



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Energy
(Kagawaran ng Enerhiya)



ADVISORY

TO : ALL NET METERING STAKEHOLDERS

ON-GRID DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES/ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES (DUs/ECs)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS-ALL OFFICE OF BUILDING OFFICIALS (OBOs)

SOLAR PV DEVELOPERS/ROOFTOP SOLAR INSTALLERS

CC : SECRETARY OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG)

SECRETARY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH)

ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (ERC)

NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION (NEA)

FROM : SECRETARY OF ENERGY

SUBJECT : ADVISORY ON FAST TRACKING THE NET METERING APPLICATIONS TO ENABLE ELECTRICITY END-USERS TO MANAGE THEIR MONTHLY ELECTRICITY BILLS AND ACCELERATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY TOWARDS A MORE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY SUPPLY IN THE COUNTRY

DATE : 30 MARCH 2026

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WHEREAS on 24 March 2026, President Ferdinand “Bongbong” R. Marcos, Jr. issued Executive Order (EO) No. 110, titled “Declaring a State of National Energy Emergency and Authorizing the Unified Package for Livelihoods, Industry, Food, and Transport (UPLIFT)”;

WHEREAS, Section 5 of EO No. 110 directs and authorizes the Department of Energy (DOE) to take appropriate measures to safeguard the stability and adequacy of the country’s energy supply and mitigate the adverse effects of disruptions in the global energy supply markets. These measures include but are not limited to: (a) implementation of the fuel and energy optimization plans, such as prudent energy management and load adjustments; (b) coordination with relevant government agencies and instrumentalities to ensure the stability of energy supply and mitigate the impact of rising fuel costs on electricity generation and consumer prices; and (c)

adoption and implementation of measures to accelerate the availability and connection of additional generation capacity to ensure the timely delivery of energy to consumers;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State under Republic Act (RA) No. 9513, otherwise known as the "Renewable Energy Act of 2008," (RE Act) to accelerate the exploration and development of renewable energy (RE) resources to achieve energy self-reliance and reduce exposure to price fluctuations in the international markets;

WHEREAS, Net Metering is a cornerstone of attaining the country's sustainable and secured energy supply, enabling households, commercial and industrial establishments, to generate RE and contribute to the reliability and stability of power supply in the country;

WHEREAS, despite its benefits, delays in permitting and other administrative bottlenecks continue to hinder the full potential of the Net Metering Program, thereby undermining national energy security and necessitating immediate compliance and intervention to complement energy security measures during this state of national energy emergency;

WHEREAS, the effective implementation of the Net Metering Program requires the ERC, National Electrification Administration (NEA), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), local government units (LGUs), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), and associations of solar/solar rooftop installers to act decisively and in a coordinated manner to expedite Net Metering applications and ensure energy security;

WHEREAS, in pursuit of the DOE's mandates under EO No. 110 and in line with the objectives of the RE Act, there is an urgent need to promote and accelerate the adoption of the Net Metering Program as a strategic tool for energy management and supply stability;

NOW, THEREFORE, the DOE hereby issues this Advisory to guide all Net Metering stakeholders in the performance of their respective mandates and directs the adherence of the following agencies and other instrumentalities:

SECTION 1. RESPONSIBILITIES OF NET METERING STAKEHOLDERS

All concerned stakeholders enumerated below are hereby directed to expedite and further simplify and clarify the processing of Net Metering applications, as follows:

(a) DUs and ECs

- (i) Process all Net Metering applications within a non-extendible period of ten (10) working days, inclusive of technical rectifications, in order to support energy security during this state of national energy emergency and until otherwise advised.
- (ii) Publish an updated transformer hosting capacity data on official websites to provide transparency for intending applicants.

- (iii) Install bi-directional meters upon completion of solar installation, regardless of pending final administrative paperwork, to avoid unnecessary delays in consumer benefit realization.
- (iv) Remove all redundant documentary requirements not expressly mandated by the DOE, DILG, or DPWH under Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No. 001, s. of 2026 or the "Streamline Requires and Processing of Permits, Licenses, and/or Certificates for Net Metering Applications," and relevant ERC issuances.

(b) LGUs – Office of Building Officials (OBOs)

- (i) Process and issue all Net Metering-related permits within a non-extendible period of three (3) working days each, in order to support energy security during this state of national energy emergency and until otherwise advised. Failure to act within the prescribed period shall render the same deemed approved.
- (ii) In case the application for the Net Metering-related permit shall be deemed approved, the acknowledgment receipt together with the official receipt shall be submitted as basis for the concerned DU and ERC to further process the application.
- (iii) For the avoidance of doubt Net Metering applicants with previously issued Building Permits for their existing residential, commercial, or industrial establishments shall only be required to secure an Electrical Permit and Certificate of Final Electrical Inspection (CFEI), pursuant to DOE-DILG-DPWH JMC No. 1, s. of 2026. This notwithstanding, the issuance of Electrical Permit and CFEI shall have a maximum processing time of three (3) working days each in accordance with the emergency timelines provided in this Advisory.
- (iv) Refrain from imposing any additional permits that are not explicitly required by the DOE, DILG, DPWH, and such other relevant ERC guidelines.
- (v) Implement a uniform sequence of procedures nationwide for Net Metering-related permits.

(c) Rooftop PV Installers & Associations

- (i) Adhere strictly to the Philippine Electrical Code (PEC) standards and other relevant laws, rules, and regulations.
- (ii) Institutionalize peer accountability to eliminate substandard practices and fire risks as well as adoption of best practices for residential, commercial and industrial design, and hybrid Energy Storage Systems (ESS).

- (iii) Provide standardized, transparent warranty terms and system production guarantees to all clients.
- (iv) Submit field-based insights, technical feedback, or such other reports to the DOE, ERC, and LGUs regarding the implementation of Net Metering protocols, including the identification of systemic bottlenecks and recommendations for improvement.

SECTION 2. MONITORING AND FEEDBACK MECHANISM

Solar industry associations are hereby enjoined to develop and established a reporting mechanism with consumers and installers to flag inefficiencies or excessive requirements imposed by DUs or LGUs.

The DOE, in coordination with ERC and DILG, will monitor compliance and take corrective action where necessary, subject to the applicable penalties imposable by the relevant agencies under existing laws.


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