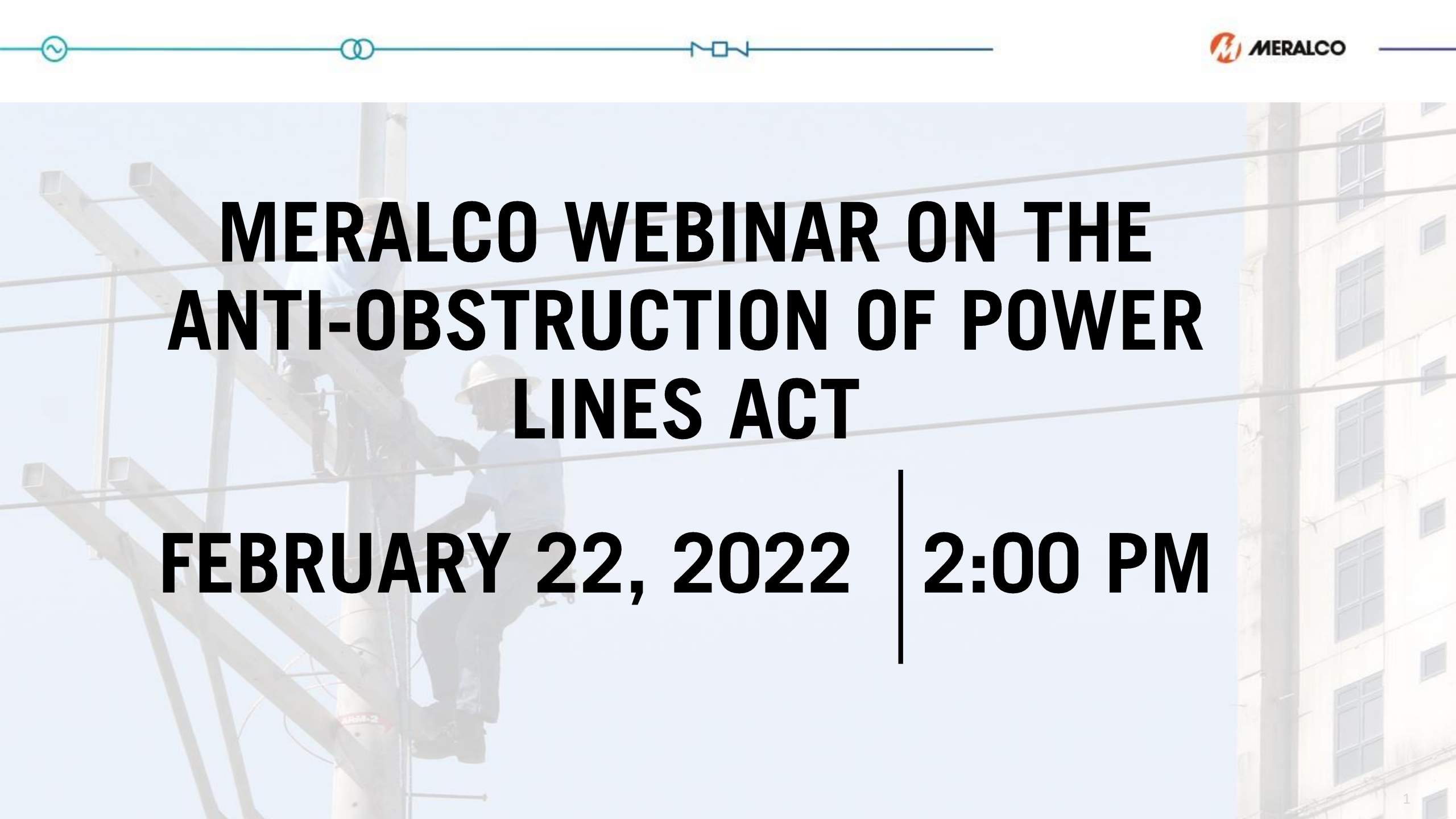




MERALCO WEBINAR ON THE ANTI-OBSTRUCTION OF POWER LINES ACT

FEBRUARY 22, 2022 | 2:00 PM

ANTI-OBSTRUCTION OF POWER LINES ACT

- > Policy and Intent of the Act
- > Prohibited Acts and Penalties
- > Rights and Obligations of the Power Line Operator
- > Rights and Obligations of Property Owners



