Determination of the Market Surveillance and Compliance Panel
MSCP/2003/D8

Market Surveillance and Compliance Panel ("MSCP")
Mr Joseph Grimberg, Chair
Professor Lim Chin
Mr Lee Keh Sai
Mr TPB Menon

Date of Determination
22 August 2003

Party
Energy Market Company Pte Ltd ("EMC")

Subject
Late release of revised standing capability data

Applicable Rule in the Singapore Electricity Market Rules

Section 4.4.8 of Chapter 6

"Upon receiving valid standing capability data in respect of a registered facility and a specified set of dispatch periods from the PSO, and in accordance with the applicable market manual, the EMC shall create or update, as applicable, records of that standing capability data to be used by the market clearing engine."

Section 4.1.3 of the Market Operations Market Manual (Standing Offers, Offer Variations and Standing Data)

"The EMC shall, as soon as practicable and upon receiving approved revised standing capability data from the PSO, input the revised standing capability data into the market clearing engine. The EMC shall notify the applicable market participant of the date and time on which the revised standing capability data will be effective."
Facts and Circumstances

SembCorp and Senoko submitted revised standing capability data relating to a few of their generation registered facilities to the PSO for approval on 30 December 2002 and 31 December 2002 respectively. The PSO approved the revised standing capability data submitted by SembCorp and Senoko.

The EMC received details of the approved revised standing capability data for SembCorp and Senoko from the PSO on 30 December 2002 and 31 December 2002 respectively. The EMC updated the approved revised standing capability data into the market clearing engine as soon as the data was received from the PSO. The updates were to be released for use in the market clearing engine on 1 January 2003 at 0000hrs.

The EMC discovered on 2 January 2003 that the revised standing capability data for both SembCorp and Senoko had not been released for use in the market clearing engine due to an error made by the EMC in relation to the release date of the revised standing capability data. The release date was updated by the EMC as 31 December 2003 instead of 1 January 2003. As a result, the original standing capability data for SembCorp and Senoko and not their revised standing capability data was used by the market clearing engine when the market started on 1 January 2003.

According to the EMC, it had carried out a manual verification exercise on 31 December 2002 to ensure that the standing capability data relating to all the generation registered facilities had been accurately updated in the market clearing engine prior to market start. However, it had not checked that the release date of the standing capability data was accurate.

There was no significant impact on the market resulting from this incident.

Determination

In a statement made on 30 December 2002, the MSCP gave notice of the enforcement policy it would adopt in the event of a rule breach during the 3 months immediately following market start.

The MSCP determined on the basis of the facts referred to above that the EMC failed to comply with section 4.1.3 of the Market Operations Market Manual (Standing Offers, Offer Variations and Standing Data) and therefore breached section 4.4.8 of Chapter 6 of the Singapore Electricity Market Rules (the “market rules”).

However, the EMC made reasonable attempts to comply with its obligations under section 4.4.8 of Chapter 6 of the market rules by carrying out a manual verification exercise prior to market start. The breach was inadvertent, self-reported and had no significant impact on the market.

Therefore, the MSCP determined that no enforcement action was to be taken.

Joseph Grimberg
Chair, Market Surveillance and Compliance Panel