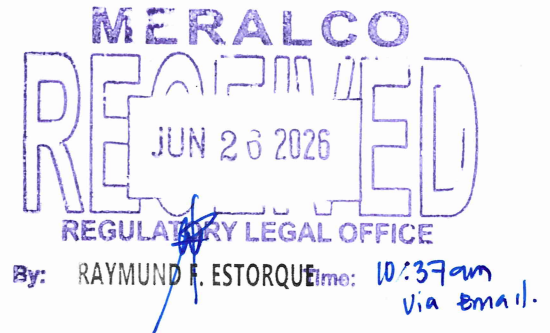


Republic of the Philippines
ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Pasig City

IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION: (A) TO
CONFIRM AND APPROVE
THE REAL PROPERTY AND
LOCAL FRANCHISE PASS-
THROUGH TAXES FOR
VARIOUS YEARS
PURSUANT TO ERC
RESOLUTION NO. 9, SERIES
OF 2026; AND (B) FOR
AUTHORITY TO RECOVER
CONFIRMED PASS-
THROUGH TAXES, WITH
PRAYER FOR PROVISIONAL
AUTHORITY AND/OR
INTERIM RELIEF,



Promulgated:
June 25, 2026

ERC CASE NO. 2026-059 CF

MANILA ELECTRIC
COMPANY (MERALCO),
Applicant.
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ORDER

On 17 June 2026, Manila Electric Company (MERALCO) filed an *Application* dated 10 June 2026, seeking the Commission's: (a) confirmation and approval of the real property and local franchise pass-through taxes for various years, pursuant to the Commission's Resolution No. 9, Series of 2026; and (b) authority to recovery confirmed pass-through taxes, with prayer for provisional authority and/or interim relief.

The docketed copy of the *Application*, excluding its annexes, is attached as Annex "A" of the *Notice of Virtual Hearing*.

Finding the *Application* to be sufficient in form and with the required fees having been paid, the Commission hereby sets the same for hearing for the determination of compliance with jurisdictional

requirements, expository presentation, and Pre-Trial Conference¹ on **27 July 2026 (Monday) at two o'clock in the afternoon (2:00 P.M.), through Microsoft Teams Application**, as the online platform for the conduct thereof, pursuant to the pertinent rules of the Commission.

Accordingly, Applicant is hereby directed to mirror the virtual hearings, to be hosted by the Commission, at **MERALCO's principal office at Lopez Building, Ortigas Avenue, Barangay Ugong, Pasig City**, as the designated venue for the conduct thereof and ensure that the same is open to the public. Moreover, Applicant shall guarantee that, during the conduct of the expository presentation, the participation of the public shall not be impaired.

RELATIVE THERETO, MERALCO is hereby directed to:

- 1) Cause the publication of the attached *Notice of Virtual Hearing*, including Annex "A" thereof, once (1x) in a newspaper of nationwide circulation in the Philippines at its own expense, the date of the publication to be made not later than ten (10) days before the date of the scheduled virtual hearing;
- 2) Furnish with copies of this *Order* and the attached *Notice of Virtual Hearing*, including Annex "A" thereof, the Offices of the Governors, Mayors, and the respective Local Government Unit (LGU) legislative bodies within MERALCO's franchise area for the appropriate posting thereof on their respective bulletin boards;
- 3) Inform the consumers within MERALCO's franchise area, by any other means available and appropriate, of the filing of the *Application*, its reasons therefor, and of the scheduled hearings thereon;
- 4) Furnish with copies of this *Order* and the attached *Notice of Virtual Hearing*, including Annex "A" thereof, the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG), the Commission on Audit (COA), and the Committees on Energy of both Houses of Congress. They are hereby requested, if they so desire, to send their duly authorized representatives and attend the scheduled hearings; and

¹ Summary Proceedings pursuant to the Commission's Resolution No. 16, Series of 2025.

- 5) Furnish with copies of the *Application* and its attachments, except those subject of a motion for confidential treatment of information, all those making requests therefor, subject to reimbursement of reasonable photocopying costs.

