

Republic of the Philippines
ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
San Miguel Avenue, Pasig City

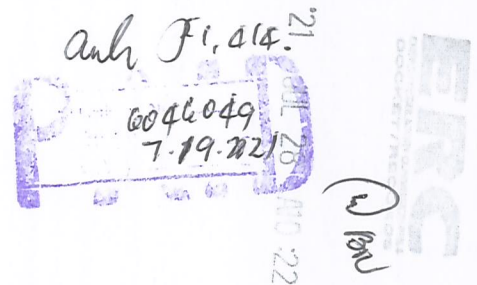
IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY
TO IMPLEMENT THE
PROPOSED CAPITAL
EXPENDITURE PROGRAM FOR
REGULATORY YEAR (RY) 2022,
WITH PRAYER FOR
PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY,

ERC CASE NO. 2021 - 060RC

**MANILA ELECTRIC COMPANY
(MERALCO),**

Applicant.

X-----X



APPLICATION

Applicant **MANILA ELECTRIC COMPANY ("MERALCO")**, by counsel, respectfully states that:

1. Applicant MERALCO is a private corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office located at Lopez Building, Ortigas Avenue, Pasig City. It may be served with notices and other processes of this Honorable Commission through its undersigned counsel at the address indicated herein.

2. Pursuant to Republic Act No. 9209, MERALCO has a legislative franchise to construct, operate and maintain an electric power distribution system for the conveyance of electric power to the end-users in the cities and municipalities of Metro Manila, Bulacan, Cavite and Rizal, and certain cities/municipalities/barangays in Batangas, Laguna, Quezon and Pampanga.

3. MERALCO is part of the First Entry Group of Distribution Utilities ("DUs") that entered Performance Based Regulation ("PBR").

4. Pending the regulatory reset for the Fifth Regulatory Period,¹ MERALCO is filing the instant application for the approval of

¹ Based on the proposed Rules for Setting Distribution Wheeling Rates (RDWR) (2nd Draft) and Regulatory Reset for the July 2022 to June 2026 Fifth Regulatory Period for the First Entry

its CAPEX projects for implementation in Regulatory Year ("RY") 2022 covering the period from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, pursuant to Section 20(b) of Commonwealth Act No. 146, as amended, otherwise known as the Public Service Act, which requires any public service to seek the prior approval of this Honorable Commission before it can establish, construct, maintain, and operate new facilities or make any extension of its existing facilities. Primarily, these CAPEX projects for RY 2022 are necessary to avert the foreseen emergency situations and ensure the reliable operation of its distribution network and continuous distribution service and connection to meet the growing needs of its more than seven (7) million customers.

A. BACKGROUND OF MERALCO'S RY 2022 CAPEX PROGRAM

5. MERALCO's RY 2022 CAPEX Program is geared towards providing reliable service to its customers by maintaining an adequate, safe, efficient, and viable distribution network, while providing the needed capacity to address the forecasted load growth within its franchise area. MERALCO's RY 2022 CAPEX Program is mainly driven by the following factors:

a. Adequate Infrastructure to Meet Growth in Peak Demand and Customer Connections

The distribution infrastructure must be sufficient to meet MERALCO's current and immediate requirements. MERALCO forecasts its customer base to expand to more than 7.5 million customers and peak demand to grow to 8,003 MW by RY 2022. This increase in peak demand and customer count will require MERALCO to increase the capacity of the electric distribution system in order to continue accommodating customer connections, while maintaining the reliability and power quality of its distribution system. If no capacity augmentation project is undertaken starting 1 July 2021, MERALCO would not be able to provide electric service to its existing and new customers.

b. Renewal/Refurbishment Projects to Ensure Sustained Network Efficiency, Reliability and Power Quality

Capital expenditure is required to maintain existing assets so as not to degrade its network performance and customer service performance in the current regulatory year. The immediate implementation of these projects is not just imperative to say the least, but more so, critical as the reliability of MERALCO's electric distribution system in providing safe, reliable and adequate electric service is at risk.

c. *Automation/Innovation/Technology*

Automation/technology projects will further allow MERALCO to enhance its distribution network, allowing it to respond more effectively to line and network outages which will reduce service interruptions to customers.

