

CREATING THE TASK FORCE ON MINI-HYDROELECTRIC POWER DEVELOPMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 252, November 22, 1991

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WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7156 entitled “An Act Granting Incentives to Mini-Hydroelectric Power Developers and For Other Purposes” declares it “the policy of the State to strengthen and enhance the development of the country’s indigenous and self-reliant scientific and technological resources and capabilities and their adaptation to the country in order to attain energy self-sufficiency and thereby minimize dependence on outside source of energy supply” (Section 2, R. A. 7156);

WHEREAS, in pursuance of this State policy, mini-hydroelectric power developers shall be granted the necessary incentives and privileges to provide an environment conducive to the development of the country’s hydroelectric power resources to their full potential;

WHEREAS, R. A. 7156 vests in the Office of Energy Affairs (OEA) the sole and exclusive authority responsible for the regulation, promotion and administration of mini-hydroelectric power development and the implementation of the provisions of this Act;

WHEREAS, in the exercise of this Task, the Office of Energy Affairs shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the proper implementation and administration thereof in consultation with concerned government agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a Task Force on Mini-Hydroelectric Power Development, hereinafter referred to as the Task Force, to be composed of the Executive Director, Office of Energy Affairs, as Chairman, and senior representatives of the following agencies, as members:

- Department of Trade and Industry
- National Water Resources Board
- National Electrification Administration
- National Power Corporation
- National Irrigation Administration
- National Economic and Development Authority

SEC. 2. The Task Force shall assist the Office of Energy Affairs in the promulgation of the rules and regulations to govern mini-hydroelectric power development. Such rules and regulations shall be made subject to consultations with the private sector.

SEC. 3. The rules and regulations to implement the provisions of R.A. 7156 shall include the following:

(a)

Procedures for filing, processing evaluation and approving application for mini-hydroelectric power

development;

(b)

Obligations of mini-hydroelectric power developers;

(c)

Terms and conditions for the purchase or for the commission/distributors, as the case may be, of electricity generated by the mini-hydro power developers; and,

(d)

Other matters which shall be necessary to implement R. A. 7156.

SEC. 3. This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 22nd day of November in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

(Sgd.) CORAZON C. AQUINO

President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) FRANKLIN M. DRILON

Executive Secretary

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