DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. DC2023-	
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AMENDMENT TO DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. DC2021-11-0036 TITLED, PROVIDING THE REVISED GUIDELINES FOR THE GREEN ENERGY AUCTION PROGRAM IN THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the Department of Energy (DOE) issued the revised Guidelines for the Green Energy Auction Program (GEAP) through Department Circular (DC) No. DC2021-11-0036, otherwise known as the "GEAP Guidelines," on 03 November 2021;

WHEREAS, through the GEAP, the DOE instituted a competitive process in the selection of eligible renewable energy (RE) facilities entitled to the Feed-In Tariff Allowance (FIT-All) Fund;

WHEREAS, under the GEAP, the Feed-In Tariff (FIT) to be paid to the selected eligible RE facilities is fixed based on the price, in Php/kWh, of the Winning Bidder's offered capacity in a Green Energy Auction, known as the "Green Energy Tariff" (GET);

WHEREAS, there is a need to clarify that the GET resulting from a Green Energy Auction is considered as the FIT to which a Winning Bidder is entitled, and is not a separate and distinct charge or imposition against the FIT-All Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to its authority under Republic Act No. 9513, or the Renewable Energy Act of 2008, the DOE hereby adopts, issues and promulgates the following amendment to the GEAP Guidelines.

Section 1. Section 9.13 of the GEAP Guidelines is hereby amended to read as follows:

"9.13. <u>Post-Auction Procedures</u>. After securing a COE-GET, the Winning Bidder/s shall comply with the procedures outlined in ERC Resolution No. 16, Series of 2014^[5]. For purposes of securing a Certificate of Compliance from the ERC, the COE-GET shall be considered, interpreted, and accepted as the same Certificate of Endorsement for FIT Eligibility issued by the DOE under FIT. In their availment of the FIT-All Fund, the GET of a Winning Bidder shall be considered, interpreted and accepted as the FIT."

Section 2. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Circular is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

⁵ "A Resolution Adopting the 2014 Revised Rules for the Issuance of Certificates of Compliance (COCs) for Generation Companies, Qualified End-Users and Entities with Self-Generation Facilities."

Section 3. Repealing Clause. All previous issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Circular are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 4. Effectivity. This Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation. Copies of this Circular shall be filed with the University of the Philippines Law Center-Office of the National Administrative Register.

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