d. *Compliance to statutory and regulatory requirements.*

Several RY 2022 CAPEX projects are likewise proposed in order to comply with various law, rules and regulations, including, among other things, compliance with: (a) Distribution Services Open Access Rules (“DSOAR”) on MERALCO’s provision of the extension of lines and facilities for socialized housing initiatives of both public and private developers; (b) Wholesale Electricity Spot Market (“WESM”)/ Independent Electricity Market Operator of the Philippines (“IEMOP”) metering requirements; and (c) ERC Resolution No. 03, Series of 2012, which amends Section 2.6 and 2.7 of the DSOAR, that mandates DUs to refund the Contribution in Aid of Construction (CIAC) of customers who paid for the extension of lines and facilities upon its inclusion in the DU’s Regulatory Asset Base (“RAB”).

e. *Support for Government PPP Initiatives / BBB Program*

The National Government has identified the implementation of Build, Build, Build (“BBB”) programs and projects as a cornerstone strategy of the national development plan to accelerate the infrastructure development of the country and to sustain economic growth. MERALCO would thus need to relocate and replace existing facilities so as not to hamper the construction and development of these critical BBB projects.

A detailed discussion on MERALCO’s considerations and justifications in forecasting its RY2022 CAPEX Program is attached hereto as **Annex “A”** and made an integral part hereof.

B. LIST OF CAPEX PROJECTS

6. Taking into consideration the factors above, MERALCO proposes the following thirty-two (32) major projects for RY 2022:

PROJECT CODE	PROJECT NAME	TOTAL (PhP)	ANNEX
MER-1	Development of Island Cove 115 kV-34.5 kV GIS Substation	489,816,859	“B-1”
MER-2	Development of Lawang Bato 115 kV-34.5 kV Substation	560,830,630	“B-2”

MER-3	Development of San Ildefonso 69 kV-13.8 kV Substation	328,849,421	"B-3"
MER-4	Development of San Joaquin 115 kV-34.5 kV GIS Substation	633,697,465	"B-4"
MER-5	Expansion of FBGC-2 115 kV-34.5 kV GIS Substation (2nd Bank)	226,491,447	"B-5"
MER-6	Expansion of Malinta 115 kV-34.5 kV GIS Substation (2nd Bank)	188,409,000	"B-6"
MER-7	Development of Antipolo 230 kV-115 kV Delivery Point Substation - Phase 2	1,635,510,533	"B-7"
MER-8	Construction of CND-Alagao 69 kV Line 3	685,292,853	"B-8"
MER-9	Construction of Makban (Bay)-Batangas Paper Corp. (BPC)-Los Baños 69 kV Line	47,285,316	"B-9"
MER-10	Reliability Improvement of Kamuning Substation	85,815,992	"B-10"
MER-11	Uprating of Biñan-San Pedro 115 kV Line	68,475,949	"B-11"
MER-12	Relocation of MERALCO's Electrical Facilities Affected by the Construction of the National Government's Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Projects	55,968,361	"B-12"
MER-13	Acquisition of 33MVA Mobile Substation	150,000,000	"B-13"
MER-14	Replacement of the ABB HMB-1 Breaker Mechanism of the 115kV ABB Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) at Hillcrest Substation	59,724,245	"B-14"
MER-15	Retail Competition and Open Access (RCOA) Meter Conversion and System Support	725,924,853	"B-15"
MER-16	Firewall Tiering and Segmentation	89,934,794	"B-16"
MER-17	Enterprise Service Delivery System	125,175,162	"B-17"
MER-18	Streamlined and Integrated Vendor Management System (SIVMS)	68,000,000	"B-18"
MER-19	Hybrid Integration Platform	135,857,650	"B-19"
MER-20	SAP Server Refresh and Application Upgrade	56,880,045	"B-20"
MER-21	Expansion of ESRM to Support 5-min Interval Implementation	51,136,620	"B-21"
MER-22	Implementation of Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) for IT and OT	79,000,000	"B-22"
MER-23	Implementation of Layer 3/4 Anti-DDoS (Anti-Distributed Denial of Service) Security Appliance	56,000,000	"B-23"
MER-24	Construction of New Stores Warehouse Building at Manila Sector	90,000,000	"B-24"
MER-25	Structural Retrofitting of Lopez Building – Phase 1	520,000,000	"B-25"
MER-26	MERALCO Emergency Response Capability Enhancement	162,900,000	"B-26"
MER-27	Structural Retrofitting of Pasig Sector Administration Building	52,440,000	"B-27"
MER-28	Structural Retrofitting of Corporate Wellness Center	65,835,000	"B-28"
MER-29	Structural Retrofitting of Pasig Sector Logistics Building	89,604,000	"B-29"
MER-30	Structural Retrofitting of Paranaque Sector Administration Building	65,550,000	"B-30"
MER-31	Structural Retrofitting of Subtransmission Services Building	66,500,000	"B-31"
MER-32	Structural Retrofitting of Technical Services Building – Phase 1	236,000,000	"B-32"

