



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. DO2018-05-0010 *μ*

**CREATION OF A TASK FORCE TO ENSURE ACCESS TO ELECTRICITY FOR THE
COMMUNITIES THAT REMAIN UNSERVED AND UNDERSERVED BY DISTRIBUTION
UTILITIES**

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7638 or the Department of Energy (DOE) Act of 1992 created the DOE 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, Section 2 or Republic Act (RA) No. 9136 or the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001 states that it is the declared policy of the State to ensure and accelerate the total electrification of the country; to ensure the quality, reliability, security and affordability of the supply of electric power; and to assure socially and environmentally compatible energy sources and infrastructure;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10531, also known as the "National Electrification Administration (NEA) Reform Act of 2013," declares the policy of the State to promote the sustainable development of the rural areas through rural electrification, and further mandates NEA to pursue total electrification of the country through the Electric Cooperatives (ECs) by way of enhancing distribution development and to ensure their economic and financial viability and operation, among others;

WHEREAS, there are various projects that have been and currently being implemented by both the DOE and the NEA relative to providing electricity access to all households nationwide;

WHEREAS, despite such efforts, there remains unviable and unserved areas in the country particularly those in remote areas and the lack of access to electricity in these areas are attributed to poverty and geographical barriers in integrating the country's main grids in reaching out isolated areas and remote islands;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to address the lack of access to electricity of the unserved and unviable areas in the country and it has become the priority of the government to streamline its processes to ensure timely implementation of projects to guarantee the immediate delivery of the required services to the people;

NOW, THEREFORE, in view of the foregoing premises, the DOE hereby creates the "Task Force E-Power Mo" (TFEM) for the purpose of ensuring access to electricity for the communities that remains unserved and underserved by distribution utilities and electric cooperatives as mandated by their respective franchises.

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION OF THE TFEM

CHAIRMAN	DOE Senior Undersecretary
VICE-CHAIRMAN	
For Security:	DOE Undersecretary for Security
For Power:	DOE Assistant Secretary for Electric Power Industry
MEMBERS	
	DOE Assistant Secretary
	National Power Corporation President
	National Electrification Administration Administrator

SECTION 2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TFEM

The TFEM, among others, shall:

1. Oversee the implementation of the total electrification program of the Government;
2. Require all Distribution Utilities to submit a comprehensive masterplan for total electrification within their respective franchise area, which shall include the following:
 - a. Detailed inventory of all unserved, underserved and unviable areas within their franchise area;
 - b. Identify all challenges and barriers in the development and implementation of projects to generate and/or deliver electricity to unserved and underserved communities;
 - c. Action plans and programs to pursue timely implementation of the total electrification program;
3. Review and assess the submitted comprehensive masterplan for total electrification, and recommend to the DOE Secretary appropriate policies, plans, programs, projects and activities towards the attainment of total electrification;
4. Coordinate closely and establish cooperation with other government agencies concerned, for the full and effective implementation of the government's total electrification program;
5. Get the support and assistance of the concerned security agencies for the TFEM project implementation, consistent with the strategic convergence of the Philippine Development Plan and the National Security Policy;
6. Perform such other functions that are necessary in the attainment of the objectives of ensuring and accelerating the total electrification of the country.

SECTION 3. REPORTORIAL REQUIREMENTS The TFEM shall directly report to the DOE Secretary the result of electrification projects and activities, including key milestone of projects and activities as well as issues and concerns that require the immediate action of the DOE Secretary.

SECTION 4. CREATION OF A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP The TFEM shall establish a Technical Working Group, composed of representatives from the DOE, its attached agencies and from other government agencies as required by the TFEM, which will provide technical and managerial support to the Task Force. All DOE Bureaus and Field Offices shall assist and support the planning and operations of the TFEM.

SECTION 5. FUNDING The budgetary requirements for the implementation of this Order shall be sourced from the electrification programs of the approved budgets of the DOE and its attached agencies, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE All previous Orders/Memoranda and Issuances that are inconsistent herewith are hereby superseded, revoked, and/or nullified.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY This order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this _____ day of MAY 24 2018 2018 at Energy Center, Rizal Drive, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City.


ALFONSO G. CUSI
Secretary



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