Within five (5) calendar days prior to the date of the initial hearing, MERALCO must submit to the Commission via electronic mail (e-mail) at docket@erc.ph, and copy furnish the Legal Service through legal@erc.ph, the scanned copies of its written compliance with the aforementioned jurisdictional requirements, attaching the following methodically arranged and duly marked documents:

- 1) The evidence of publication of the attached *Notice of Virtual Hearing*, including Annex “A” thereof, consisting of affidavit of the Editor or Business Manager of the newspaper where the same was published, and the complete issue of the said newspaper;
- 2) The evidence of actual posting of this *Order* and the attached *Notice of Virtual Hearing* including Annex “A” thereof, consisting of certifications issued to that effect, signed by the aforementioned Governors, Mayors and LGU legislative bodies or their duly authorized representatives, bearing the seals of their offices;
- 3) The evidence of other means employed by MERALCO to inform the consumers within MERALCO’s franchise area of the filing of *Application*, its reasons therefor, and of the scheduled hearing;
- 4) The evidence of receipt of copies of this *Order* and the attached *Notice of Virtual Hearing* including Annex “A” thereof, by the OSG, the COA, and the Committees on Energy of both Houses of Congress;
- 5) The evidence of receipt of copies of the *Application* and its attachments, except those subject of a motion for confidential treatment of information, if any, by all those making requests therefor; and
- 6) Such other proof of compliance with the requirements of the Commission.

Moreover, MERALCO is hereby required to post on its bulletin board, the scanned copies of the foregoing jurisdictional requirements and to submit the proof of posting thereof.

Applicant MERALCO, and all interested parties are also required to submit via e-mail at docket@erc.ph, and copy furnish the Legal Service through legal@erc.ph, **at least five (5) calendar days** before the date of the scheduled virtual hearing and Pre-trial Conference, their respective Pre-Trial Briefs containing, among others:

- 1) A summary of admitted facts and proposed stipulation of facts;
- 2) The issues to be tried or resolved;
- 3) The documents or exhibits to be presented, stating the purposes and proposed markings thereof, which must be attached to the Pre-Trial Brief; and
- 4) The names of the witnesses, with their written testimonies in a Judicial Affidavit form attached to the Pre-Trial Brief.

Failure of MERALCO to comply with the above requirements within the prescribed period shall be a ground for cancellation of the scheduled hearings.

Applicant MERALCO must also be prepared to make an expository presentation of the *Application*, aided by whatever communication medium that it may deem appropriate for the purpose, in order to put in plain words and explain, for the benefit of the consumers and other concerned parties, the nature of the *Application*. Relevant information and pertinent details substantiating the reasons and justifications for the *Application* must be cited in support thereof.

Applicant MERALCO is hereby directed to file a copy of its Expository Presentation via e-mail at docket@erc.ph, copy furnish the Legal Service through legal@erc.ph, **at least five (5) calendar days** prior to the scheduled initial hearing. MERALCO is also required to provide a copy of its Expository Presentation to any stakeholder requesting therefor **at least five (5) calendar days** prior to the scheduled hearing.

Applicant MERALCO and all interested parties are hereby directed to submit, either through personal service, registered or ordinary mail/private courier, all the pleadings and required submissions, **within five (5) working days** from the date that the

same were electronically submitted, as reflected in the acknowledgment receipt e-mail sent by the Commission.

Finally, MERALCO and all interested parties who wish to attend the scheduled virtual hearings are hereby directed to provide the Commission, through legal.virtualhearings@erc.ph, their respective e-mail addresses upon receipt of this *Order*. The Commission will send the access link/s to the aforementioned hearing platform within five (5) working days prior to the scheduled hearings.

SO ORDERED.

FOR AND BY AUTHORITY
OF THE COMMISSION:

Maria Corazon C. Gines

ATTY. MARIA CORAZON C. GINES*
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* Authority granted during Commission Meeting on 20 August 2025.

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MANILA ELECTRIC COMPANY
(MERALCO),

June 17, 2026

Applicant.

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APPLICATION

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

1. 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, Barangay Ugong, 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*, as subsequently renewed under *Republic Act No. 12146*, 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. *Republic Act No. 9136*, otherwise known as the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001 (“EPIRA”), specifically Section 25 thereof in relation to Section 43(f), allows Distribution Utilities (“DUs”), such as MERALCO, full recovery of prudent and reasonable economic costs incurred to enable them to operate viably.