Copies of the detailed project justifications of the major projects under MERALCO's RY2022 CAPEX program are attached hereto as **Annexes "B and series"** and made integral parts hereof.

7. On the other hand, MERALCO's seventy-eight (78) residual projects, broken down by asset categories, are as follows:

PROJECT CODE	ASSET CATEGORY	TOTAL (Php)	ANNEX
RES - 1A.1	Structures and Improvements (Distribution Purposes)	20,709,087	"C-1"
RES - 1A.2	Structures and Improvements (Distribution Purposes)	24,385,528	"C-2"
RES - 1B	Structures and Improvements (Distribution Purposes)	3,914,414	"C-3"
RES - 1C.1	Structures and Improvements (Distribution Purposes)	200,862,653	"C-4"
RES - 1C.2	Structures and Improvements (Distribution Purposes)	10,120,000	"C-5"
RES - 2B	Power transformers	129,090,817	"C-6"
RES - 3A.1	Switchgear	32,499,801	"C-7"
RES - 3A.2	Switchgear	3,482,247	"C-8"
RES - 3B	Switchgear	281,876,056	"C-9"
RES - 4A.1	Protective equipment	5,975,139	"C-10"
RES - 4A.2	Protective equipment	2,050,491	"C-11"
RES - 4B	Protective equipment	85,762,595	"C-12"
RES - 5A	Metering & control equipment	1,188,944	"C-13"
RES - 5B	Metering & control equipment	66,959,474	"C-14"
RES - 6A.1	Communications equipment	2,055,784	"C-15"
RES - 6A.2	Communications equipment	83,827,680	"C-16"
RES - 6B	Communications equipment	110,799,225	"C-17"
RES - 7A.1	Other station equipment	1,934,048	"C-18"
RES - 7A.2	Other station equipment	114,910,437	"C-19"
RES - 7B	Other station equipment	32,387,966	"C-20"
RES - 8A.1	Poles, Towers and Fixtures - Distribution	269,245,157	"C-21"
RES - 8A.2	Poles, Towers and Fixtures - Distribution	1,427,544,568	"C-22"
RES - 8B	Poles, Towers and Fixtures - Distribution	1,455,067,138	"C-23"
RES - 9A.1	Overhead Conductors and Devices - Distribution	159,133,593	"C-24"
RES - 9A.2	Overhead Conductors and Devices - Distribution	500,775,078	"C-25"
RES - 9B	Overhead Conductors and Devices - Distribution	1,700,567,431	"C-26"
RES - 10B	Underground Conduits - Distribution	80,114,995	"C-27"
RES - 11A	Underground Conductors and Devices - Distribution	296,397,715	"C-28"
RES - 11B	Underground Conductors and Devices - Distribution	75,053,097	"C-29"
RES - 12A.1	Distribution Transformers	147,742,595	"C-30"
RES - 12A.2	Distribution Transformers	3,109,873,611	"C-31"
RES - 12B	Distribution Transformers	317,923,247	"C-32"
RES - 13B	Power Conditioning Equipment	161,485,083	"C-33"
RES - 14B	Meters, Metering Instruments & Metering Transformers - Distribution	3,791,644	"C-34"
RES - 15A.1	Information technology equipment (distribution)	4,852,988	"C-35"
RES - 15A.2	Information technology equipment (distribution)	28,165,631	"C-36"
RES - 15A.3	Information technology equipment (distribution)	38,941,630	"C-37"
RES - 15B.1	Information technology equipment (distribution)	101,427,445	"C-38"
RES - 15B.2	Information technology equipment (distribution)	10,278,471	"C-39"
RES - 15B.3	Information technology equipment (distribution)	52,026,221	"C-40"
RES - 16A	Street Lights and Signal Systems	34,663,098	"C-41"
RES - 16B	Street Lights and Signal Systems	318,971,570	"C-42"
RES - 17A	Structures and Improvements (non-network)	477,910,388	"C-43"
RES - 17B	Structures and Improvements (non-network)	64,148,370	"C-44"
RES - 17C	Structures and Improvements (non-network)	271,512,675	"C-45"
RES - 18B	Office Furniture and Equipment	21,055,684	"C-46"
RES - 19A	Transportation Equipment	141,600,000	"C-47"
RES - 19B	Transportation Equipment	283,730,000	"C-48"
RES - 20A	Tools, Shop and Garage Equipment	27,769,036	"C-49"
RES - 20B	Tools, Shop and Garage Equipment	101,071,534	"C-50"
RES - 21A	Laboratory Equipment	105,174,200	"C-51"

