 on 23 October 2003

Applicable Rule(s) in the Singapore Electricity Market Rules

1. Section 9.2.1 of Chapter 6

“The EMC shall, prior to the commencement of each dispatch period and in accordance with the market operations timetable, use the market clearing engine to determine for that dispatch period:

9.2.1.1 a real-time dispatch schedule, containing schedules of energy, reserve and regulation for registered facilities, to be released to the PSO, which in accordance with section 9.1.2 of Chapter 5 shall be deemed to constitute the dispatch instructions issued by the PSO to the applicable dispatch coordinators unless and until further dispatch instructions are issued by the PSO to a given dispatch coordinator pursuant to section 9.1.3 of Chapter 5; and

9.2.1.2 a real-time pricing schedule determined by the market clearing engine...including:

- energy prices for each market network node;
- the uniform Singapore electricity price;
- reserve prices for each reserve class and for each reserve provider group; and
- regulation prices.”

The market operations timetable under Appendix 6A of Chapter 6 provides for the EMC to begin computing a real-time dispatch schedule using the market clearing engine 5 minutes prior to the beginning of the dispatch period.

The market operations timetable under Appendix 6A of Chapter 6 provides for the EMC to release the real-time dispatch schedule to the PSO at least 30 seconds prior to the beginning of the dispatch period.

2. Section 9.2.3 of Chapter 6

“The EMC shall, in accordance with the market operations timetable, release to the dispatch coordinator for each registered facility a real-time dispatch schedule comprising that portion of the real-time dispatch schedule referred to in section 9.2.1.1 that describes the quantities of energy, reserve by reserve class and regulation scheduled in respect of that registered facility.”

The market operations timetable under Appendix 6A of Chapter 6 provides for the EMC to release the real-time dispatch schedule and real-time pricing schedule to market participants at least 30 seconds prior to the beginning of the dispatch period.

3. Section 9.2.4 of Chapter 6

“The EMC shall, in accordance with the market operations timetable, publish the following information as it pertains to each dispatch period:

- 9.2.4.1 total load;
- 9.2.4.2 total transmission losses;
- 9.2.4.3 total reserve requirements by reserve class;
- 9.2.4.4 total regulation requirements;
- 9.2.4.5 energy prices associated with each market network node at which a generation registered facility or generation settlement facility is located...;
- 9.2.4.6 the uniform Singapore energy price...;
- 9.2.4.7 reserve prices for each reserve class and reserve provider group...;
- 9.2.4.8 regulation prices...;
- 9.2.4.9 any system energy shortfalls reported by the market clearing engine;
- 9.2.4.10 any system reserve shortfalls, by reserve class, reported by the market clearing engine;
- 9.2.4.11 any system regulation shortfalls reported by the market clearing engine; and
- 9.2.4.12 a list of security constraints and generation fixing constraints applied.”

The market operations timetable under Appendix 6A of Chapter 6 provides that the EMC must publish the market information set out in section 9.2.4 of Chapter 6 at least 30 seconds prior to the beginning of the dispatch period.

Facts and Circumstances

4. In this incident, the Oracle database hung due to a bug in the Oracle software (ie Oracle Release 8.1.7.2) used by the EMC. The EMC took immediate remedial action by restarting the Oracle database and by 1705hrs on the same day, the system was working normally. However, the system was unable to produce the real-time dispatch schedule on time.

5. According to the EMC, the bug was present in the previous version of the Oracle software and a patch was available for this previous version. However, there was no patch available for the current version used by the EMC ie Oracle Release 8.1.7.3. The Oracle vendor suggested that the EMC apply the patch designed for the previous version of the Oracle software to the current version that it is using. The EMC accepted the recommendation of the vendor and has applied the patch to the IT system.
4. There was no significant impact resulting from this incident.

Determination

5. On 2 April 2004, the MCSP issued a letter informing the EMC that it considered that the EMC had prima facie breached sections 9.2.1, 9.2.3 and 9.2.4 of Chapter 6 of the Singapore Electricity Market Rules (the "market rules") and invited the EMC to make written representations. No written representations were received by the deadline stipulated.
6. The MSCP determined on the basis of the facts referred to above that the EMC breached sections 9.2.1, 9.2.3 and 9.2.4 of Chapter 6 of the market rules.
7. However, the breach was self-reported and had no significant impact on the market. The EMC had taken remedial actions to prevent this incident from recurring. There was also no indication that the EMC had not made a reasonable attempt to comply with the market rules.
8. Therefore, the MSCP determined that the appropriate enforcement action to be taken is to issue a letter of non-compliance to the EMC and directs the EMC to pay costs, fixed at \$1,000.



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for and on behalf of
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