4. *ERC Resolution No. 9, Series of 2026*, which amended *ERC Resolution No. 2, Series of 2021*, adopted the *Revised Rules on the Recovery of Pass-Through Taxes (Real Property, Local Franchise and Business Taxes) of Distribution Utilities* (“Revised Rules on Pass-Through Taxes”) and became effective on 17 April 2026.

5. Article 1, Section 1.3 of the *Revised Rules on Pass-Through Taxes* provides that “tax arrearages, excluding interests, penalties and other charges, imposed on and paid by DUs for years prior to the effectivity of [*ERC Resolution No. 2, Series of 2021*] shall be allowed recovery, subject to the confirmation process [provided therein].” As such, DUs were directed to file their respective applications for the proposed recovery of said pass-through taxes within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of said rules or until 16 June 2026.

6. This *Application* includes the proposed confirmation and approval of the pass-through taxes, namely: the (a) Real Property Tax (“RPT”) and (b) the Local Franchise Tax (“LFT”) imposed on and paid by MERALCO to the Local Government Units (“LGUs”) of various cities and provinces within its franchise area for the period prior to the effectivity of *ERC Resolution No. 2, Series of 2021*, summarized as follows:

PASS-THROUGH TAXES
(Various Years Prior to *ERC Resolution No. 2, Series of 2021*)

	Amount in PhP
Real Property Tax (RPT) Arrears	3,942,931,643.33
Local Franchise Tax (LFT) Arrears*	6,558,656.59

*For San Pedro City, Laguna only

Real Property Tax (RPT)

7. Following the Supreme Court’s *Decision* dated 05 August 2015 in *Manila Electric Company v. The City Assessor and City Treasurer of Lucena*

City,¹ which declared MERALCO’s transformers, electric posts, transmission lines, insulators and electric meters as machineries subject to RPT under the Local Government Code, several LGUs began assessing MERALCO for these RPT liabilities, with such assessments extending as far back as ten (10) years.

8. In 2016, MERALCO started settlement of these RPT assessments with the concerned LGUs for its affected assets, in accordance with the ruling of the Supreme Court. However, given the absence at that time of an applicable recovery mechanism for taxes paid prior to the effectivity of *ERC Resolution No. 2, Series of 2021*, MERALCO was unable to recover such pass-through costs pursuant to the relevant provisions of the EPIRA.

9. As detailed in the table below, MERALCO has unrecovered pass-through RPT paid to the concerned LGUs for the relevant years, in the amounts as follows:

Real Property Pass-Through Taxes

LGU	Period Covered	Amount in PhP
Antipolo City	2011-2020	65,458,147.91
Bacoor City	2011-2020	65,089,023.02
Baliwag City	2016-2020	3,096,979.00
Batangas City	2011-2020	51,531,725.00
Biñan City	2006-2020	66,620,434.78
Cabuyao City	2011-2020	36,945,705.64
Calamba City	2011-2020	100,167,024.00
Caloocan City	2007-2020	145,083,266.60
Cavite City	2011-2020	11,708,788.40
Dasmariñas City	2012-2020	55,536,490.58
General Trias City	2012-2020	33,713,541.32
Imus City	2016-2020	20,545,930.55
Las Piñas City	2011-2020	72,225,311.48
Lucena City	2006-2020	26,022,478.02
Malabon City	2011-2020	62,096,011.83
Malolos City	2011-2020	41,889,704.75
Mandaluyong City	2006-2020	125,101,124.51
Manila City	2010-2020	539,835,717.40
Marikina City	2011-2020	59,922,932.38
Meycauayan City	2012-2020	39,157,716.60
Muntinlupa City	2011-2020	157,920,658.22
Navotas City	2011-2020	30,112,463.60
Parañaque City	2013-2020	153,617,845.52
Pasay City	2006-2020	106,514,496.40
Pasig City	2006-2020	231,559,908.22

¹ G.R. No. 166102.

