

Technical Rule no. 06 Rev 1 PCE

(under article 4 of the Rules Governing the Forward Electricity Account Trading Platform
– PCE Rules)

Title	Time periods and procedure for invoicing and settlement of payments
Reference Legislation	Article 52; Article 54; Article 64, para. 64.4; Article 65, para. 65.1; Article 66 and Article 67, paras. 67.2, 67.3 and 67.4 of the PCE Rules

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1. Foreword

Article 52 of the PCE Rules provides that, for each invoicing period, GME shall issue invoices or notifications to Participants for the amounts that have been billed. After such notifications, Participants shall issue invoices to GME for the amounts stated therein under the modalities and within the time limits specified in the Technical Rules. Moreover, GME shall make available the invoices and notifications to Participants in electronic form according to the modalities defined in the Technical Rules.

Article 54, para. 54.3 and Article 66 of the PCE Rules provide that the fees for the MWh covered by the registered transactions shall be invoiced and paid in accordance with the modalities and within the time limits defined in the Technical Rules, respectively.

Article 54, para. 54.1 of the PCE Rules provides that the access fee, where applied, shall be invoiced in accordance with the modalities and within the time limits defined in the Technical Rules.

Article 54, para. 54.2 of PCE Rules provides that the yearly fixed fee, where applied, shall be invoiced in accordance with the modalities and within the time limits defined in the Technical Rules.

Article 64, para. 64.4 of the PCE Rules provides that the modalities and time limits for notifying the results of the clearing are defined in the Technical Rules.

Article 65, para. 65.1 of the PCE Rules stipulates that Participants that are debtors towards GME shall pay the amounts due in accordance with the modalities and within the time limits defined in the Technical Rules.

Article 67, paras. 67.2, 67.3 and 67.4 of the PCE Rules provide that GME shall make payments to Participants that are creditors towards GME under the modalities and within the time limits established in the Technical Rules.

2. Time limit for notifications

For each invoicing period, within the fourteenth day of the month following the last day included in the invoicing period (or if such day is not a working day, the immediately following working day), GME will provide

- a. each Participant that is debtor towards GME with one or more files, called “pro-forma invoice notifications”, with the sum of the transmission capacity fees (CCT) that the Participant must pay to GME;
- b. each Participant that is creditor towards GME with one or more files, called “pro-forma invoice notifications”, with the sum of the transmission capacity fees that GME must pay to the Participant;
- c. each Participant with one or more files, called “pro-forma invoice notifications”, with the sum of the fees due for all transactions registered onto the PCE.

3. Time limit for invoices to be issued by GME

For each invoicing period, within the sixth working day of the second month following the last day included in the invoicing period, GME will provide

- a. each Participant that is debtor towards GME with one or more invoices with the sum of the transmission capacity fees that the Participant must pay to GME;
- b. each Participant with one or more invoices with the sum of the fees due for all transactions registered onto the PCE.

4. Time limit for invoices to be received by GME

For each invoicing period, within the sixth working day of the second month following the last day included in the invoicing period, each Participant that is creditor towards GME will send to GME one or more invoices with the sum of the receivables for transmission capacity fees that the same Participant must receive from GME.

5. Clearing and notification of balances to be settled

Under Article 64 of the PCE Rules, GME will determine the net position of debit or credit of each Participant, based on the clearing of the amounts (including VAT) referred to in para. 3 a. and para. 4 above.

Within the tenth day of the second month following the last day included in the invoicing period, GME will notify each Participant of the result of the determinations mentioned in this paragraph and based on which the payments referred to in para. 7 below must be made.

6. Time limit for invoicing of fees

The access fee referred to in Article 7, para. 7.1 a) of the PCE Rules will be invoiced within five days from admission of the Participant to the PCE.

The yearly fixed fee referred to in Article 7, para. 7.1 b) of the PCE Rules will be invoiced as a single payment for the first twelve months, within five days from admission of the Participant to the PCE.

The fee for the MWh registered (as per Article 7, para. 7.1 c) of the PCE Rules) will be invoiced within the time limit indicated in para. 3 b. above.

7. Settlement of payments

7.1 Settlement of payments by net debtor Participants

Participants qualifying as net debtors (except for Acquirente Unico - AU) towards GME as a result of the determinations referred to in para. 5 above will pay the amount due (as per Article 65, para. 65.1 of the PCE Rules) to the bank in charge of the Electricity Market treasury services; the payment must be made within 10:30 of the fifteenth working day of the month in which the notification mentioned in para. 5 above has been made and with value date on the same day.

