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IN THE MATTER OF THE
PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF
THE RECLASSIFICATION OF
THE NEW SALONG 230 KV
SUBSTATION AND THE
SALONG-CALACA 230 KV LINE
INTO TRANSMISSION ASSETS

ERC CASE NO. 2014-111 MC

NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION
OF THE PHILIPPINES (NGCP),
Petitioner.
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ORDER

On September 9, 2014, the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) filed a petition for the approval of the reclassification of the New Salong 230 kV Substation and the Salong-Calaca 230 kV Line into transmission assets.

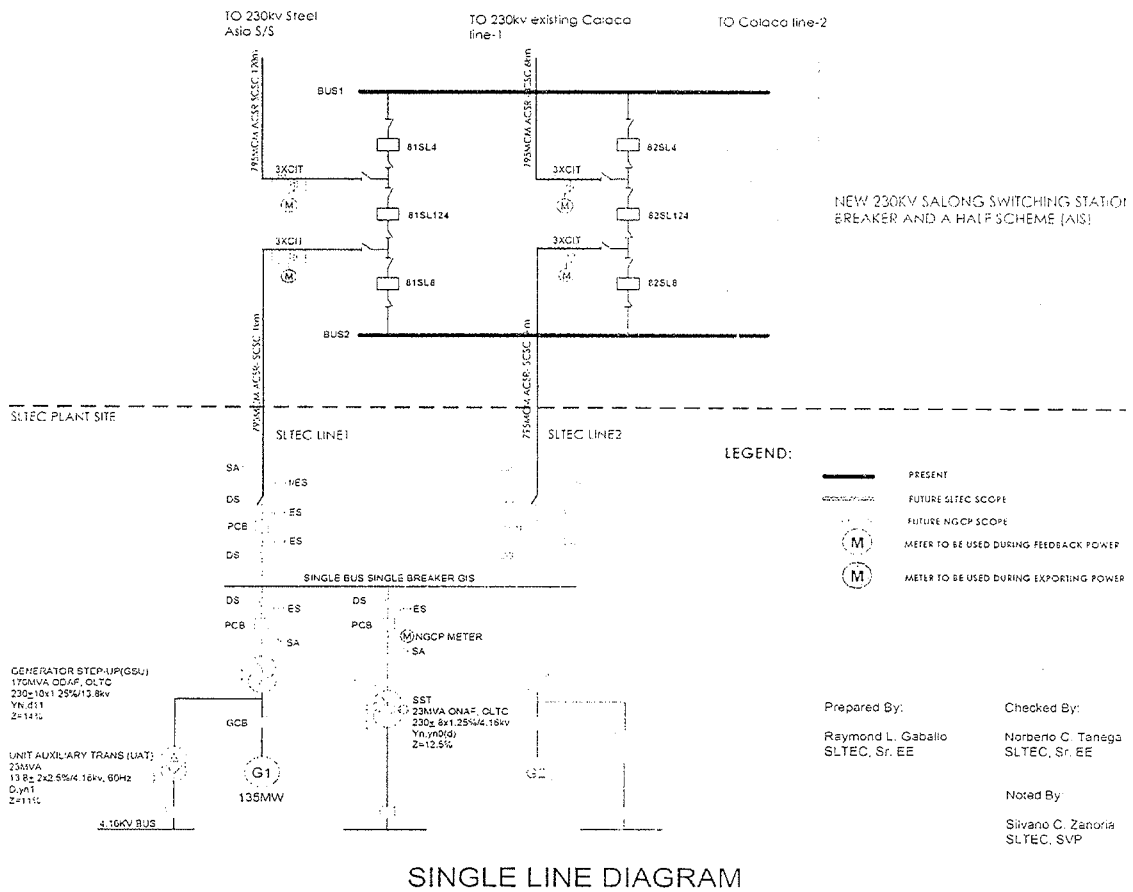
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2. Under Republic Act No. 9511,² it was granted a franchise to construct, install, finance, manage, improve, expand, operate, maintain, rehabilitate, repair and refurbish the present nationwide transmission system of the Republic of the Philippines;
3. Pursuant to the EPIRA, NGCP is authorized and responsible for the planning, construction and centralized operation and maintenance of its high-voltage transmission facilities, including grid interconnections and ancillary services, as well as the operation and maintenance of the subtransmission assets until their disposal to qualified distribution utilities which are in a position to take over the responsibility for operating, maintaining, upgrading, and expanding said assets;
4. Steel Asia Manufacturing Corporation (SAMC), a corporation existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with address at Unit 2607 BS Bonifacio High Street, Fort Bonifacio, Global City, Taguig, is a directly-connected customer of NGCP. It owns the six (6)-km Salong - Calaca 230kV Line, which is connected to NGCP's Calaca Substation;
5. On the other hand, South Luzon Thermal Energy Corporation (SLTEC), a generation company, is a corporation existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with address at Km. 117 National Road, Phoenix Industrial Park – Phase II, Brgy. Puting Bato West, Calaca, Batangas;
6. SLTEC is presently constructing a 2x135 MW Coal Fired Power Plant in Phoenix Industrial Park in Calaca, Batangas to be connected to the Luzon Grid through the Salong - Calaca 230 kV Line owned by SAMC. This connection will require construction of a switching station which will become a common substation for SAMC's manufacturing plants and SLTEC's Coal Fired Power Plant. Thus, SLTEC constructed the new Salong 230 kV Substation. Illustrated below is the single line diagram of the connection of the SAMC and SLTEC:

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8. As such, both the Salong - Calaca 230 kV Line and the new Salong 230 kV Substation will perform transmission functions pursuant to the following resolutions issued by the Commission:
 - A. In the "Guidelines to the Sale and Transfer of TRANSCO's Subtransmission Assets and the Franchising of Qualified Consortium" promulgated on

October 17, 2003, particularly Article 2 Section III, it is provided that:

“Section 2. Technical and Functional Criteria – The assets shall be classified based on the technical and functional criteria enumerated in Sections 4 and 6, Rule 6, Part II of the IRR of the Act, including but not necessarily limited to, the following:

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“Lines, power transformers and other assets held by TRANSCO or NGCP, which allow the transmission of electricity to a grid from one or more directly connected generators shall be classified as transmission assets.

