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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACTS FOR THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRIC ENERGY (CSEE) ENTERED INTO WITH DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES (DUs) LOCATED IN THE MINDANAO GRID, WITH PRAYER FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY (PA)

ERC CASE NO. 2011-128 RC

POWER SECTOR ASSETS AND LIABILITIES MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (PSALM),

Applicant.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that on September 19, 2011, the Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation (PSALM) filed an application for approval of the Contracts for the Supply of Electric Energy (CSEE) it entered into with the Distribution Utilities located in the Mindanao Grid, with prayer for the issuance of a provisional authority.

In the said application, PSALM alleged, among others, the following:

1. It filed an application for the approval of the terms and conditions of the Contracts for the Supply of Electric Energy (CSEE) it entered into with various DUs located in the Mindanao Grid pursuant to Section 67 of Republic Act No. 9136 (R.A. 9136);
2. On July 7, 2005, the Commission issued Resolution No. 08, Series of 2005 approving and adopting the template for the Transition Supply Contract (TSC). On August 9, 2005, the said template for the TSC was amended by the Commission in its Resolution No. 15, Series of 2005;

3. On separate dates, the National Power Corporation (NPC) filed several applications for approval of the CSEE/TSC for the Mindanao Grids, which were correspondingly approved on October 19, 2006. On April 8, 2009, NPC filed another set of TSCs which were approved by the Commission on August 3, 2009;
4. It is a government-owned and controlled corporation created by virtue of R.A. 9136 or the "Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001" (EPIRA), with principal office address at 7/F Bankmer Building, 6756 Ayala Avenue, Makati City;
5. Pursuant to Section 49 of R.A. 9136 and the consequent assignment on May 11, 2009 by NPC of all power supply contracts to it, NPC assigned and transferred to it all of its rights and obligations in, to and under its CSEE and other similarly or substantially equivalent power supply contracts with NPC power customers (collectively referred to as Power Supply Contracts [PSCs]);
6. On and from May 11, 2009, the PSC are deemed amended as follows: (i) all references to NPC in the supply contracts shall be treated as references to PSALM; (ii) PSALM shall be deemed the SUPPLIER under the PSCs; and (iii) the rights and obligations of the parties shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the PSCs, as amended by the May 11, 2009 Letter of Agreement (LOA);

***The CSEEs of the Distribution
Utilities Located in the Mindanao Grid***

7. Pursuant to Section 5, Article III of the Commission's Guidelines for the Recovery of Costs for the Generation Component of the Distribution Utilities' Rates, it filed the instant application for the approval of CSEE duly negotiated and executed with the following DUs located in the Mindanao Grid:
 - a. Agusan del Norte Electric Cooperative, Inc. (ANECO);
 - b. Agusan del Sur Electric Cooperative, Inc. (ASELCO);
 - c. Camiguin Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CAMELCO);
 - d. Cotabato Electric Cooperative, Inc. (COTELCO);
 - e. Davao del Norte Electric Cooperative, Inc. (DANECO);
 - f. Davao del Sur Electric Cooperative, Inc. (DASURECO);
 - g. Davao Oriental Electric Cooperative, Inc. (DORECO);
 - h. Iligan Light and Power, Inc. (ILPI);

- i. Maguindanao Electric Cooperative (MAGELCO);
- j. Misamis Occidental I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (MOELCI-I);
- k. Misamis Occidental II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (MOELCI II);
- l. Misamis Oriental II Rural Electric Service Cooperative, Inc. (MORESCO-II);
- m. Siargao Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SIARELCO);
- n. South Cotabato II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SOCOTECO-II);
- o. Sultan Kudarat Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SUKELCO);
- p. Surigao del Norte Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SURNECO);
- q. Surigao del Sur I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SURSECO-I);
- r. Surigao del Sur II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SURSECO-II);
- s. Zamboanga del Norte Electric Cooperative, Inc. (ZANECO);
- t. Zamboanga del Sur I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (ZAMSURECO-I); and
- u. Zamboanga del Sur II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (ZAMSURECO-II).

Highlighted Terms and Conditions of the CSEE

- 8. The said CSEEs were executed based on the template approved by the Commission under Resolution No. 8, Series of 2005 as amended by Resolution No. 15, Series of 2005. The above CSEE provide, among others, the following terms and conditions:

- 8.1 ***Contract Duration*** - This Contract shall remain in full force and effect from August 26, 2011 to December 25, 2012 or one (1) year after the declaration of open access in Mindanao by the Department of Energy (DOE), whichever comes first. Unless otherwise provided, the applicable provisions of the Contract shall be deemed modified by the applicable Wholesale Electricity Spot Market (WESM) Rules, upon commercial operation of the WESM, as declared by the DOE;

