Technical Rule no. 4 rev. 01 PCE

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

Title	Validation and technical adequacy verifications

Reference Legislation	Article 34, para. 34.3; Article 35, paras. 35.3 and 35.4; Article 37, para. 37.3; Article 38, paras. 38.3 and 38.5, Article 42, 42.3 of the PCE Rules.

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1. Foreword

Article 34, para. 34.3 and Article 37, para. 37.3 of the PCE Rules provide that, if the request for or the confirmation of recording of a transaction is deemed to be invalid, GME shall – in accordance with the modalities indicated in the Technical Rules – notify the submitting Participant thereof, specifying the reasons for such invalidity.

Article 35, paras. 35.3 and 35.4 and Article 38, paras. 38.3 and 38.5 of the PCE Rules provide that GME shall – with the modalities indicated in the Technical Rules – notify Participants of the results of the technical adequacy verifications of their requests for or confirmation of recording of transactions that have been deemed to be technically adequate.

Article 42, paragraph 42.3 of the Rules provides that if the program registration is not a valid, GME, according to the modalities defined in the Technical Rules, notifies the outcome to the Participant, specifying the reason for invalidity.

2. Validation and technical adequacy verification of the transactions registration

GME validates the requests for recording transactions as soon as they are received by the PCE information system. Only in case of invalid requests will GME notify the submitting Participant of the result of the verification, specifying the reasons for the invalidity.

GME verifies the technical adequacy of the requests for recording that have been validated and immediately notifies the submitting Participant of the result of the verifications. In case of technically inadequate requests, GME will specify the reasons for the technical inadequacy.

GME validates the confirmations of recording of transactions as soon as they are received by the PCE information system. Only in case of invalid confirmations will GME notify the submitting Participant of the result of the verifications, specifying the reasons for the invalidity.

GME verifies the technical adequacy of the confirmations of recording of transactions that have been validated and immediately notifies the result of the verifications only to the submitting Participant (if they are technically inadequate) or to both Participants (if they are technically adequate).

After completing the validation and technical adequacy verifications and regardless of the way in which the Participant has submitted requests for recording transactions or confirmations of recording of transactions, GME will notify the result of such verifications by making available an XML file (known as "Functional Acknowledgement" – FA) in the "Download" section.

If the validation and technical adequacy verifications are successful (i.e. when the request for recording a transaction or the confirmation of recording of a transaction has been submitted in accordance with the PCE Rules), the FA will contain the "**Accept**" message. If the verifications are not successful, the FA will contain the "**Reject**" message and the reasons for the rejection.

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3. Checking the validity of requests for registration of programs

GME validates the requests for recording programs as soon as they are received by the PCE information system and notifies the submitting Participant of the result of the verification by making available an XML file (known as "Functional Acknowledgement" – FA) in the "Download" section.

If the validation and technical adequacy verifications are successful (i.e. when the request for recording a program has been submitted in accordance with the PCE Rules), the FA will contain the "**Accept**" message. If the verifications are not successful, the FA will contain the "**Reject**" message and the reasons for the rejection.

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