

# Report by Dispute Resolution Counsellor

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#### INTRODUCTION

This is a report by the Dispute Resolution Counsellor ("DRC") on dispute resolution in relation to the wholesale electricity markets of the National Electricity Market of Singapore ("NEMS") from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015.

#### **DISPUTE RESOLUTION INSTITUTIONS**

The dispute resolution institutions of the wholesale electricity markets of the NEMS comprise the DRC and the Dispute Resolution and Compensation Panel ("DRCP"). The DRCP is made up of a Mediation Panel and an Arbitration Panel.

The DRCP members are:-

#### **Mediation Panel**

- 1. Chandra Mohan
- 2. Daniel John
- 3. Danny McFadden
- 4. Geoff Sharp
- 5. Associate Professor Joel Lee
- 6. Associate Professor Lim Lei Theng
- 7. Dr Peter Adler
- 8. Robert Yu
- 9. Shirli Kirschner

# **Arbitration Panel**

- 1. Ang Cheng Hock, Senior Counsel
- 2. Ben Giaretta
- 3. Chelva Rajah, Senior Counsel
- 4. Giam Chin Toon, Senior Counsel
- 5. Gregory Thorpe
- 6. Harry Elias, Senior Counsel
- 7. Kenneth Tan, Senior Counsel
- 8. Professor Lawrence Boo
- 9. N Sreenivasan, Senior Counsel
- 10. Naresh Mahtani
- 11. Philip Jeyaretnam, Senior Counsel
- 12. Phillip Harris
- 13. Raymond Chan
- 14. Dr Robert Gaitskell, Queen's Counsel
- 15. Tan Chee Meng, Senior Counsel
- 16. Professor Tan Cheng Han, Senior Counsel

#### MARKET ASSESSMENT UNIT

The Market Assessment Unit of Energy Market Company Pte Ltd supports the dispute resolution process for the wholesale electricity markets of the NEMS and assists the DRC and DRCP in discharging their functions.

## **DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS**

#### **Dispute Resolution Stages**

The NEMS has a comprehensive approach to dispute resolution which enables disputes to be resolved outside of the courts. It involves the following stages:

- Negotiation The parties attempt to resolve the dispute in good faith using their dispute management systems. This stage is initiated by a party to a dispute serving a notice of dispute on the other parties and giving a copy to the DRC.
- Mediation If the dispute is not resolved by the parties themselves, it may be submitted for mediation. The mediation is conducted by a mediator selected from the Mediation Panel. This stage is initiated by a party serving a notice of mediation on the DRC.
- **Arbitration** If the dispute is not resolved by the parties through mediation, it may be submitted for arbitration. The arbitration is conducted by an arbitrator(s) selected from the Arbitration Panel. This stage is initiated by a party filing a notice of arbitration with the DRC.

#### **DMS and DMS Contacts**

The dispute resolution rules require each market player to implement a dispute management system ("DMS"). The DMS has to nominate a main DMS contact and an alternate DMS contact to be the first point of contact for the notification of disputes. The DMS has also to be consistent with the guidance notes of the DRC.

The current DMS contacts are:-

- 1. Air Products Shawn Zhang
- 2. Air Products Tang Siew Wai
- 3. Best Electricity Supply Terence Neo
- 4. Buri Energy Nerine Teo
- 5. CGNPC Solar Biofuel Power (Singapore) Nelson Ong
- 6. CGNPC Solar Biofuel Power (Singapore) Zhang Hua
- 7. CPvT Energy Asia Jeffrey Ng
- 8. CPvT Energy Asia Vijay Sirse
- 9. Diamond Energy Supply Laurence Kwan
- 10. ECO Special Waste Management Ethiraj Thirumalai
- 11. ECO Special Waste Management Vincent Tang
- 12. Energy Market Company Tan Phaik Kim
- 13. ExxonMobil Asia Pacific Elaine Lee
- 14. GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals Chew Siou Ping
- 15. GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals Wong Joon Jee
- 16. Green Power Asia Daniel Ma

- 17. Hyflux Energy Cindy Lim
- 18. Hyflux Energy Ng Soo Yong
- 19. Keppel Electric Joelyn Wong
- 20. Keppel Electric Nicholas Tan
- 21. Keppel Merlimau Cogen Sean Chan
- 22. Keppel Merlimau Cogen Tini Mulyawati
- 23. LYS Genco Beta Jonathan Chong
- 24. National Environment Agency Siew Weng Soon
- 25. National Environment Agency Teresa Tan
- 26. PacificLight Energy Teo Chin Hau
- 27. PacificLight Power Calvin Tan
- 28. PacificLight Power Linda Wen
- 29. Pfizer Asia Pacific Lee Chin Hoo
- 30. Pfizer Asia Pacific Tan Meng Tong
- 31. Power System Operator Agnes Tan
- 32. Power System Operator Loh Poh Soon
- 33. Sembcorp Cogen Ang Geok Chuan
- 34. Sembcorp Cogen Agnes Low
- 35. Sembcorp Power H C Chew
- 36. Senoko Energy Luke Peacocke
- 37. Senoko Energy Poo Siok Yin
- 38. Senoko Energy Supply Eu Pui Sun
- 39. Senoko Energy Supply Michelle Lim
- 40. Seraya Energy Daniel Lee
- 41. Seraya Energy Elaine Syn
- 42. Shell Eastern Petroleum Pak-Juan Koe
- 43. Singapore LNG Corporation Lam Zheng Xin
- 44. Singapore LNG Corporation Vincent Lam
- 45. Singapore Oxygen Air Liquide Lim Yong Yi
- 46. SP PowerAssets Chan Hung Kwan
- 47. SP PowerAssets Ong Sheau Chin
- 48. SP Services Budiman Roesli
- 49. SP Services Lawrence Lee
- 50. Tuas Power Generation Priscilla Chua
- 51. Tuas Power Supply Jazz Feng
- 52. Tuaspring Calvin Quek
- 53. Tuaspring Chin Shi En
- 54. YTL PowerSeraya Jonathan Chew
- 55. YTL PowerSeraya Mark New Yuzhe

The contact particulars of the DMS contacts are published on the EMC website. This information will enable market participants to know who to contact in the event of a dispute.

#### **DISPUTE RESOLUTION WORKSHOP**

On 14 March 2016, a workshop entitled "Negotiation and Dispute Resolution" was conducted by Professor Nadja Alexander of Conflict Coaching International for the DMS contacts. The workshop received a positive response from the participants. It was a good opportunity for them to learn more about resolving disputes and build rapport with their counterparts.

#### **DISPUTES**

During the period 1 January to 31 December 2015, I did not receive any notice of dispute from market participants.

## CONCLUSION

I would like to thank all market participants, DMS contacts and the Market Assessment Unit for supporting the work of the DRC. I look forward to working towards further improving the dispute resolution process of NEMS.

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