Pateros	2006-2020	4,038,321.38
Quezon City	2006-2020	574,328,354.46
San Jose Del Monte City	2012-2020	34,586,780.25
San Juan City	2011-2020	38,167,222.07
San Pablo City	2011-2020	30,429,909.50
San Pedro City	2010-2020	33,291,691.20
Santa Rosa City	2007-2020	55,729,106.27
Santo Tomas City	2015-2020	5,738,570.40
Tagaytay City	2011-2020	28,552,292.63
Taguig City	2011-2020	67,644,900.00
Trece Martires City	2011-2020	19,257,693.00
Valenzuela City	2011-2020	129,718,410.58
PROVINCE OF BULACAN	2011-2020	305,345,811.81
PROVINCE OF CAVITE	2011-2020	94,909,190.42
PROVINCE OF LAGUNA	2007-2020	58,476,363.29
PROVINCE OF QUEZON	2011-2020	43,038,012.57
PROVINCE OF RIZAL	2011-2020	118,205,587.78
Total		3,942,931,643.33

Local Franchise Tax (LFT)

10. Under Article 1, Section 1.3 of the *Revised Rules on Pass-Through Taxes*, applications for the recovery of allowable taxes filed under *ERC Resolution No. 16, Series of 2009* shall no longer be accepted by the Honorable Commission. However, such applications filed prior to the effectivity of *ERC Resolution No. 2, Series of 2021* shall continue to be processed and resolved under the rules in force at the time of said filing.

11. The proposed recovery of the pass-through LFTs imposed on and paid by MERALCO during the aforementioned period are already the subject of the applications filed pursuant to *ERC Resolution No. 16, Series of 2009* and which remain pending before the Honorable Commission, except for the additional LFT assessment for Taxable Year 2020 issued by the LGU of San Pedro City, Laguna in October 2023 and paid by MERALCO in November 2023, amounting to Php6,558,656.59.²

12. The additional assessment arose from the increase in San Pedro City's LFT rate from 0.50% to 0.75%, effective Taxable Year 2020. Notwithstanding such increase, the LGU of San Pedro City applied the previous rate of 0.50% in its initial LFT assessments for Taxable Years 2020 to 2023. To rectify this, the LGU subsequently issued an assessment in October 2023 representing the deficiency for the said prior years in the amount of Php29,388,935.16, which MERALCO duly paid. Of this

² Net of the amount paid for the local Retail Electricity Supplier (RES)

amount, PhP6,558,656.59³ pertains to the differential for Taxable Year 2020.

13. At the time of such payment, the applicable rule governing the recovery of pass-through taxes was *ERC Resolution No. 2, Series of 2021*. Inasmuch as its provisions did not permit the recovery of tax arrearages covering periods prior to its effectivity, and further provided that applications filed under *ERC Resolution No. 16, Series of 2009* shall no longer be accepted by the ERC, MERALCO was precluded from recovering the differential assessment for Taxable Year 2020 in the amount of PhP6,558,656.59.⁴ Hence, MERALCO is constrained to include the same in the present *Application*.

14. Since LFT is a local tax, this LFT adjustment will only be applied to the consumers located within San Pedro City, Laguna.

Proposed Recovery Period

15. MERALCO proposes that: (a) the pass-through RPT be recovered from its customers for a period of thirty-six (36) months; and (b) the pass-through LFT be recovered from its customers for a period of twelve (12) months, or until fully collected.

16. The computed total amount of the net pass-through RPT and LFT and average recovery rates based on the proposed recovery period are summarized below:

Bill Component	Amount for Recovery (in PhP)	Recovery Period (in months)	Forecasted Sales (in kWh)	Rate per kWh (in PhP/kWh)
RPT Arrears	3,942,931,643.33	36	166,202,000,000	0.0237
LFT Arrears*	6,558,656.59	12	461,388,000	0.0142

*For San Pedro City, Laguna only

17. The other required supporting documents for the verification of the various pass-through taxes, particularly the relevant local tax ordinances and tax declarations, have been previously provided to the Honorable Commission during MERALCO’s prior compliance submissions. Pursuant to Section 2, Article 6 of *ERC Resolution No. 14, Series of 2022*, MERALCO is no longer resubmitting these voluminous records and has instead attached, as an integral part of this *Application*, consolidated lists of these previously submitted documents to serve as

³ Net of the amount paid for the local RES.