RES - 21B	Laboratory Equipment	107,043,500	"C-52"
RES - 22A.1	Information Systems Equipment (non-network)	251,045,705	"C-53"
RES - 22A.2	Information Systems Equipment (non-network)	120,200,000	"C-54"
RES - 22B	Information Systems Equipment (non-network)	113,598,683	"C-55"
RES - 22C	Information Systems Equipment (non-network)	7,820,411	"C-56"
RES - 23A	Communication Plant and Equipment	17,199,445	"C-57"
RES - 23B	Communication Plant and Equipment	70,832,470	"C-58"
RES - 23C	Communication Plant and Equipment	10,513,425	"C-59"
RES - 24A	Miscellaneous Equipment	71,467,886	"C-60"
RES - 24B	Miscellaneous Equipment	100,000	"C-61"
RES - 25C	Materials and Supplies (including spares)	18,173,606	"C-62"
RES - 26A	Overhead Conductors and Devices (Customer)	448,429,431	"C-63"
RES - 27A	Underground Conductors and Devices (Customer)	232,844,783	"C-64"
RES - 28A	Meters, Instruments & Metering Transformers (Consumer Consumption Metering)	869,552,061	"C-65"
RES - 28B	Meters, Instruments & Metering Transformers (Consumer Consumption Metering)	840,013,003	"C-66"
RES - 29A	Structures and Improvements (non-network)	118,745,680	"C-67"
RES - 29B	Structures and Improvements (non-network)	77,294,367	"C-68"
RES - 29C	Structures and Improvements (non-network)	104,291,000	"C-69"
RES - 30B	Office Furniture and Equipment	8,701,991	"C-70"
RES - 31A	Transportation Equipment	55,300,000	"C-71"
RES - 31B	Transportation Equipment	12,160,000	"C-72"
RES-32A	Laboratory Equipment	1,000,000	"C-73"
RES - 32B	Laboratory Equipment	4,476,166	"C-74"
RES - 33A	Information Systems Equipment	70,235,410	"C-75"
RES - 33B	Information Systems Equipment	43,737,214	"C-76"
RES - 34A	Communication Plant and Equipment	11,553,178	"C-77"
RES - 34B	Communication Plant and Equipment	5,392,411	"C-78"

Copies of the project justifications for the residual projects under MERALCO's RY2022 CAPEX program are attached herewith as **Annexes "C and series"** and made integral parts hereof.

8. Moreover, MERALCO shall refund to customers their payments for projects funded under the CIAC scheme. Pursuant to ERC Resolution No. 03, Series of 2012, which amends Sections 2.6 and 2.7 of the DSOAR, DUs are mandated to refund the CIAC payments of customers for the extension of lines and facilities upon its inclusion in the DU's RAB. The CIAC-funded projects are eligible for refund considering that the lines and facilities where the customers are connected are now distribution assets as said lines and facilities already serve more than one customer. The details regarding the CIAC-funded projects to be refunded are further explained in the document attached hereto as **"Annex D"** and made an integral part hereof.

9. In light of the resulting benefits of MERALCO's RY 2022 CAPEX Program to the overall service to the electricity consumers, MERALCO respectfully submits that the CAPEX to be put in service be considered in the calculation of MERALCO's next regulatory reset rates.

