



Republic of the Philippines  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Department Circular No. DC2020- \_\_\_\_\_**

**SUPPLEMENTING DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. DC2019-12-0018<sup>1</sup>  
BY INCLUDING THE NATIONAL TRANSMISSION CORPORATION IN THE  
MEMBERSHIP OF ANCILLARY SERVICES-TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP**

**WHEREAS**, on 04 December 2019, the Department of Energy (DOE) issued Department Circular No. DC2019-12-008 entitled “Adopting A General Framework Governing the Provision and Utilization of Ancillary Services in the Grid;”

**WHEREAS**, Section 9 of DC2019-12-0008 provided for the creation of an Ancillary Services - Technical Working Group (AS-TWG), mandated to assist the DOE in implementing the provisions of the said Circular;

**WHEREAS**, ancillary services are intended, primarily, to protect and maintain the stability, security and integrity of the electrical transmission grid;

**WHEREAS**, National Transmission Corporation (TRANSCO), which was created under Republic Act 9136 or the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA), was the government instrumentality which performed and was mandated to operate, and maintain the country’s power transmission assets before these responsibilities were privatized in 2009;

**WHEREAS**, while the congressional franchise to operate the transmission network was awarded to the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP,) ownership of all transmission assets still remains with the Philippine government through TRANSCO;

**WHEREAS**, maximizing the involvement and participation of TRANSCO in the discussion and resolution of issues pertaining to ancillary services is a rational and sensible policy.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing premises and pursuant to its authority under existing laws, the DOE, in order to enhance the provisions of Department Circular No. DC2019-12-0018, hereby promulgates and adopts the following supplementary policies:

Section 1. **Designating TRANSCO as Additional Member of the Ancillary Services – Technical Working Group (AS-TWG)**. In order to further strengthen and enhance the policy-making, operational and technical capability of AS-TWG, created under Section 9 of Department Circular No. DC2019-12-0018, in the performance of its assigned tasks and functions, **TRANSCO** is hereby designated as an **additional member** of the said body.

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<sup>1</sup> Entitled “ADOPTING A GENERAL FRAMEWORK GOVERNING THE PROVISION AND UTILIZATION OF ANCILLARY SERVICES IN THE GRID.”

As one of the members of the AS-TWG, TRANSCO shall perform the functions and responsibilities assigned to it in accordance with the provisions of the above-mentioned Circular, as well as with existing laws, rules and regulations.

Section 2. **Repealing Clause.** All rules, regulations and guidelines inconsistent with the provisions of this Circular are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 3. **Effectivity.** This Circular shall take effect immediately upon publication in the newspaper of general circulation and submission to the University of the Philippines Law Center – Office of National Administrative Register (UPLC-ONAR).

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