- 8.2 **Contract Energy** - The Contract Energy shall not be changed by either party except in cases as provided for in the contract;
- 8.3 **Availability of Supply** – Supplier shall supply the Contract Energy in accordance with good utility practice and in compliance with appropriate rules and regulations such as the Philippine Grid Code (PGC), and Open Access Transmission Service (OATS). Supply of energy shall be available except for interruption or reduction due to: a) causes beyond the control of Supplier despite the exercise of due care, *including but not limited to privatization of the assets of the National Power Corporation pursuant to EPIRA*; b) transmission failure; c) maintenance to ensure system stability and safety reasons as may be provided by laws, rules or regulations. In case of shortage in the generation capacity of the Supplier, the Customer shall be informed of the deficiency and allocation of the available supply of electricity to the Customer shall be proportionate to the contracted energy as provided for in this Contract;
- 8.4 **Buy-out** - Customer shall be entitled to a reduction in its Contract Energy only upon written application to Supplier and payment of the corresponding buy-out fee at least sixty (60) days prior to the effectivity of the buy-out;
- 8.5 **Security Deposit** - The Security Deposit shall be equivalent to 100% of the estimated average monthly power bill during the first year of the Contract and shall be updated annually;
- 8.6 **Assignability** - Supplier may assign or transfer part or all of its rights and obligations in the supply of Contract Energy provided that prior written notice is given to Customer thirty (30) days before the actual transfer;
- 8.7 **Basic Energy Charge** - The Commission approved generation rates and other charges exclusive of penalties and bonuses shall be applied to the Customer's contracted monthly or hourly energy consumption. Upon commercial operation of the WESM, the basic energy charge to be applied to the contracted energy shall be in accordance with price settlement mechanism during the WESM operation (Section 8.1 of the CSEE);
- 8.8 **Bandwidth** - For consumption higher than one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the contracted level prior to commercial operation of the WESM, the basic energy charge to be applied shall be the prevailing ERC approved rate and other adjustments plus ten percent (10%) of such rate for the incremental increase beyond the one hundred twenty percent (120%) of Contract Energy;

- 8.9 **Maintenance Service Adjustment** - Customer may avail of the service adjustment during the scheduled maintenance of its facilities, not to exceed two (2) billing periods in one year;
 - 8.10 **Minimum Charge** - Customer shall pay the minimum charge based on the Contract Energy per billing period as indicated in Section 4.1 of the CSEE using the basic energy charge if Customer has not fully taken or failed to consume the Contract Energy, subject to deductions and adjustments as expressly provided in the Contract;
 - 8.11 **Prompt Payment Discount** – Subject to the Commission's approval, the Prompt Payment Discount (PPD) prior to the commercial operation of the WESM shall be in accordance with the PSALM's credit and collection policies duly approved by the PSALM Board. Upon commercial operation of the WESM, as declared by the DOE, the PPD shall no longer be applicable;
 - 8.12 **Overdue Account** - In the event that a power bill remains unpaid within five (5) days after its due date, Supplier has the option to call on or draw against the Security Deposit as provided for under Section 5 (Security Deposit) of the Contract; and
 - 8.13 **Contract Termination** - Either party will have the right to terminate the Contract upon failure of the other to perform its obligation under the Contract.
9. In compliance with Section 4(e) of Rule 3 of the EPIRA-IRR and ERC Resolution No. 38, Series of 2006, and in support of the instant application for the approval of the LOAs, a copy of the instant application (including Annexes) was furnished to the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Makati City. The Application (excluding Annexes) was also published in a newspaper of general circulation;

Allegations in Support for the Issuance of Provisional Authority

- 10. It acknowledges that the continued operation of the DUs is indispensable to the economic efficiency of the franchise area they service, not to mention the ripple effect of that efficiency to the economic growth of the entire country. In order for these DUs to continue lawfully drawing electricity from the grid, it is imperative that they enter into agreement with it as Supplier, a contract of sale for electricity, hence the respective CSEE;
- 11. The CSEE of the above listed Distribution Utilities expired on August 25, 2011. Accordingly, a grant of provisional authority to execute the CSEE effective August 26, 2011 will benefit the DUs and ultimately redounds to the benefit of the end consumers;

12. Pursuant to Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures, it may exercise its discretion by granting provisional authority or interim relief prior to a final decision;
13. It is understood that the interim relief it sought that may be granted by the Commission, shall be subject to adjustments and other conditions that it may impose after hearing and final determination of the instant application; and
14. Thus, it prays that the Commission approves the duly negotiated CSEE with various DUs in the Mindanao Grid and that a provisional authority (PA) be issued authorizing it to implement the subject CSEE with the concerned DUs in the Mindanao Grid effective August 26, 2011.

The Commission has set the application for jurisdictional hearing, expository presentation, pre-trial conference and evidentiary hearing **on November 11, 2011 (Friday) at ten o' clock in the morning (10:00 A.M.) at the ERC Mindanao Field Office, Mintrade Bldg., Monteverde Ave. corner Sales St., Davao City.**

All persons who have an interest in the subject matter of the proceeding may become a party by filing, at least five (5) days prior to the initial hearing and subject to the requirements in the ERC's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a verified petition with the Commission giving the docket number and title of the proceeding and stating: (1) the petitioner's name and address; (2) the nature of petitioner's interest in the subject matter of the proceeding, and the way and manner in which such interest is affected by the issues involved in the proceeding; and (3) a statement of the relief desired.

All other persons who may want their views known to the Commission with respect to the subject matter of the proceeding may file their opposition to the application or comment thereon at any stage of the proceeding before the applicant concludes the presentation of its evidence. No particular form of

opposition or comment is required, but the document, letter or writing should contain the name and address of such person and a concise statement of the opposition or comment and the grounds relied upon.

All such persons who may wish to have a copy of the application may request the applicant, prior to the date of the initial hearing, that they be furnished with a copy of the application. The applicant is hereby directed to furnish all those making such request with copies of the application and its attachments, subject to reimbursement of reasonable photocopying costs. Likewise, any such person may examine the application and other pertinent records filed with the Commission during the usual office hours.

WITNESS, the Honorable Chairperson, **ZENAIDA G. CRUZ-DUCUT**, and Honorable Commissioners, **MARIA TERESA A. R. CASTAÑEDA**, and **ALEJANDRO J. NON**, Energy Regulatory Commission, this 19th day of October, 2011 at Pasig City.


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