10. The filing of the instant Application is without prejudice to the subsequent filing by MERALCO for any unforecasted or emergency CAPEX as the need therefor arises.

C. URGENT NEED FOR ISSUANCE OF A PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY/ INTERIM RELIEF

11. Section 23 of the EPIRA provides that DUs have an obligation to provide services and connections to its customers consistent with the distribution code.² It is emphasized that non-approval of the CAPEX projects for RY 2022 will severely hamper MERALCO's operations and severely affect its ability to deliver electric service to its customers. It is imperative for MERALCO to implement its RY2022 CAPEX projects starting 1 July 2021 for the expansion and rehabilitation of its network facilities through acquisition of new assets in order to ensure continuous delivery of reliable service and comply with safety, performance and other statutory/regulatory requirements, while addressing the growing needs of its more than 7 million customers.

12. Thus, pending final approval, there is an urgent need for a provisional authority or interim relief to be issued in favor of MERALCO to allow it to immediately implement its proposed RY 2022 CAPEX program. In support of the prayer for the grant of a provisional authority/ interim relief, attached as **Annex "E"** is the Judicial Affidavit of Engr. Froilan J. Savet, Head of MERALCO's Network Planning and Design.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, it is most respectfully prayed to this Honorable Commission that the instant application for Authority to implement MERALCO's proposed Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) Program for Regulatory Year (RY) 2022 be **APPROVED** and that CAPEX to be put in service be considered in the calculation of MERALCO's next regulatory reset rates.

Pending hearing, it is likewise prayed that a provisional authority or interim relief be immediately issued authorizing Applicant MERALCO to implement its RY 2022 CAPEX Program.

Applicant MERALCO prays for such other relief as are deemed just and equitable under the premises.

Pasig City, 22 June 2021.

² Republic Act. No. 9136 (EPIRA), Section 23; EPIRA Implementing Rules and Regulations, Rule 7, Section 4.

MANILA ELECTRIC COMPANY

Applicant

By:

FRANCIS DINO S. ANTONIO

Roll of Attorneys No. 48145

PTR No. 7236629; 01/08/2021; Pasig City

IBP No. 145337; 01/08/2021; RSM

MCLE Compliance No. VII-0001788; 02 December 2019

HAZEL ROSE B. SEE

Roll of Attorneys No. 48265

PTR No. 7236627; 01/08/2021; Pasig City

IBP No. 06460(LIFETIME); 01/16/07; QC

MCLE Compliance No. VII-0001116; 17 October 2019

ADRIAN REX C. DIMALANTA

Roll of Attorneys No. 61149

PTR No. 7236620; 01/08/2021; Pasig City

IBP No. 145334; 01/08/2021; PPLM

MCLE Compliance No. VII-0001098; 17 October 2019

ISAGANIL C. CORUÑA II

Roll of Attorneys No. 63123

PTR No. 7236622; 01/08/2021; Pasig City

IBP No. 145332; 01/08/2021; RSM

MCLE Compliance No. VI-0007787; 6 April 2018

EDGAR MICHAEL C. ROBLES

Roll of Attorneys No. 62413

PTR No. 7236624; 01/08/2021; Pasig City

IBP Lifetime No. 011798

MCLE Compliance No. VII-0001112; 17 October 2019

7th Floor, Lopez Building, Ortigas Avenue
Brgy. Ugong, Pasig City
Telephone Number 1622-2260; Fax No. 1622-3550
Email: regaffairs@meralco.com.ph

Republic of the Philippines)
Pasig City) S.S.

VERIFICATION and CERTIFICATION OF NON-FORUM SHOPPING

I, **JOSE RONALD V. VALLES**, of legal age, married, and with office address at Manila Electric Company (MERALCO), 12th Floor, Lopez Building, MERALCO Center, Ortigas Avenue, Barangay Ugong, Pasig City, hereby state under oath that:

1. I am the First Vice-President and Head of the Regulatory Management Office of Manila Electric Company, and is authorized to represent it in this Application as per the attached Secretary's Certificate (**Annex "F"**);

2. I have caused the preparation of the instant Application and read the contents thereof, and I attest that the allegations herein contained are true and correct based on my personal knowledge and on authentic records made available to me;

3. The Application is not filed to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation;

4. The factual allegations therein have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likewise have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for discovery;

5. I have not commenced any other action or proceeding involving the same issues in the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals or any court, tribunal, or quasi-judicial agency and, to the best of my knowledge, no such other action or claim is pending therein; and

6. Should I hereinafter learn that the same or a similar action or claim has been filed or is pending in the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals or any court, tribunal, or quasi-judicial agency, I shall report said fact within five (5) days from discovery thereof to this Honorable Commission.