POLICY AND INTENT OF THE ACT

- ③ Ensure **uninterrupted** conveyance of **electricity**.
- ③ Protect the **integrity** and **reliability** of our **power systems**.
- ③ By keeping the *land beneath, the air spaces surrounding, and the area traversed by power lines* CLEAR OF DANGEROUS OBSTRUCTIONS.





Important Terms: Dangerous Structure or Building

01

Unsafe
Structure

02

Constitute
a fire hazard.

03

Dangerous
to human health.

04

Constitute
a hazard
to safety, health,
or public
welfare.

05

Contribute
to the pollution
of the site
or community
to an intolerable
degree.

06

Those described
as such under
the National
Building Code
of the
Philippines.



Important Terms: Hazardous Activities

01

Burning of waste
and other materials

02

Excavation

03

Quarrying

04

Construction

05

Other activities
of the same nature
and character which threaten
or endanger
the continuous conveyance
of electricity



Important Terms: Hazardous Improvements



Structures located
**inside the Power Line
Corridor** which threaten
the continuous conveyance
of electricity



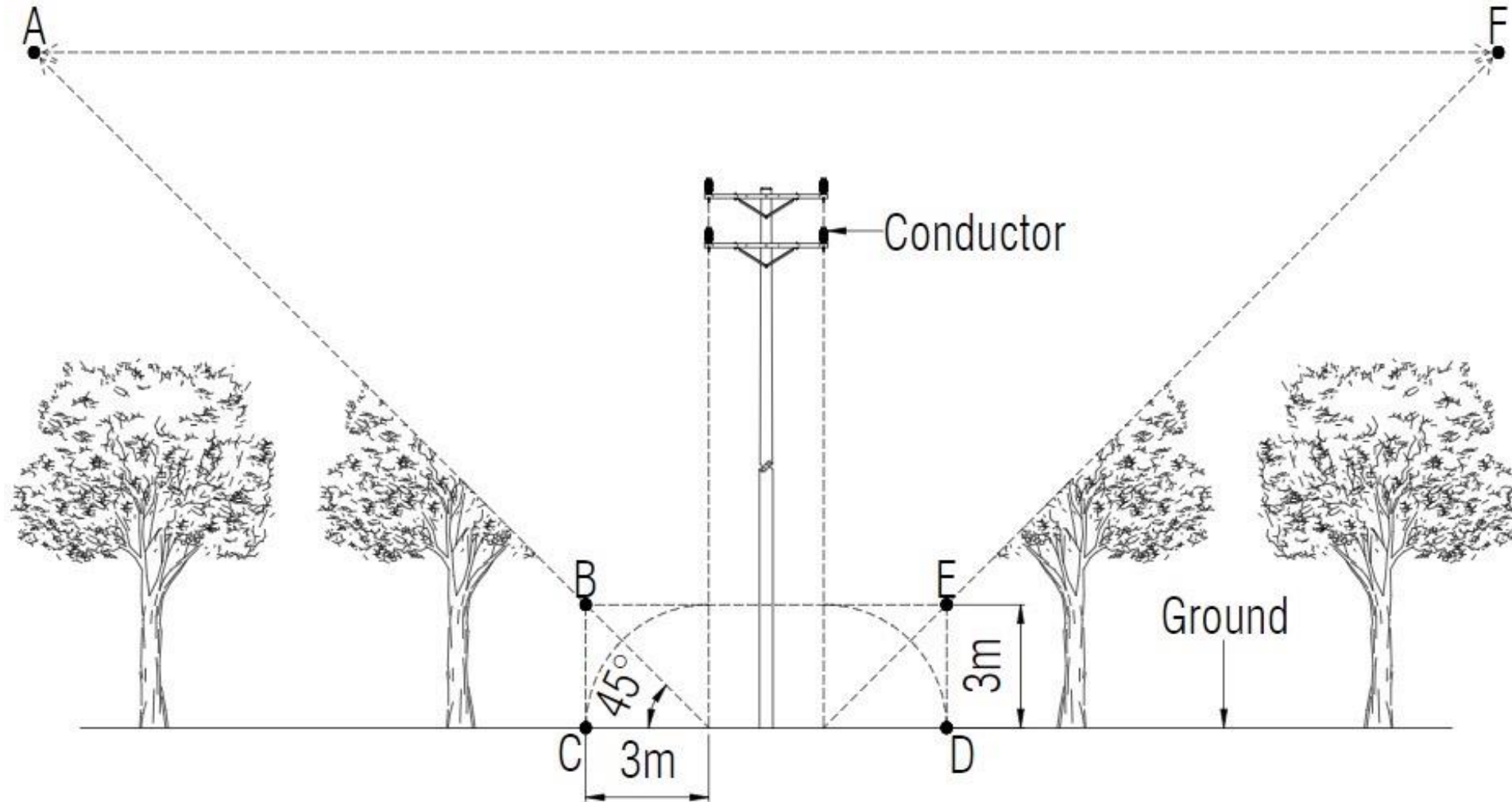
Important Terms: Power Line Corridor (PLC)

