

Department Order No. <u>D02020-12-0014</u>

DESIGNATING THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON THE PRIVATIZATION OF THE AGUS-PULANGI HYDROPOWER COMPLEX and OTHER POWER RELATED ISSUES IN THE BANGSAMORO REGION

WHEREAS, during the 3rd Meeting of the Intergovernmental Relations Body, it was agreed that the matter of Privatization of the Agus-Pulangi Hydropower Complex (APHC) be referred to the Intergovernmental Energy Board (IEB);

WHEREAS, on 3 September 2020, during the kickoff meeting of the IEB, the Co-Chairs agreed on the creation of a Technical Working Group to discuss the matter of Privatization of the APHC;

WHEREAS, in addition, there are other power issues related to the privatization of the APHC that requires in depth legal and technical assessment and evaluation;

WHEREAS, in order to help effectively carry out the functions of the IEB in accordance with Republic Act (RA) No. 11054, also known as the "Bangsamoro Organic Law", a Technical Working Group on Privatization of the Agus-Pulangi Hydropower Complex (APHC-TWG) and other power related issues in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region is hereby created;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, the following are hereby ordered:

Section 1. Designation of Representatives for APHC-TWG. The APHC-TWG shall be composed of the following representatives:

Chairman

Assistant Secretary Redentor E. Delola, Department of Energy (DOE)

Members

The following government agencies shall be represented in the APHC-

TWG.

Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) Mindanao Development Authority (MINDA) National Electrification Administration (NEA)

Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation (PSALM)

National Power Corporation (NPC)

National Transmission Corporation (TRANSCO)

The representatives of the regular members of the APHC-TWG shall designate their alternate-members to sit in place of the regular member for the continuity in the performance of functions of the regular member.

Section 2. APHC-TWG Functions and Responsibilities. The APHC-TWG, as hereby constituted, shall provide policy recommendations for the effective implementation of the Bangsamoro Organic Law. Primarily, the APHC-TWG shall provide policy recommendation

on the privatization of APHC and the resolutions of power sector issues in the Bangsamoro areas, with full consideration of the provisions of Bangsamoro Organic Law and the Republic Act No. 9136. The recommendations shall be submitted to the Intergovernmental Energy Board.

Section 3. Resource Persons. The APHC-TWG shall be supported by Resource Persons which shall include but not limited to the following offices of the DOE:

- a) Offices of the Undersecretaries;
- b) Offices of the Assistant Secretaries;
- c) Electric Power Industry Management Bureau;
- d) Renewable Energy Management Bureau;
- e) Energy Policy and Planning Bureau;
- f) Legal Services; and
- g) Mindanao Field Office.

The Resource Persons as identified above shall assist the APHC-TWG in their deliberation of matters relative to privatization of the APHC and other power related issues in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region by providing their expert views, conducting technical, legal and institutional review as necessary, and providing relevant information to serve as reference of the APHC-TWG in formulating their recommendations.

The APHC-TWG may invite resource persons from other government agencies or private sector to assist in the fulfilment of their responsibilities.

Section 4. APHC-TWG Secretariat. The Power Market Development Division (PMDD) of the Electric Power Industry Management Bureau (EPIMB) shall serve as the Technical Secretariat of the APHC-TWG. The Secretariat shall facilitate APHC-TWG meetings and carry out the tasks as may be assigned or as may be necessary to the APHC-TWG in performing their responsibilities.

Section 5. Funding. The budget to support the APHC-TWG for the conduct of meetings, consultations and other fora shall be sourced from the DOE funds subject to applicable accounting rules and regulations. The DOE shall not be responsible for the cost of participation of representatives to the APHC-TWG.

Section 6. Separability Clause. If for any reason, any section or provision of this Order is declared unconstitutional or invalid, such parts not affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

Section 7. Effectivity. This Department Order shall take effect immediately upon its issuance and shall remain in effect until sooner modified or revoked by the undersigned or any competent authority.

Issued this <u>DEC 09</u> 2020 at the DOE, Energy Center, Rizal Drive, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, Metro Manila.

Secretary Co-Chairperson, IEB

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