JUN 22 2021

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this ____th day of ____ 2021 at Pasig City, Philippines.

JOSE RONALD V. VALLES

Affiant

JUN 22 2021

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this ____th day of ____ 2021, at Pasig City, Philippines, affiant having exhibited to me his Social Security System ID bearing the number 33-10900088.

Doc. No. 109;
Page No. 1;
Book No. 10;
Series of 2021.

ATTY. RAYMOND B. YAP
NOTARY PUBLIC
Appointment No. 104 (2019-2020)
Pasig, San Juan and Pateros
Issued on 11 February 2019 at Pasig City
valid until 00 June 2021, as granted
by Bar Matter No. 3795
Roll No. 55889, IBP No. 145333; 1-08-21; Capiz
PTR No. 236625, 1-08-21, Pasig City
7th Floor, Lopez Bldg., Ortigas Ave., Pasig City



ORTIGAS AVENUE, PASIG CITY
0300 PHILIPPINES

ANNEX " F "

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
PASIG CITY) S.S.

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, WILLIAM S. PAMINTUAN, a duly elected, qualified and incumbent Assistant Corporate Secretary of the Manila Electric Company (MERALCO), a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Philippines, do hereby certify that:

At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company duly convened and held on September 28, 2020, at which meeting a quorum was present, acted throughout and voted, the following resolution amending the resolution of the Board on June 24, 2019 on the same subject, was approved and that said amendatory resolution is in full force and effect on the date hereof:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Manila Electric Company (MERALCO) authorize, as it hereby authorizes, Messrs. MANUEL V. PANGILINAN, Chairman, RAY C. ESPINOSA, President and Chief Executive Officer, SIMEON KEN R. FERRER, Corporate Secretary, ROBERTO R. ALMAZORA, Senior Vice President, RONNIE L. APEROCHO, Senior Vice President & Head, Networks, WILLIAM S. PAMINTUAN, Senior Vice President, Assistant Corporate Secretary, Compliance Officer and Head, Legal and Corporate Governance, FERDINAND O. GELUZ, First Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer, EDGARDO V. CARASIG, First Vice President & Head, Human Resources & Corporate Services, MARIA LUISA V. ALVENDIA, First Vice President & Officer-In-Charge, Supply Chain Management, JOSE RONALD V. VALLES, First Vice President and Head, Regulatory Management Office, BENJAMIN U. CUSI, Vice President & Head, Facilities, Security and General Services, MARIA ZARAH R. VILLANUEVA-CASTRO, Vice President & Head, Corporate Legal Services, RAUL G. CORALDE, Assistant Vice President & Head, Litigation Services, MICHELLE O. DELOS SANTOS-BONA, Assistant Vice President & Head, Legal Operations Support, CRISTOPHER B. ARPON, Legal Counsel & Head, Litigation Team 1, CORNELIO MANUEL III C. DICCION, Manager & Head, Litigation Team 2, EUGENE JUDE DENIS GERARD E. ALABANZA, Senior Manager & Head, Tax & Labor Litigation, and any lawyer or employee of MERALCO that any of them may designate, name or appoint:

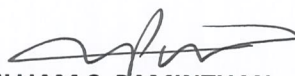
- (1) to represent the Company, in the institution, prosecution, and defense of any claim, complaint, action, proceeding, petition, application, protest, suit, or case, for or against the Company, before any court, prosecutor's office, regulatory, quasi-judicial, or administrative body, agency, or office of the national or any local government;
- (2) to sign, execute, and deliver in connection therewith the necessary or appropriate complaint, petition, application, position paper, memorandum, all types of pleadings and motions, verifications, affidavit-complaint, counter-affidavit, affidavit of merit, affidavit of desistance, affidavit of witness, and all other affidavits of whatever nature, certificate of non-forum shopping, powers of attorney, certifications, and all other instruments as may be necessary or proper;