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The land beneath, the air spaces surrounding, and the area traversed by power lines, which shall be kept clear and free from any power line obstructions, dangerous structures, hazardous activities and improvements and other similar circumstances in accordance with the provisions of the Act.



Important Terms: Power Line Corridor (PLC)





Important Terms: Power Line Obstruction

Any hazardous activity or hazardous improvement and other similar circumstances that threaten the continuous conveyance of electricity





SEC. 6 PROHIBITED ACTS



- **Plant** or cause to be planted **Tall Growing Plants** (potential to grow more than 3 meters) within the PLC
- Conduct any **hazardous activities** within the PLC



SEC. 6 PROHIBITED ACTS

- **Prevent** or refuse agents of the **Power Line Owner/Operator** entry.
- Perform other **analogous acts**



PENALTIES FOR COMMISSION OF PROHIBITED ACTS

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THE LAW:			
	1st OFFENSE	2nd OFFENSE	3rd OFFENSE
	up to 6 months imprisonment, P50,000 fine, or both	up to 6 years imprisonment, P100,000 fine, or both	up to 12 years imprisonment, P200,000 fine, or both



SEC. 7: RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE POWER LINE OPERATORS

01

To enter said property

02

To prevent and remove any obstruction within the PLC

03

Conduct maintenance and inspection activities within the PLC

04

Conduct repair or restoration activities within the PLC

05

Conduct clearing activities for tall growing plants within the PLC *without* securing prior permit from the government or the LGU



SEC. 7: RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE POWER LINE OPERATORS

06

Remove hazardous improvements without securing prior permit from the government or the LGU but with due notice

07

Prevent or prohibit hazardous activities

08

Perform other analogous acts to prevent and remove any obstruction inside and near the PLC



OBLIGATIONS OF PROPERTY OWNERS



- ✓ **NOT PERFORM** any of the prohibited acts mentioned in Sec. 6 of the Act.
- ✓ **PREVENT** power line obstructions.
- ✓ Coordinate with, assist, and **GRANT ACCESS to the PLO.**
Subject to DUE NOTICE and COORDINATION



RIGHTS OF PROPERTY OWNERS



- ✓ Right to be given **due notice** before entry to the property.
- ✓ Right to be **informed, educated and given technical assistance** by the PLO with regard to preventing power line obstructions

Notice Requirement

(Letter Head/Name of Power Line Operator)

NOTICE

TO : DENR/PCA and LGU and other concerned government agencies
FOR : Cutting/Pruning/Trimming of Tall Growing Plants/Coconut Tree/s

Name of PLC and Location : _____
No. of Tall Growing Plants/Coconut Trees Affected: _____
Schedule of Activity: _____
Estimated Board Feet of Recoverable Lumber : _____
Name(s) and Estimated Quantity of Timber or Forest Products: _____
Name(s) of Private Persons Farmer/s Affected : _____
Name(s) of Service Contractor*, if any : _____
Name(s) of Consignee Lumberyard, if any: _____
Attachments: _____

Name of Receiving Personnel: _____
Receiving Office: _____
Date and Time Received: _____

*Service Contractor may refer to chainsaw operator, lumber dealer and/or lumberyard operator.

