



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. DO 2014-05-0009 ^w

CREATING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY WAYS TO
REDUCE THE PRICE OF ELECTRICITY

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7638, otherwise known as the "Department of Energy Act of 1992," declared the policy of the State to:

- (a) ensure a continuous, adequate, and economic supply of energy with the end in view of ultimately achieving self-reliance in the country's energy requirements through the integrated and intensive exploration, production, management, and development of the country's indigenous energy resources, and through the judicious conservation, renewal and efficient utilization of energy to keep pace with the country's growth and economic development and taking into consideration the active participation of the private sector in the various areas of energy resource development; and
- (b) rationalize, integrate, and coordinate the various programs of the Government towards self-sufficiency and enhanced productivity in power and energy without sacrificing ecological concerns;

WHEREAS, under Section 37 of Republic Act No. 9136 or the "Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001" (EPIRA), the Department of Energy (DOE) is mandated to supervise the restructuring of the electric power industry as well as among other things, to:

- (a) formulate policies for the planning and implementation of a comprehensive program for the efficient supply and economical use of energy consistent with the approved national economic plan and with the policies on environmental protection and conservation and maintenance of ecological balance, and provide a mechanism for the integration, rationalization, and coordination of the various energy programs of the Government;
- (b) ensure the reliability, quality and security of supply of electric power;
- (c) formulate rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement the objectives of the EPIRA; and
- (d) exercise such other powers, as may be necessary or incidental to attain the objectives of the EPIRA;

WHEREAS, in its effort to keep the public abreast on various energy sector issues raised by various stakeholders including the labor groups, the Office of the President regularly conducts dialogue with labor sector leaders and other interest groups to address their various concerns such issues affecting electricity prices and supply;

WHEREAS, during the dialogue held on 31 May 2013, at Heroes Hall, Malacanang Palace, the labor groups proposed for the creation of a dedicated group, which will include the labor sector and consumers groups representatives, to monitor, discuss and resolved issues affecting the power supply and affordability of electricity in the country;

WHEREAS, in a similar effort, the DOE initiated the review of the EPIRA through Focus Group Discussions (FGD) and a Consultative Dialogue with a theme on "Ensuring Security of Supply of Electricity at Reasonable Rates" on February to March 2014 nationwide;

WHEREAS, during the conduct of FGDs and Consultative Dialogue, the various sectors represented and reiterated their proposals on the need for a more detailed study focusing on ways to reduce electricity prices and ensure the sufficiency of power supply;

WHEREAS, the DOE is cognizant of the importance of a consultative and collaborative undertaking with various sectors in addressing energy issues and has therefore considered the creation of a multi-sectoral task force for a joint study on ways to improve policies and efficiencies in the energy sector with the end view of attaining transparent, reasonable and efficient energy prices and supply security.

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

Section 1. Creation of the Task Force and its Composition. There is hereby created a Multi-Sectoral Task Force to be composed of the following:

Chairperson	:	Academe Representative
Members	:	Other Government Representatives Business Sector Representative Consumer Group Representative Labor Group Representative

Section 2. Responsibilities. The Task Force shall have the following responsibilities:

- (a) Evaluate current breakdown/components of electricity and identify factors affecting them;
- (b) Conduct multi-sectoral public consultations nationwide to present their findings and identified ways and measures to help reduce the price of electricity and ensuring its sufficiency;
- (c) Each member shall represent its sector and ensure complete dissemination of all discussions and agreements during the conduct of dialogues;
- (d) Submit a report of the results of its study to the DOE; and
- (e) Perform such other responsibilities as the DOE may direct.

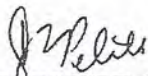
Section 3. Secretariat. The DOE through the Office of the Directors of the Energy Policy and Planning Bureau (EPPB) and Electric Power Industry Management Bureau (EPIMB) are hereby designated as the Technical Secretariat of the Task Force.

Section 4. Resource Persons. All DOE bureaus and services shall actively participate and render assistance in the conduct of the various activities of the Task Force.

Section 5. Funding. Funding for the effective and efficient operations of the Task Force shall be sourced from the Office of the Secretary.

Section 6. Effectivity. This Department Order shall take effect immediately.

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