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Republic of the Philippines
ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Pasig City

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
PETITION TO INITIATE
RULE-MAKING FOR THE
AMENDMENT OF THE
PROCUREMENT
GUIDELINES FOR THE
REGULATED
TRANSMISSION AND
DISTRIBUTION ASSETS OF
REGULATED UTILITIES
ADOPTED UNDER ERC
RESOLUTION NO. 8, SERIES
OF 2023**



ERC CASE NO. 2024-005 RM

**PRIVATE ELECTRIC POWER
OPERATORS ASSOCIATION
(PEPOA) AND MANILA
ELECTRIC COMPANY
(MERALCO),**

Petitioners.

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Promulgated:

September 23, 2026

ORDER

On 08 August 2024, Private Electric Power Operators Association (PEPOA) and Manila Electric Company (MERALCO) filed a *Joint Petition for Rule-Making* (Petition), dated 15 July 2024, seeking to amend the Procurement Guidelines for the regulated transmission and distribution assets of regulated utilities adopted under Commission's Resolution No. 8, Series of 2023.

The docketed copy of the *Petition*, excluding its annexes, and the Proposed Rules are attached as Annexes "A" and "B" of the *Notice of Proposed Rule-Making*, respectively.

Finding the *Petition* to be sufficient in form and with the required fees having been paid, the Commission hereby sets the same for hearing and public consultation, pursuant to the pertinent rules of the Commission, as follows:

Date and Time	Platform	Activity
20 October 2026 (Tuesday) at nine o'clock in the morning (9:00 A.M.)	Microsoft Team	Determination of compliance with jurisdictional requirements, Expository Presentation and Public Consultation for all Stakeholders
20 October 2026 (Tuesday) at two o'clock in the afternoon (2:00 P.M.)		Public Consultation for all Stakeholders

RELATIVE THERETO, PEPOA and MERALCO are hereby directed to:

- 1) Cause the publication of the attached *Notice of Proposed Rule-Making*, including Annexes “A” and “B” thereof, once (1x) in a newspaper of nationwide circulation in the Philippines at their own expense, with the date of publication to be made at least two (2) weeks before scheduled initial hearing and public consultation;
- 2) Furnish with copies of this *Order* and the attached *Notice of Proposed Rule-Making*, the Offices 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 hearing; and
- 3) Furnish with copies of the *Petition* 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, PEPOA and 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 their written compliance with the aforementioned jurisdictional requirements, the following methodically arranged and duly marked documents:

- 1) The evidence of publication of the attached *Notice of Proposed Rule-Making*, including Annexes “A” and “B”, consisting of the affidavit of the Editor or Business Manager of the newspaper where the said *Notice of Proposed Rule-Making* was published, and the complete issue of the said newspaper;
- 2) The evidence of receipt of copies of this *Order* and the attached *Notice of Proposed Rule-Making* by the OSG, the COA, the Committees on Energy of both Houses of Congress;
- 3) The evidence of receipt of copies of the *Petition* and its attachments by all those making requests therefor, if any; and
- 4) Such other proof of compliance with the requirements of the Commission.

Moreover, PEPOA and MERALCO are hereby required to post on their respective bulletin boards, the scanned copies of the foregoing jurisdictional requirements and submit proof of their posting thereof.

Failure of PEPOA and MERALCO to comply with the above requirements within the prescribed period shall be a ground for cancellation of the scheduled hearing and public consultation.

PEPOA and MERALCO must also be prepared to make an expository presentation of the *Petition*, aided by whatever communication medium that they 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 *Petition*. Relevant information and pertinent details substantiating the reasons and justifications for the *Petition* must be cited in support thereof.

PEPOA and MERALCO are hereby directed to file a copy of their 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 hearing. Petitioners shall also be required to provide a copy of their Expository Presentation to any stakeholder requesting therefor at **least five (5) calendar days** prior to the scheduled hearing.

All interested stakeholders may submit their comments and/or clarifications on the proposed amendment to the guidelines using the

prescribed template for comments, attached as Annex "C", on or before **02 October 2026 (Friday)**. Electronic copies may be sent to docket@erc.ph, and copy furnish the Legal Service through legal@erc.ph. The Commission shall give priority to the stakeholders who have duly submitted their respective comments and/or clarifications, to discuss the same and propound questions during the course of the expository presentation.

Petitioners PEPOA and MERALCO and 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 acknowledgement receipt e-mail sent by the Commission.

SO ORDERED.

Pasig City.

FOR AND BY AUTHORITY
OF THE COMMISSION:

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