

DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. DO2022- 08-0013

DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL TECHNICAL, FINANCIAL AND LEGAL ADVISERS RELATIVE TO THE UPSTREAM INDUSTRY

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7638 otherwise known as the "Department of Energy Act of 1992" created the Department of Energy (DOE) to carry out the declared policies of the State (a) to ensure a continuous, adequate and economic supply of energy with the end in view of ultimately achieving self-reliance in the country's energy requirements through the integrated and intensive exploration, production, management, and development of the country's indigenous energy resources, and through judicious conservation, renewal and efficient utilization of energy to keep pace with the country's growth and economic development, and taking into consideration the active participation of the private sector in the various areas of energy resource development, and (b) to rationalize, integrate and coordinate the various programs of the Government towards self-sufficiency and enhanced productivity in power and energy without sacrificing ecological concerns.

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9136 otherwise known as the "Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001" declared the policies of the State to, among others (a) ensure the quality, reliability, security and affordability of the supply of electric power; (b) assure socially and environmentally compatible energy sources and infrastructure; (c) promote the utilization of indigenous and new and renewable energy resources in power generation in order to reduce dependence on imported energy, and (d) encourage the efficient use of energy and other modalities of demand side management.

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9513 otherwise known as the "Renewable Energy Act of 2008" declared the policy of the State to accelerate the development of renewable energy resources including hybrid systems to reduce the country's dependence on fossil fuels.

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 87 otherwise known as "The Oil Exploration and Development Act of 1972" declared the policy of the State to hasten the discovery and production of indigenous energy resources through the utilization of government and/or private resources, local and foreign.

WHEREAS, under Section 4 of RA 7638, the DOE is mandated to prepare, integrate, coordinate, supervise, and control all plans, programs, projects, and activities of the Government relative to energy exploration, development, utilization, distribution, and conservation.

WHEREAS, under Section 8(a) of RA 7638, the Secretary of Energy is directed to establish policies and standards for the effective, efficient, and economical operation of the DOE, in accordance with the programs of Government.

WHEREAS, to support the country's goals for energy security and self-sufficiency, accessible and affordable energy, and a well-managed transition to a low-carbon future that places the Filipino people's welfare at its core, a number of critical decisions affecting the present and future generations require to be addressed in the upstream industry.

WHEREAS, to help ensure that decisions made by the DOE on matters relating to the upstream industry, within the context of the clean energy transition and overall vision of the Philippine Energy Plan, are founded on sound technical analyses, the Secretary of Energy proposes to engage the services of special technical advisers to advise the DOE.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises, it is hereby ordered that a pool of special technical, financial and legal advisers to the Secretary of Energy be designated.

The advisers shall respectively advise the Secretary of Energy on technical, financial and legal matters relative to the upstream industry, renewable energy, and energy security matters, as the Secretary of Energy may direct.

The advisers will be entitled to honoraria, travelling expenses, per diems and incidental expenses that may be incurred in the performance of their mandates.

The advisers shall have access to such information from DOE sources as they may require to perform their mandate, subject to existing rules on confidentiality of information.

All offices and units of the DOE are hereby advised of this designation and directed to provide their full support, cooperation and assistance to the advisers in the performance of their mandate.

Signed at the Energy Center, Rizal Drive, Bonifacio Global City, City of Taguig, this _____day of August 2022.

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