The conduct of these activities without this Notice submitted to the relevant government agency in accordance with Republic Act No. 11361 and its IRR shall be deemed illegal and a violation of relevant laws, rules and regulations.

MERALCO - Pasay BC NOTICE

TO: DENR/PCA and LGU and other concerned government agencies
FOR: Cutting/Pruning/Trimming of Tall Growing Plants/Coconut Tree/s

Location		Name of PLC (Circuit)	Tall Growing Trees	Coconut Trees	Count of Trees	Schedule of Activity	Estimated Board Feet of Recoverable Lumber***	Name(s) and Estimated Qty of Timber or Forest Products*	Name(s) of Private Persons, Farmers Affected*	Name(s) of Service Contractor (if any)	Name(s) of Consignee Lumberyard and Address
Municipality/City	Street/Brgy		Select one only "x" per row.								
Pasay	NAIA 3	415VX	X		3	May		debris only	n/a	VJC Construction	Manila Sector, Lubiran
Pasay	NAIA 3	413VX		X	71	April		debris only	n/a	VJC Construction	Manila Sector, Lubiran
Pasay	NAIA 3	413VX	X		71	April		debris only	n/a	VJC Construction	Manila Sector, Lubiran
Pasay	NAIA 3	413VX	X		132	May		debris only	n/a	VJC Construction	Manila Sector, Lubiran
Pasay	Vitaldez	472J	X		22	June	n/a	n/a	n/a	AV/SCO	Vicent Lot near Allenville Townhomes Phase, Kawit, Cavite/Kawit, Cavite
Pasay	CBP1A	423RF	X		3	April		debris only	n/a	VJC Construction	Manila Sector, Lubiran
Pasay	CBP1A	423RF	X		3	April		debris only	n/a	VJC Construction	Manila Sector, Lubiran
Pasay	CBP1A	416RF		X	10	April		debris only	n/a	VJC Construction	Manila Sector, Lubiran
Pasay	CBP1A	416RF	X		10	April		debris only	n/a	VJC Construction	Manila Sector, Lubiran
Pasay	CBP1A	413RF	X		16	May		debris only	n/a	VJC Construction	Manila Sector, Lubiran
Pasay	NAIA 3	426VX	X		17	June		debris only	n/a	VJC Construction	Manila Sector, Lubiran
Pasay	NAIA 3	423VX	X		43	June		debris only	n/a	VJC Construction	Manila Sector, Lubiran
Pasay	CBP1A	423RF	X		53	May		debris only	n/a	VJC Construction	Manila Sector, Lubiran

Attachments: _____

Name of Receiving Personnel: _____
Receiving Office: _____
Date and Time Received: _____

*Service Contractor may refer to chainsaw operator, lumber dealer and/or lumberyard operator.

**May likewise pertain to the consignee dealer or any person contracted to or intended by the PLO to receive the timber, forest products and/or coconut lumber as a product of the activities mentioned in this notice.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS



[Date]

Name of Property Owner/Homeowners Association
Address (House No./Street/Subd/Brgy/Municipality/City)

Subject: Notice Prior to the Conduct of Trimming, Pruning, Cutting or Clearing of Tall Growing Plants And/or Removal, Dismantle or Demolition of Hazardous Improvements within Power Line Corridor (PLC)

NOTICE

This is in compliance with Sections 2 and 5, Rule VII of the Department of Energy's (DOE) Department Circular No. DC2020-02-0002, or the "The Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 11361, also known as the Anti-Obstruction of Power Lines Act" (or "AOPL-IRR," for brevity), which states that in the event that the Private Property Owner fails to perform its duties and responsibilities to prevent the introduction or intrusion of any power line obstruction or the removal of such power line obstruction found within and in proximity to the Power Line Corridor (PLC) located wholly or partially within his/her property, the Power Line Owner/Operator (PLO), such as MERALCO, shall have the right to access the PLC to prevent or remove these obstructions subject to due notice and coordination.

