

ORGANIZING THE INTER-AGENCY ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11285 or the Energy Efficiency and Conservation (EEC) Act, to institutionalize energy efficiency and conservation, enhance the efficient use of energy, and grant incentives to energy efficiency and conservation projects and programs;

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the EEC Act provides that the Department of Energy (DOE) as lead implementing agency, shall be responsible for the planning, formulation, development, implementation, enforcement and monitoring of management policies and other related energy efficiency and conservation plans and programs;

WHEREAS, Section 9 of the EEC Act provides for the creation of the Inter-Agency Energy Efficiency and Conservation Committee (IAEECC) to evaluate and approve government energy efficiency projects and provide strategic direction in the implementation of the Government Energy Management Program (GEMP);

WHEREAS, Section 5 d of the EEC Act states that the DOE shall lead efforts to ensure compliance with the GEMP in accordance with the strategic direction provided by the IAEEC; and,

WHEREAS, Department Circular No. 2019-110014 or the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the EEC Act (EEC-IRR) effective on 21 December 2019 provides for the development of guidelines for the full implementation of the provisions of the EEC Act.

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

Section 1. Designations to the IAEECC. The IAEECC shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson:

Secretary, DOE

Members

Secretary, Department of Budget and Management

Secretary, Department of Finance

Secretary, Department of Trade & Industry Secretary, Department of Transportation

Secretary, Department of Science & Technology Secretary, Department of Interior & Local Government Secretary, Department of Public Works & Highways

Director General, National Economic Development Authority

Consistent with Section 36 of the EEC-IRR, members of the IAEECC may designate Alternates who will be covered by the appropriate office issuance in writing to discharge the role and responsibilities of their principal. Such designation shall be addressed to the IAEECC Chair for submission to the IAEECC Secretariat.



Alternates may act in behalf of the members of the IAEECC. However, IAEECC members will sign on IAEECC resolutions implementing the GEMP.

Section 2. DOE Alternate to the IAEECC. The DOE Senior Undersecretary is hereby designated the Alternate Chairperson in the absence of the DOE Secretary.

As Alternate Chairperson, the DOE Senior Undersecretary shall discharge the role and the responsibilities of the Chairperson, only in his absence or as may be directed by the Chairperson.

Section 3. IAEECC Powers and Functions. As provided under Section 37 of the EEC-IRR, the IAEECC shall discharge the following powers and functions:

- 3.1 Prepare an annual assessment of opportunities for energy cost reduction in state-owned and leased buildings and facilities designated by the IAEECC. Each assessment shall be completed each year. The assessment shall be made available to the public. Moreover, the assessment of the IAEECC of opportunities for energy cost reduction in state-owned and leased buildings and facilities shall include:
 - Data for the preceding five (5) years on energy consumption and costs including anticipated energy consumption and cost projected for the next three (3) years for each state-owned and leased building and facility designated by the IAEECC;
 - Energy conservation measures deployed in state-owned and leased buildings and facilities designated by the IAEECC during the preceding year;
 - iii) Evaluation studies of the cost reductions and other benefits realized through the deployment of energy conservation measures; and
 - Energy conservation opportunities based on audits, technical analyses, or other methods of determining such opportunities and associated energy saving operations and maintenance procedures and capital projects for each state-owned and leased building or facility designated by the IAEECC;
- 3.2 Review all proposed capital projects and energy cost operating budgets of agencies designated by the IAEECC and recommend energy conservation measures which would reduce operating costs in state-owned and leased buildings or facilities;
- 3.3 Provide any officer or entity of government, technical and consultative assistance concerning energy cost management or conservation;
- 3.4 Annually recommend specific operations and maintenance procedure modifications and capital projects for state-owned and leased buildings and facilities designed to reduce energy consumption and costs;
- 3.5 Conduct surveys, audits, technical analysis, and other research or investigations related to government energy efficiency projects and the GEMP as may be necessary to support the preparation of the National EE&C Plan and the objectives of the EEC Act and the EEC-IRR;

- 3.6 Issue a report describing the status of government energy efficiency projects and the GEMP, listing obstacles to building energy efficiency improvement together with related recommendations for statutory change, and identifying opportunities for public sector energy cost reductions not addressed by the EEC Act or this EEC-IRR or the programs developed pursuant thereto; and
- 3.7 Develop, after study of existing or emerging energy conservation technologies, guidelines as may be necessary or desirable to aid the work of the Committee in furtherance of the objectives of the EEC Act and the EEC-IRR.

Section 4. Procedures on the Operation of the IAEECC.

- 4.1 The IAEECC shall act as a collegial body and approval of its actions may be made by simple majority.
- 4.2 The IAECC shall formulate and adopt its own internal Rules of Procedure.
- 4.3 The IAEECC may create sub-committees and technical working groups as may be necessary to fulfill its mandate.
- 4.4 The IAECC Chairperson shall supervise the day-to-day operations of the IAECC Secretariat including the necessary staffing complement and resources for its operations. Towards this end, the IAEECC Chairperson is authorized to submit and upon approval of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) fill out positions in the IAEECC Secretariat.
- 4.5 The IAEECC, through the IAEECC Chairperson, may seek the assistance of other government agencies, government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs), and other relevant entities to assist in the performance of its mandate.
- 4.6 The IAEECC may include or invite other agencies to be part of the IAEECC as it may deem necessary through an approved IAEECC Resolution.
- **Section 5. Regular Meetings.** Consistent with Section 41 of the EEC-IRR, regular meetings of the IAEECC may be held at least once every quarter at the date and time as agreed by the IAEECC members. The IAEECC Chairperson may call for special meetings as the need arises or upon request of any IAEECC member.
- Section 6. Resource Persons. As provided under Section 36 of the EEC-IRR, the IAEECC may invite resource persons or representatives from other government agencies and private entities such as Department of Information and Communications Technology, Board of Investments, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Bureau of Customs, National Power Corporation, and National Electrification Administration during the IAEECC meetings to aid in the deliberations.
- Section 7. IAEECC Secretariat. The IAEECC Secretariat shall be established under the Energy Utilization Management Bureau (EUMB). It shall be composed of the selected personnel of the EUMB and designated representatives of the concerned bureaus and offices. It shall have the following functions:
 - 7.1 Assist the IAEECC Chairperson in determining the meeting schedule and agenda of the IAEECC;
 - 7.2 Provide administrative and technical support to the IAEECC;

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- 7.3 Provide documents and reports, which contain relevant, accurate, timely and clear information necessary for the IAEECC to fulfill its duties;
- 7.4 Prepare the minutes of the meeting, meeting agenda and meeting notes before scheduled meetings of the IAEECC;
- 7.5 Prepare reports for submission to oversight agencies, and annual work program for approval of the IAEECC; and
- 7.6 Perform such other tasks and functions as may be delegated by the IAEECC Chairperson or the IAEECC.

The IAEECC Secretariat shall request and consolidate official comments of the IAEECC members prior to the evaluation and approval of the IAEECC.

Section 8. Budgetary Requirements and Administrative Support. The funds to support the initial operations of the IAEECC and the IAECC Secretariat shall be sourced from existing 2020 DOE funds subject to applicable accounting rules and regulations. Thereafter, appropriations for the implementation of this Department Order shall be incorporated in the regular budget of the DOE.

Section 9. Separability Clause. If, for any reason, any section or provision of the Order is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, such part not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 10. Repealing Clause. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of the Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 11. Effectivity Clause. This Department Order shall take effect immediately and let copies thereof be furnished to the Office of the National Administrative Registrar (ONAR), U.P Law Center, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City.

Issued at DOE, Energy Center, Rizal Drive, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City.

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