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Applicability

- 1 Section 103.2 applies to:
 - (a) a market participant, except where the market participant is:
 - (i) the legal owner of a transmission facility where the person who is eligible to apply for the construction and operation of the transmission facility was determined by a competitive process the ISO developed by the ISO in accordance with the Act; and or
 - (ii) the legal owner of a generating unit or an aggregated generating unit that is subject to a renewable electricity support agreement in connection with rounds 1, 2 or 3 of the Renewable Electricity Program in respect of a dispute that is subject to the terms of such renewable electricity support agreement; and
 - (b) the ISO.

Requirements

Informal Dispute Resolution

- **2(1)** The first step a **market participant** must take to resolve a dispute with the **ISO** is to make reasonable efforts to informally resolve the dispute with the appropriate representative of the **ISO**.
- (2) If a **market participant** is unsure of the appropriate representative of the **ISO** to contact about the dispute it may call the **ISO** main reception telephone number posted on the **ISO** website.

Submission of a Written Dispute

- **3(1)** If a **market participant** does not receive a satisfactory or timely resolution to its informal dispute resolution efforts, it may proceed to the second step of the dispute resolution process and submit a written dispute to the **ISO**.
- (2) The subject matter for a written dispute may include a concern about:
 - (a) an ISO rule, reliability standard or ISO tariff provision;
 - (b) the ISO's interpretation or application of an ISO rule, reliability standard or ISO tariff provision;
 - (c) an **ISO** board decision relating to the **ISO**'s budget review process; or
 - (d) the operation and conduct of the ISO in carrying out its duties and responsibilities under the Act or other legislation where a market participant is concerned about:
 - (i) specific and measurable error by the ISO;
 - (ii) the ISO not having considered complete information in reaching a determination; or
 - (iii) an element of unfairness in the process used by the **ISO** in reaching a determination.
- (3) A written dispute must:
 - (a) include the full legal name of the market participant directly affected by the matter and the contact information the market participant will use for receipt of all notices and communications;
 - (b) include the nature and basis of the dispute, a proposed solution to the dispute and any other material previously submitted to or received from the ISO;
 - (c) be signed by an officer of the market participant if it is a corporation, one of its partners if a

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partnership, or by the market participant personally if an individual person;

- (d) be submitted to the ISO at its head office, attention "ISO General Counsel"; and
- (e) be submitted to the **ISO** within thirty (30) business days of an **ISO** board decision, if the dispute is regarding a decision concerning the **ISO**'s budget review process.

Acknowledgement of Receipt

4 Within ten (10) business days of receiving the written dispute, the ISO general counsel must respond to the market participant in writing, acknowledging receipt of the written dispute and identifying the ISO vice president accountable for handling the dispute.

Review of a Written Dispute

- **5(1)** In the case of a written dispute related to the budget review process, the **ISO** board must, within thirty (30) business days of the **ISO** general counsel issuing the acknowledgment of receipt, review the dispute and advise the **market participant** in writing of its decision regarding the matter in dispute.
- (2) In the case of all other written disputes, the **ISO** vice president accountable for the dispute must, within thirty (30) business days of the **ISO** issuing the acknowledgment of receipt, review the dispute and advise the market participant in writing of the **ISO** decision, including reasons, regarding the matter in dispute.
- (3) If a written dispute is not resolved to the **market participant**'s satisfaction, the **market participant** may:
 - (a) agree with the ISO to seek resolution through a mediation or arbitration process; or
 - (b) pursue any other remedies available to it under the law, including filing a complaint with the **Commission** or **Market Surveillance Administrator**, or commencing a court action.

Assumption of Resolution

- **6(1)** If a **market participant** does not object to the **ISO**'s written decision regarding a dispute within thirty (30) business days of the delivery of the written decision, the **ISO** may close the dispute file.
- (2) The file closing does not prevent the **market participant** or the **ISO** from initiating discussions regarding the matter in the future.

No Delay

7 The initiation of a dispute resolution process under this <u>sectionSection 103.2</u> will not entitle a **market participant** to withhold or delay payment of any amounts due and owing to the **ISO**, nor will it stay the implementation of an **ISO** determination pending resolution of the dispute.

Record Retention

8 The **market participant** and the **ISO** must each create and maintain their own records in relation to a dispute.

Revision History

Effective	Description
	Revised the Applicability section to create exception 1(a)(ii).
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