

**DETERMINATION OF THE MARKET SURVEILLANCE AND COMPLIANCE PANEL
MSCP/2025/D4**

Market Surveillance and Compliance Panel

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Date of Determination

11 June 2025

Party

TP Utilities Pte. Ltd.

Subject

Failure to comply with gate closure rules on 17 February 2025

FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES

1. On 19 February 2025, TP Utilities Pte. Ltd. ("TP Utilities") submitted a self-report regarding the offer variations after gate closure for TMUC G2 for periods 34 and 35 on 17 February 2025.
2. On 17 February 2025 at 15:11 hrs (P31), the "Blocking Closing" alarm of the Generator Circuit Breaker ("GCB") for TMUC G2 was activated. In response, the personnel from both the electrical maintenance department and the operation department attempted to clear the blocking alarm by restarting the GCB hydraulic pump.
3. Despite restarting the GCB hydraulic pump, the issue was not resolved, and the "Blocking Closing" alarm was activated again at 15:25 hrs (P31). TP Utilities assessed that the facility required an urgent shutdown and at 15:50 hrs (P32), the operator notified the duty trader to revise TMUC G2's offered quantity accordingly.
4. Offer variations after gate closure for TMUC G2 were then submitted for periods 34 and 35. The offered quantity was reduced to facilitate a safe shutdown of the facility.
5. The Singapore Electricity Market Rules ("Market Rules") allow offer variations after gate closure to be submitted only for the three consecutive dispatch periods immediately following a facility's forced outage or failure to synchronise. As the technical incident occurred at period 31, the offer variation after gate closure submitted for period 35 falls outside the exempted three periods window and, therefore, is not allowed under the Market Rules.
6. On 28 April 2025, the Market Surveillance and Compliance Panel ("MSCP") wrote to inform TP Utilities that it considered them to be in *prima facie* breach of section 10.4.1 of Chapter 6 of the Market Rules for TMUC G2 for period 35 on 17 February 2025 and invited TP Utilities to submit written representations.

7. On 19 May 2025, TP Utilities submitted its written representations to the MSCP where it stated that it takes compliance with the Market Rules seriously and a refresher training has been conducted for the traders submitting offers for TP Utilities.
8. TP Utilities did not require a hearing.

APPLICABLE MARKET RULES

9. 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 for the three consecutive dispatch periods immediately following a *forced outage* or its failure to *synchronise*; or
- c. for an *import registered facility*, to reflect its revised capacity for the three consecutive *dispatch periods* immediately following a *forced outage* of the *interties* connecting the *import registered facility* to the *transmission system*; or
- d. 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
- e. 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
- f. 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 a *high-risk operating state* or *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*,

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- g. for a load registered facility, to reflect its revised capability during a forced outage or following a decrease in energy withdrawal under sections 9.3.3 and/or 9.3.4 of Chapter 5; 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*.

ENFORCEMENT

- 10. Based on the facts above, the MSCP determined that TP Utilities had breached section 10.4.1 of Chapter 6 of the Market Rules for the offer variation submitted after gate closure for TMUC G2 for period 35 on 17 February 2025.
- 11. The incident was self-reported and did not have a significant impact on the National Electricity Market of Singapore.
- 12. The MSCP therefore issues a letter of non-compliance and directs TP Utilities to pay costs fixed at \$2,200.



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