- (3) to represent the Company or to designate, name, and appoint a representative or an attorney-in-fact in behalf of the company during the investigation, inquest, preliminary investigation, preliminary conference, pre-trial, mediation, conciliation, arbitration, trial, execution, and all other stages of or incidents related to the case, proceeding or action; to negotiate, enter into, and agree to an amicable settlement, compromise agreement, plea bargaining, admissions or stipulations of fact or documents, simplification of issues, limitation on the number of witnesses, alternative modes of dispute resolution, withdrawal, dismissal or waiver of claim or action; and to perform and execute any and all actions or deeds as may aid in the prompt disposition of such cases, proceedings, or actions filed in behalf of or against the Company;

"RESOLVED, FURTHER, that any previous resolution of the Board of Directors on the same subject matter that is inconsistent herewith shall be deemed terminated, superseded and revoked."

Pursuant to the above resolutions, it is hereby certified that MERALCO is authorized to file the Application, entitled "IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROPOSED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM FOR REGULATORY YEAR (RY) 2022, WITH PRAYER FOR PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY, Manila Electric Company (MERALCO), *Applicant*," with the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC), and that Jose Ronald V. Valles, First Vice President and Head of Regulatory Management Office, is an authorized representative and signatory of the Company with respect to the aforesaid Application.

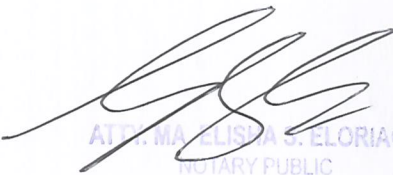
WITNESS THE SIGNATURE of the undersigned as such officer of the Company and its corporate seal hereunto affixed on this 4th day of May 2021.


WILLIAM S. RAMINTUAN
Assistant Corporate Secretary

JUN 22 2021

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this _____ day of May 2021, affiant exhibited to me his Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) 146-473-562, issued by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) as his competent evidence of identity.

Doc. No. 433;
Page No. 88;
Book No. 1;
Series of 2021.


ATTY. MA. ELISSA S. ELORIAGA
NOTARY PUBLIC
Appointment No. 121 (2020-2021)
Pasig, San Juan and Pateros
Issued on 24 February 2020 at Pasig City
Roll No. 73497; IBP No. 145330; 1-08-21, Quezon City
PTR No. 7236623; 1-08-21; Pasig City
7th Floor, Lopez Bldg., Ortigas Ave., Pasig City

VERIFIED DECLARATION

I, **MARY GRACE M. DEVARAS**, of legal age, Filipino, with office address at the 7th floor, Lopez Building, Ortigas Avenue, Pasig City, after having duly sworn in accordance with law, hereby depose and state:

1. I am one of the Dedicated Liaison Officers of Manila Electric Company (MERALCO) as stated under the Certificate of Registration ER No. 2021-0383-1 issued by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC). As such, I am one of the duly authorized representatives to undertake the pre-filing process with respect to the application to be pre-filed by MERALCO for the authority to implement the proposed capital expenditure program for regulatory year (RY) 2020.

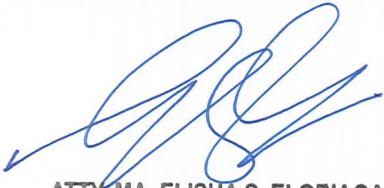
2. I hereby declare that, in compliance with ERC Resolution No. 9, Series of 2020, the documents submitted by MERALCO electronically as part of the virtual pre-filing process are complete and true copies of the original documents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature this day of 12th day of July 2021.


MARY GRACE M. DEVARAS

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 12th day of July 2021 at PASIG City, Philippines, affiant exhibiting to me the following competent evidence of her identity: SSS ID with no. 3371309592, bearing her signature and photograph.

Doc. No. 501;
Page No. 102;
Book No. 1;
Series of 2021.


ATTY. MA. ELISHA S. ELORIAGA
NOTARY PUBLIC
Appointment No. 121 (2020-2021)
Pasig, San Juan and Pateros
Issued on 24 February 2020 at Pasig City
Roll No. 73497; IBP No. 145330; 1-08-21; Quezon City
PTR No. 7236623; 1-08-21; Pasig City
7th Floor, Lopez Bldg., Ortigas Ave., Pasig City

JUL 28 2021
11:22 AM
Bnd