⁴ Net of the amount paid for the local RES.

proof of compliance. In addition, MERALCO hereby submits the following documents in support of the *Application*:

ANNEX	DOCUMENT
A	Computation details of the Real Property Pass-Through Taxes
B	Computation details of the Local Franchise Pass-Through Taxes
C	Other Real Property Tax Ordinances
D	Other Real Property Tax Declarations
E and series	Real Property Tax Assessments/Statements of Account and Official Receipts per LGU
F	Local Franchise Tax Official Receipt for San Pedro City, Laguna
G	Translation of the recovery amounts into rates per kilowatt-hour
H	Sworn Certification on Submission of Documents Related to Pass-Through Taxes
I	Judicial Affidavit of Nikko Miguel A. Angsico

ALLEGATIONS IN SUPPORT OF PRAYER FOR PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY AND/OR INTERIM RELIEF

18. It is urgent that a provisional authority and/or interim relief be immediately issued upon the filing of and pending hearing on, the instant *Application*. MERALCO respectfully underscores that, unlike regular over/under recovery filings, the taxes covered by this *Application* pertain to pass-through costs which, although already paid to the corresponding LGUs several years prior, have yet to be recovered from customers due to the absence, at that time, of an applicable recovery mechanism. As a result, MERALCO has effectively absorbed these amounts over an extended period.

19. As pass-through taxes, MERALCO should neither earn any income nor incur any losses from their imposition. However, the prolonged inability to recover the taxes previously remitted to the LGUs has adversely affected MERALCO’s cash flow. It bears emphasis that the operation and maintenance of a DU is inherently capital-intensive, requiring substantial capital and operational expenditures to ensure that the delivery of service remains compliant with the performance standards set by the Honorable Commission, as well as responsive to the requirements of MERALCO’s growing customer base. Accordingly, any further delay in the recovery of these pass-through taxes will only exacerbate the financial impact on MERALCO.

20. In support of the instant *Application* and the prayer for provisional authority and/or interim relief, attached hereto as *Annex "I"* and made integral part hereof is the *Judicial Affidavit* of MERALCO's witness, **MR. NIKKO MIGUEL A. ANGSICO**, Assistant Vice President and Head of MERALCO's Tax, Realty & Contract Management Office.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully prayed to this Honorable Commission that the instant *Application* be **APPROVED** authorizing MERALCO to recover from its customers the following amounts which represent the pass-through taxes at the corresponding rate/kWh indicated in the table below and the proposed recovery period.

Bill Component	Amount for Recovery (in PhP)	Recovery Period (in months)	Forecasted Sales (in kWh)	Rate per kWh (in PhP/kWh)
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Pending hearing, MERALCO prays that a **PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY and/or INTERIM RELIEF** be **ISSUED** authorizing MERALCO to collect said amounts.

Other reliefs just and equitable under the premises are likewise prayed for.

Pasig City, 10 June 2026.

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**VERIFICATION AND
CERTIFICATION AGAINST FORUM SHOPPING**

I, **JOSE RONALD V. VALLES**, Filipino, of legal age, married and with office address at 12th Floor, Lopez Building, MERALCO Center, Ortigas Avenue, Pasig City, after being sworn to in accordance with law, hereby depose and say, that:

1. I am the Senior Vice President and Head, Regulatory Management Office, of Manila Electric Company (“MERALCO”). In such capacity, I have caused the preparation of the foregoing *Application*. A copy of the *Secretary’s Certificate* authorizing me to cause the preparation of said *Application* and sign this *Verification and Certification* is attached hereto as *Annex “A;”* and

2. I have read and understood the foregoing *Application*, the allegations of which are true and correct based on my own personal knowledge and/or on authentic records;

3. The *Application* is not filed to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation. The factual allegations in the *Application* have evidentiary support, or if specifically so identified, will likewise have evidentiary support;

