

DEPARTMENT ORDER No. DO 2003-03 -002

**CREATING A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) ON
MINDORO POWER DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to ensure quality, reliability, security and affordability of electric power.

WHEREAS, the southern part of Occidental Mindoro is currently experiencing power supply deficiency brought about by the low internal generating capacity of NPC plants and being addressed by the rotating brownout scheme.

WHEREAS, Section 70 of Republic Act 9136, states that NPC-SPUG is responsible to provide power generation and its associated power delivery system in areas that are not connected to the transmission system.

WHEREAS, Rule 13, Section 2 (b) of IRR of Republic Act 9136 states that NPC-SPUG shall periodically assess the requirements and prospects for bringing its functions to commercial viability on area-by-area basis at the earliest possible time, including a program to encourage private sector participation.

WHEREAS, Rule 13, Section 2 (c) of IRR of Republic Act 9136 provides that whenever possible, NPC-SPUG shall utilize renewable energy resources.

WHEREAS, Rule 13 Section 5 (a) of IRR of Republic Act 9136 states that to improve system reliability, the NPC-SPUG shall install transmission systems in all qualified areas under the coverage of SPUG and priority will be given to the areas showing big growth in its electricity demand.

NOW, THEREFORE, a Technical Working Group is hereby created for the purpose of assessing power supply and demand in Mindoro and developing a short and long-term power development plan in the island.

Section 1. Composition of the TWG: The following shall compose the Technical Working Group:

Chairperson	:	DOE
Co-Chairperson	:	DOE
Members	:	NPC-SPUG NEA OMEKO ORMECO Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro

Section 2. Responsibilities. The TWG shall have the following responsibilities:

1. Prepare the timetable of activities for the preparation of Mindoro Power Development Plan which is targeted to be finalized by August 2003 in consonance with the timing of the Missionary Electrification Development Plan.
2. Ensure that the proposed plans and programs are in accordance with the (provisions in EPIRA and consistent with the objectives of the (government's energy development program.
3. Evaluate and recommend to DOE the appropriate actions to address the current critical power supply situation in the island of Mindoro.
4. Determine the status of on-going rehabilitation of power facilities, assess the accomplishments vis-a-vis plans and programs and provide necessary updates.
5. Secure Technical Assistance in developing a Master Plan for the island of Mindoro which shall include institutional capability building for the LGUs.
6. Ensure the smooth and timely implementation of the recommended actions to be taken.

Section 3. Technical Secretariat Support Technical secretariat support to the TWG shall be provided by DOE and NPC-SPUG.

Section 4. Budgetary Support. The TWG budget shall be sourced from the EPIRA allocation.

The Technical Working Group (TWG) shall continue to exist until the Mindoro Power Development Program is completed.

This Department Order shall take effect immediately.

Fort Bonifacio, Taguig, Metro Manila, 24 March 2003.

(Sgd.)

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