Net debtor Participants failing to pay within the above-mentioned time limit may pay the amount due (as per Article 65 para. 65.2 of the PCE Rules) to the bank in charge of the Electricity Market treasury services; the payment must be made within 10:30 of the fifth working day following the above-mentioned time limit.

The date and time when the payments are credited to GME's account will be those recorded by the information system of the bank in charge of the Electricity Market treasury services.

7.2 Settlement of payments to net creditor Participants

GME will make payments to Participants qualifying as net creditors towards GME as a result of the determinations referred to in para. 5 above. If GME receives the invoice within the time limit mentioned in para. 4 above, GME will make the payment to each creditor Participant on the sixteenth working day (value date on the same day) of the month in which GME has received the invoice.

The date and time when the payments are debited to GME's account will be those recorded by the information system of the bank in charge of the Electricity Market treasury services.

On the sixteenth working day of the month in which the notification mentioned in para. 5 above has been given and with value date on the same day, GME will – under Article 67, para. 67.2 of the PCE Rules – pay to its net creditors an amount equal to: the ratio of the amount mentioned in Article 65 para. 65.1 of the PCE Rules and paid by debtor Participants to the overall credits referred to in Article 65 para. 65.1 of PCE Rules that GME has accrued towards net debtor Participants.

Within the fifth working day following the above-mentioned time limit and with value date on the same day, GME will - under article 67 para. 67.3 of the PCE Rules - pay to its net creditors an amount equal to: the ratio of the amount mentioned in Article 65 para. 65.2 of the PCE Rules and paid by net debtor Participants to the overall credits referred to Article 65 para. 65.1 of the PCE Rules that GME has accrued towards debtor Participants.

If GME redeems the bank guarantee, GME will – under Article 67 para. 67.4 of the PCE Rules – pay to its net creditors an amount equal to: the ratio of the redeemed amount to the overall credits referred to in Article 65 para. 65.1 of the PCE Rules that GME has accrued towards debtor Participants; such amount will be paid by the end of the working day following the one of receipt of the redeemed amount.

7.3 Settlement of payments by Acquirente Unico

Where, as a result of the determinations mentioned in para. 5 above, AU qualifies as net debtor towards GME, AU must pay the amount due to the bank in charge of GME's treasury services; the payment must be made within 10:30 of the sixteenth working day of the month in which the notification referred to in para. 5 above has been made and with value date on the same day.

8. Time limit for payment of fees

Each Participant must pay the amounts due under Article 66 of the PCE Rules within the sixteenth working day of the month in which GME has made available the related invoice and with value date on the same day. Within the same time limit, a copy of the document giving evidence of the payment must be sent to GME.

The date and time when the payments are credited to GME's account will be those recorded by the information system of the bank in charge of GME's treasury services.

9. Payments

All payments (from GME to Participants and from Participants to GME) will be made by "BIR" ("Bonifici di Importo Rilevante") bank transfer. GME's IBAN code for the bank transfer is posted on GME's website (www.mercatoelettrico.org). Where, under the applicable banking rules, the amount due is not allowed to be paid by BIR, the payment may be made by "Bonifico Urgente" bank transfer.

10. Layout of GME's invoice file

GME's invoice consists of an XML file (displayed via a "Style-Sheet") that GME makes available on the "MESettlement" electronic platform.

The layout of the xml file representing GME's invoice is specified in the "PCE_XML_Implementation_Guide", which is posted on GME's website (www.mercatoelettrico.org).

11. GME's notification

To allow creditor Participants to issue invoices, GME will provide them with one or more xml files, ready to be converted into Participants' invoices.

The layout of GME's notification file is specified in the "PCE_XML_Implementation_Guide", which is posted on GME's website (www.mercatoelettrico.org).

8. Exchange of XML files

The XML files with notifications and invoices will be exchanged through the “MeSettlement” electronic platform under the procedures described in the specific user manual posted on GME’s website (www.mercatoelettrico.org).

Appendix: VAT codes

The following tables show the VAT codes used in the XML files.

VAT CODES FOR MARKET PARTICIPANTS' PURCHASES	DESCRIPTION
V1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Domestic supply of goods ▪ VAT rate applied = 20%
V8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Not subject to VAT as per Art. 7, para. 4 d), DPR 633/72 (art. 56, Reverse Charge, Directive 2006/112/EC) ▪ VAT rate applied = 0%

VAT CODES FOR MARKET PARTICIPANTS' SALES	DESCRIPTION
A1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Domestic supply of goods ▪ VAT rate applied = 20%
A7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supply of goods not subject to VAT, as per art. 56, Directive 2006/112/EC ▪ Reverse charge