4. I certify that I have not commenced any other action involving the same issues in any other tribunal or quasi-judicial agency and to the best of my knowledge, no such action or proceeding is pending in any other tribunal or quasi-judicial agency, except for the recovery of Real Property Tax (“RPT”) arrearages covering the period prior to the effectivity of ERC Resolution No. 2, Series of 2021, which was included in ERC Case No. 2026-016 RC, entitled: “*In the Matter of the Application for Approval of the: a) Annual Revenue Requirement, Performance Incentive Scheme and Maximum Average Prices for the First Regulatory Period; and b) Translation of the Maximum Average Price for the First Regulatory Year (RY 2027) into a Distribution Rate Structure for Various Customer Classes in Accordance with the Provisions of the Rationalized Rules for Setting Distribution Wheeling Rates (RRDWR), under ERC Resolution No. 24, Series of 2025,*” filed by MERALCO on 02 February 2026 and pending with the Honorable Commission. The said recovery of RPT was included in the said application since no existing rule for its recovery was in place at the time of the filing. However, on 26 March 2026, the Honorable Commission adopted ERC Resolution No. 9, Series of 2026, known as the *Revised Rules on the Recovery of Pass-Through Taxes (Real Property, Local Franchise and Business Taxes) of Distribution Utilities*, as amended, which required distribution utilities, such as MERALCO, to file their respective applications to recover tax arrearages for years prior to the effectivity of ERC Resolution No. 2, Series of 2021. In view of the foregoing, MERALCO is pursuing recovery of said RPT arrearages through the instant *Application* pursuant to and in compliance with the provisions of ERC Resolution No. 9, Series of 2026. MERALCO will file the corresponding motion to withdraw said RPT amount in ERC Case No. 2026-016 RC upon acceptance and docketing of this *Application*.

5. Should I hereafter learn that a similar action or proceeding has been filed or is pending before this Honorable Commission or any tribunal or quasi-judicial

agency, I undertake to promptly inform this Honorable Commission and other tribunal or agency thereof within five (5) calendar days therefrom.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 0 JUN 2026 at Pasig City, Philippines.

[Redacted Signature]

JOSE RONALD V. VALLES
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 0 JUN 2026, affiant exhibited to me his Social Security System ID bearing the number 33-10900088.

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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 January 26, 2026, at which meeting a quorum was present, acted throughout and voted, the following resolution amending the resolution of the Board on October 3, 2025, on the same subject, was approved and that said amendatory resolution is in full force and effect hereof:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Manila Electric Company (MERALCO) authorize, as it hereby authorizes, the following officers:

MANUEL V. PANGILINAN	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
SIMEON KEN R. FERRER	Corporate Secretary
RONNIE L. APEROCHO	Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
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and any lawyer or employee of MERALCO and/or other external counsels and law firms 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 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, JOSE RONALD V. VALLES, Senior Vice President and Head of Regulatory Affairs and DU Regulatory Management Office, is an authorized representative and signatory of the Company with respect to MERALCO's filing of its Application entitled "IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION: (A) TO CONFIRM AND APPROVE THE REAL PROPERTY AND LOCAL FRANCHISE PASS-THROUGH TAXES FOR VARIOUS YEARS PURSUANT TO ERC RESOLUTION NO. 9, SERIES OF 2026; AND (B) FOR AUTHORITY TO RECOVER CONFIRMED PASS-THROUGH TAXES, WITH PRAYER FOR PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY AND/OR INTERIM RELIEF," before the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC).

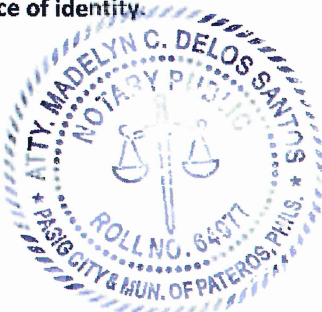
WITNESS THE SIGNATURE of the undersigned as such officer of the Company and its corporate seal hereunto affixed on this ____ day of June 2026.

10 JUN 2026


WILLIAM S. PAMINTUAN
Assistant Corporate Secretary

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this ____ day of June 2026, affiant exhibited to me his Unified Multi-Purpose Identification Number (UMID) with CRN 0033-3281253-6 as his competent evidence of identity.

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