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Subject: Clarification and FOI Compliance on Review of Request for MTF Information Clarification and FOI Compliance on Review of Request for MTF Information

Dear Engr. Descanzo,

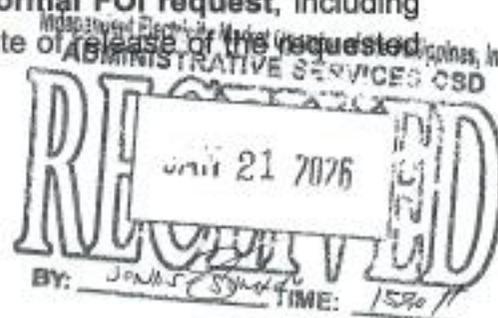
Good day!

We acknowledge receipt of IEMOP's letter dated 19 January 2026 regarding our request for disclosure of information on the Market Transaction Fee (MTF).

We respectfully seek clarification on your statement that our request is "currently under review" and has been forwarded to relevant departments "to ensure compliance with IEMOP's data sharing policies."

In particular, we would appreciate guidance on the following:

1. **What specific data sharing policy** is being referred to, and whether such policy limits the disclosure of aggregated data, methodologies, or policy documents of the nature requested in our 12 January 2026 letter;
2. **How such internal policies interface with the disclosure obligations under Executive Order No. 2 (s. 2016)**, including whether any specific FOI exemption is being invoked as a basis for delay, partial disclosure, or non-disclosure; and
3. Whether our request is being processed as a **formal FOI request**, including the applicable response period and expected date of release of the requested information, or any lawful extension thereof.



For clarity, we reiterate that our request does not seek proprietary bidding information, transaction-level offers, or commercially sensitive data. Rather, it seeks aggregated figures, computation methodologies, allocation principles, and policy references relating to the Market Transaction Fee.

We respectfully note that while MTFs may be collected from market participants, these costs are **economically recovered through electricity charges ultimately paid by captive consumers**, including residential customers. As such, the information requested directly concerns costs borne by the consuming public and is sought in furtherance of transparency, informed policy discussion, and consumer protection objectives expressly recognized under the FOI program and the EPIRA framework.

We submit this clarification request in the spirit of cooperation and with due regard for IEMOP's role as market operator, while also ensuring that transparency obligations to consumers who ultimately bear market operation costs are duly observed.

We look forward to your clarification and to guidance on the next steps in the FOI process.

Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,



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