

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 48

**DIRECTING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND
INSTRUMENTALITIES AND ENCOURAGING LOCAL GOVERNMENT
UNITS TO ADOPT AND IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENT LOW-COST
ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES** //

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7638 or the "Department of Energy (DOE) Act of 1992" declares it a policy of the State to ensure continuous, adequate and economic supply of energy through judicious conservation and efficient utilization of energy in accordance with the country's growth and economic development;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of RA No. 11285 or the "Energy Efficiency and Conservation (EEC) Act" declares it a policy of the State to: (i) institutionalize EEC as a national way of life; (ii) secure sufficiency and stability of energy supply in the country to cushion the impact of high prices of imported fuels to local markets; and (iii) protect the environment in support of the economic and social development goals of the country;

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 15 (s. 2024) mandates the accelerated implementation of the Government Energy Management Program (GEMP), a government-wide program aimed to reduce the government's monthly consumption of electricity and petroleum products through efficient use and conservation of energy and fuel, among others;

WHEREAS, there is a need to further intensify efficient utilization and conservation efforts of electricity and fuel to avoid possible power interruptions amidst the ongoing *El Niño* phenomenon, taking into consideration its impact in the operations of power plants in the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, the following are hereby ordered:

All departments, agencies, bureaus, and offices of the National Government are hereby directed, and all local government units (LGUs) are hereby encouraged, to, among others:

1. Intensify efforts to ensure efficient and judicious utilization of energy, consistent with the GEMP;

2. Adopt and immediately implement low-cost EEC measures, such as but not limited to: (a) rationalizing the use of power during peak demand hours; (b) maintaining ambient temperature of 24°C in airconditioned spaces; (c) turning off unused lights and air-conditioning units; and (d) activating sleep settings on all office equipment; and
3. Prepare necessary measures in case of power interruptions, with the end in view of ensuring the continuous and effective delivery of government services to the public.

The DOE, in coordination with the Presidential Communications Office, is hereby directed to develop effective ways of communicating EEC measures to all government agencies, as well as the public. //

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 13th day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

By authority of the President:


LUCAS P. BERSAMIN
Executive Secretary

