A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE RESOLUTION OF ISSUES ON ACCOUNTING, BILLING AND SETTLEMENT WITH THE ...

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WHEREAS, on February 28,2011, the Commission issued Resolution No. 03 Series of 2011 entitled, "A Resolution for the Establishment of a Technical Working Group (TWG) for the Resolution of Issues on Accounting Billing and Settlement with the Opening of the Retail Market";

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined the TWG to be composed of representatives from the Retail Electricity Suppliers Association (RESA), the Manila Electric Company (MERALCO), the Private Electric Power Operators Association (PEPOA), the Philippine Rural Electric Cooperatives Association (PHILRECA), the Market Operator (MO), the Philippine Independent Power Producers Association (PIPPA), the National Electrification Administration (NEA), the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) and personnel from the Commission;

WHEREAS, the function of the TWG is to review and clarify and, if necessary, draft rules and regulations preparatory to the implementation of Open Access and Retail Competition, particularly on the subjects of Accounting, Billing and Settlement (ABS) and other related issues;

WHEREAS, in several TWG meetings conducted, it discussed, among others, its functions, the definition of issues for resolution as well as the comments of the members on the issues;

WHEREAS, on June 17,2011, the Department of Energy (DOE) issued DOE Circular No. 2011-06-0006 creating the Retail Competition and Open Access Steering Committee for the purpose, among others, of reviewing the existing open access rules and to develop and recommend policies to implement the systems, processes and timelines;

WHEREAS, the Committee consists of the DOE as Chair and the following as members: the Philippine Electricity Market Corporation (PEMC), the National Power Corporation (NPC), the National Transmission Corporation (TRANSCO), the Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation (PSALM), the NEA, the NGCP and the Department of Finance (DOF). TWGs were also created to resolve the following issues: (1)Technical; (2) Financial; and (3) Risk Management, with the Commission participating as resource agency;

WHEREAS, with the recent developments, it has been determined that the issues sought to be resolved at the ABS TWG level would be the very same issues resolved in the TWGs of the Steering Committee. As such, this would amount to a duplication of the use of resources by all the parties concerned;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission, after thorough and due deliberations, hereby RESOLVES, as it is hereby RESOLVED, to SUSPEND the proceedings.of the Technical Working Group (TWG) established by the Commission for the resolution of issues on Accounting, Billing and Settlement with the opening of the retail market, to be recalled when necessitated so by the Commission.

Let copies of this Resolution be furnished the University of the Philippines Law Center-Office of the National Administrative Register (UPLC-ONAR) and all entities involved in the TWG.

Adopted: 01 August 2011

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