



Republic of the Philippines  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO.** DO2017-07-0009<sup>m</sup>

Creating A Task Force to Ensure Immediate Restoration of Power Services in the Areas Affected by the Earthquake in Jaro, Leyte and for Other Purposes

**WHEREAS**, at 4:03pm on 6 July 2017, a 6.5 magnitude earthquake hit Jaro, Leyte causing black out in Leyte, Samar and Bohol islands and power interruptions in Panay, Negros and Cebu islands.

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to rationalize and expedite rehabilitation efforts in energy and power infrastructures damaged and destroyed by the earthquake and restore power services to affected areas as fast and as safely as possible.

**ACCORDINGLY**, following the emergency meeting held on 7 July 2017, a Special Task Force is hereby created.

1. **Composition** - The Task Force shall be composed of the following:

Chairman – Usec. Felix William Fuentebella  
Vice Chairman- Asec. Caron Lascano  
Members – Director Mylene Capongcol  
Assistant Director Irma C. Exconde  
Director Antonio E. Labios  
Mark Marollano  
Beejee B. Dequina

2. **Functions** – The Task Force shall perform the following powers and functions:

2.1 Coordinate all rehabilitation activities of government agencies and private entities;

2.2 Coordinate and maintain linkages with local government units and private stakeholders to ensure fast and efficient implementation of rehabilitation efforts;

2.3 Monitor progress of rehabilitation efforts;

2.4 Make recommendations/studies in disaster preparedness/readiness to minimize damage and destruction of facilities in the event of future disasters;

2.5 Provide temporary power to affected areas. For this purpose, the Task Force shall consider the following:

- i. Deployment of Power Barges;
- ii. Utilization of Bohol Diesel Power Plant;
- iii. Inventory of generation sets (gensets) needed to augment power supply and tap public and private institutions that can provide the needed gensets;
- iv. Designation of collection point for the gensets and identification of areas for deployment;
- v. Determination of compensation for the genset owners and identification of source of funds.

The Task Force shall ensure that the use of alternative power suppliers shall not add further burden to the consumers.

2.6 Such other functions necessary to effect the foregoing.

3. **Submission of Report** – The Task Force shall regularly submit a progress report to the undersigned and shall, within 15 days upon completion of the functions stated here, submit a comprehensive report.

4. **Effectivity** – This Department Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until the completion of the foregoing functions.

7 July 2017.

  
**ALFONSO G. CUSI**  
Secretary



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