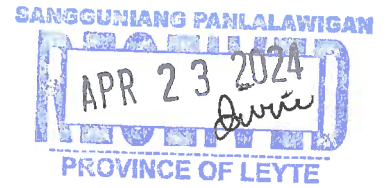


Republic of the Philippines
ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Jade Drive, Pasig City



IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE EMERGENCY POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT BETWEEN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND DON ORESTES ROMUALDEZ ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., WITH MOTION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF INFORMATION,

ERC CASE NO. 2024-008 RC

ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (EDC) AND DON ORESTES ROMUALDEZ ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC. (DORIELCO),

Applicants.

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**MANIFESTATION AND
MOTION TO RESET INITIAL HEARING**

Applicant ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (“EDC”), by and through the undersigned counsel, for and in behalf of Applicant DON ORESTES ROMUALDEZ ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (“DORIELCO”), unto this Honorable Commission, most respectfully states that:

1. On 22 February 2024, Applicant EDC received the Order and Notice of Virtual Hearing dated 14 February 2024 setting the instant *Joint Application* for hearing on the determination of compliance with the jurisdictional requirements and expository presentation on 14 March 2024 at nine o’clock in the morning (9:00 A.M.) and the pre-trial conference and presentation of evidence on 21 March 2024 at nine o’clock in the morning (9:00 A.M.)

2. In the said Order dated 14 February 2024, the Honorable Commission directed both EDC and DORILCO, among others, to cause the publication of the attached Notice of Virtual Hearing, to wit:

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Cause the publication of the attached Notice of Virtual Hearing in two (2) newspapers of nationwide circulation in the Philippines at their own expense, twice (2x) within two (2) successive weeks, the dates of publication not being less than seven (7) days apart, and the date of the last publication to be made not later than ten (10) days before the date of the scheduled initial hearing

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3. Unfortunately, based on the time needed to arrange for the publication as well as the internal approvals for the same, Applicants EDC and DORILCO would be unable to publish the Notice of Virtual Hearing: a) within two (2) successive weeks with the said publication not being less than seven (7) days apart; and b) the date of the last publication to be at least ten (10) days before the date of the initial hearing on 14 March 2024 as required by this Honorable Commission.

4. As such, Applicant EDC would be unable to faithfully comply with jurisdictional requirements as set forth in the Order dated 14 February 2024.

5. In view of the foregoing, Applicant EDC respectfully requests that the initial hearing on 14 March 2024 as well as the hearing on 21 March 2024 be cancelled and rescheduled on a later date at the soonest possible time.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Applicant EDC respectfully prays that the hearing on 14 March 2024 and 21 March 2024 be cancelled and the hearings be reset at the Honorable Commission’s discretion.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

Pasig City, 23 February 2024.

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EXPLANATION

Due to the volume of pleadings, motions and other correspondence filed/sent by the Firm daily, the Firm is constrained to cause the service of the copy of the foregoing pleading to the other parties by registered mail instead of by personal service.


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