Thus, Meralco and/or its service providers shall begin its scheduled tree trimming, pruning, cutting, or clearing of tall growing plants within the PLC, with the following details:

Executing Personnel/Crew	Count of Tall Growing Plants Affected / Structures, Buildings or Improvements Affected	Scheduled Date

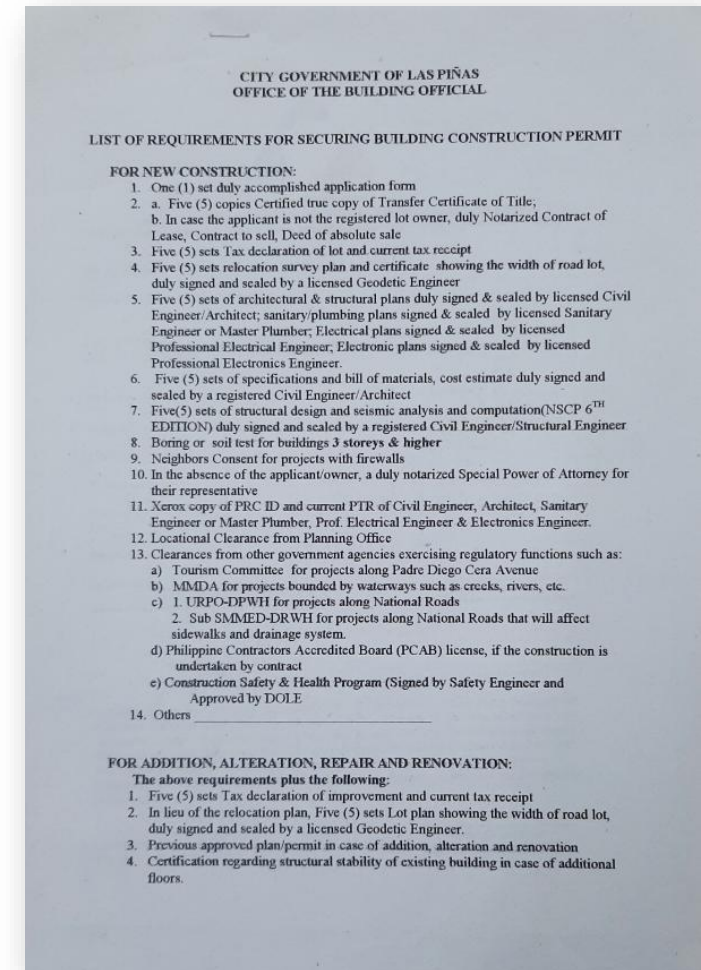
To further explain Meralco's rights and obligations in relation to the conduct of said activities within the identified PLC, attached is a copy of the AOPL-IRR (Annex "A") for your guidance.

Due to your failure to perform your obligations under the above provision of the AOPL IRR, Meralco shall access the PLC within your property in order to prevent or remove such obstructions as mentioned in this Notice.

For any inquiries, please feel free to contact [Name of Distribution Engineer] through email: [staff EMAIL] or hotline 16211.

BUILDING PERMIT

- Building officials shall require building owners who will construct or conduct maintenance activities on the PLC to notify and coordinate with PLO
- Failure of building official to do so will result in penalty ONE DEGREE HIGHER than penalty provided under the Act and shall suffer penalty of DISMISSAL



RULE VIII OF IRR: ASSISTANCE FROM THE LGU

- ✓ Inform and educate respective constituents about the policies and implementation of this Act and its IRRs
- ✓ Provide all other means to assist PLOs to properly and safely perform their duties and mandates





THANK YOU!