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“Dedicated point-to-point limited facilities of a generation company of connection assets for generators are not classified as subtransmission assets.”

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- C. Section 4.2 of Resolution No. 16 provides that “a generation company may develop and own or operate a dedicated point-to-point limited facilities provided, that such facilities are required only for the purpose of connecting to the transmission system, and are used solely by the generating facility subject to prior authorization by the ERC.”
9. Corollary, any asset which is not solely used by either a load customer or generator should be classified as transmission asset;
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Part II of the IRR of the Act, including, but not necessarily limited to the following:

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“Based on the foregoing provision, the Commission may only reclassify TRANSCO’s subtransmission asset to a transmission asset when the generator, which intends to transmit electricity to the Grid, is connected to said subtransmission asset.

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“WHEREFORE, the foregoing premises considered, the petition filed by Central Azucarera De San Antonio, Inc. (CASA) for approval of the reclassification of the National Transmission Corporation’s (TRANSCO) Subtransmission Asset to full transmission asset serving Dingle-Passi Lines in Iloilo is hereby APPROVED subject to the condition that CASA’s bagasse power plant should connect to the Dingle-Passi 69 kV Line and only the portion of the said line where CASA’s plant is connected shall be reclassified as transmission asset.”

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"The Commission believes that the 5.1 kilometer Sangi to Talavera Double Circuit 138 kV Transmission Line should be owned, operated and maintained by the NGCP. Thus, the cost of the said line should be reimbursed by NGCP to CEDC and should not be recovered through the generation rate for the following reasons:

"a. there was no approval from the Commission for the implementation or construction of the said line;

"b. The EPIRA provides that a generation company is only allowed to own or operate dedicated point-to-point limited transmission facilities required only for the purpose of connecting to the transmission system and are used solely by the generating facility, subject to prior authorization by the Commission; and

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11. Considering that the Salong-Calaca 230 kV Line and the new Salong 230 kV Substation, including all of the associated equipment, will be used by SLTEC to deliver power to the grid and by SAMC to draw power from the grid, it is imperative that the subject assets be reclassified to full transmission assets;
12. The list of associated equipment of Salong-Calaca 230 kV Line and new Salong 230 kV Substation is attached to the application as **Annex “C”**; and
13. It prays that the instant petition be granted and the Salong - Calaca 230 kV Line, the new Salong 230 kV Substation, and all associated equipment of both assets, be reclassified as Transmission Assets, and its ownership and operation be turned over to NGCP.

⁸ ERC Order dated 06 July 2011

Finding the said petition sufficient in form and substance with the required fees having been paid, the same is hereby set for jurisdictional hearing, expository presentation, pre-trial conference and evidentiary hearing on **May 12, 2015 (Tuesday) at ten o'clock in the morning (10:00 A.M.) at the ERC Hearing Room, 15th Floor, Pacific Center Building, San Miguel Avenue, Pasig City.**

NGCP is hereby directed to cause the publication of the attached Notice of Public Hearing, at its own expense, once (1x) in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines, with the date of the publication to be made not later than ten (10) days before the scheduled date of initial hearing. It is also directed to inform the consumers, by any other means available and appropriate, of the filing of the instant petition, its reasons therefor, and of the scheduled hearing thereon.

Let copies of the petition, this Order and the attached Notice of Public Hearing be furnished 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 at the scheduled hearing.

Likewise, let copies of this Order and the attached Notice of Public Hearing be furnished the Office of the Mayor of Quezon City for the appropriate posting thereof on its bulletin board.

NGCP is hereby directed to furnish all those making requests therefor with copies of the petition and its attachments, subject to reimbursement of reasonable photocopying costs.

On the date of the initial hearing, NGCP must submit to the Commission its written Compliance with the jurisdictional requirements attaching therewith, methodically arranged and duly marked, the evidences on the actual posting and publication of the Notice of Public Hearing consisting of a certification issued to that effect, signed by the afore-mentioned Mayor or his duly authorized representative, bearing the seal of his office, and the affidavit of the Editor or Business Manager of the newspaper where the said Notice of Public Hearing was published together with the complete issue of the said newspaper, and such other proofs of compliance with the requirements of the Commission.

NGCP and all interested parties are directed to submit, at least five (5) days before the date of initial hearing and pre-trial conference, their respective Pre-trial Briefs containing, among others:

- a) A summary of admitted facts and proposed stipulation of facts;
- b) The issues to be tried or resolved;
- c) The documents or exhibits to be presented, stating the purposes and proposed markings therefore; and
- d) The number and names of the witnesses, with their written testimonies in an individual affidavit form, to be attached to the Pre-trial Brief.

Failure of NGCP to submit the required Pre-trial Brief and Judicial Affidavits of its witnesses within the prescribed period shall be a ground for cancellation of the scheduled hearing, and the resetting of which shall be six (6) months from said date of cancellation.

As part of the pre-trial conference, NGCP must also be prepared to make an expository presentation of its petition, 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, what the petition is all about and the reasons and justifications being cited in support thereof.

SO ORDERED.

Pasig City, March 30, 2015.

FOR AND BY AUTHORITY
OF THE COMMISSION:


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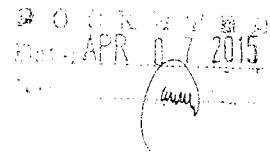
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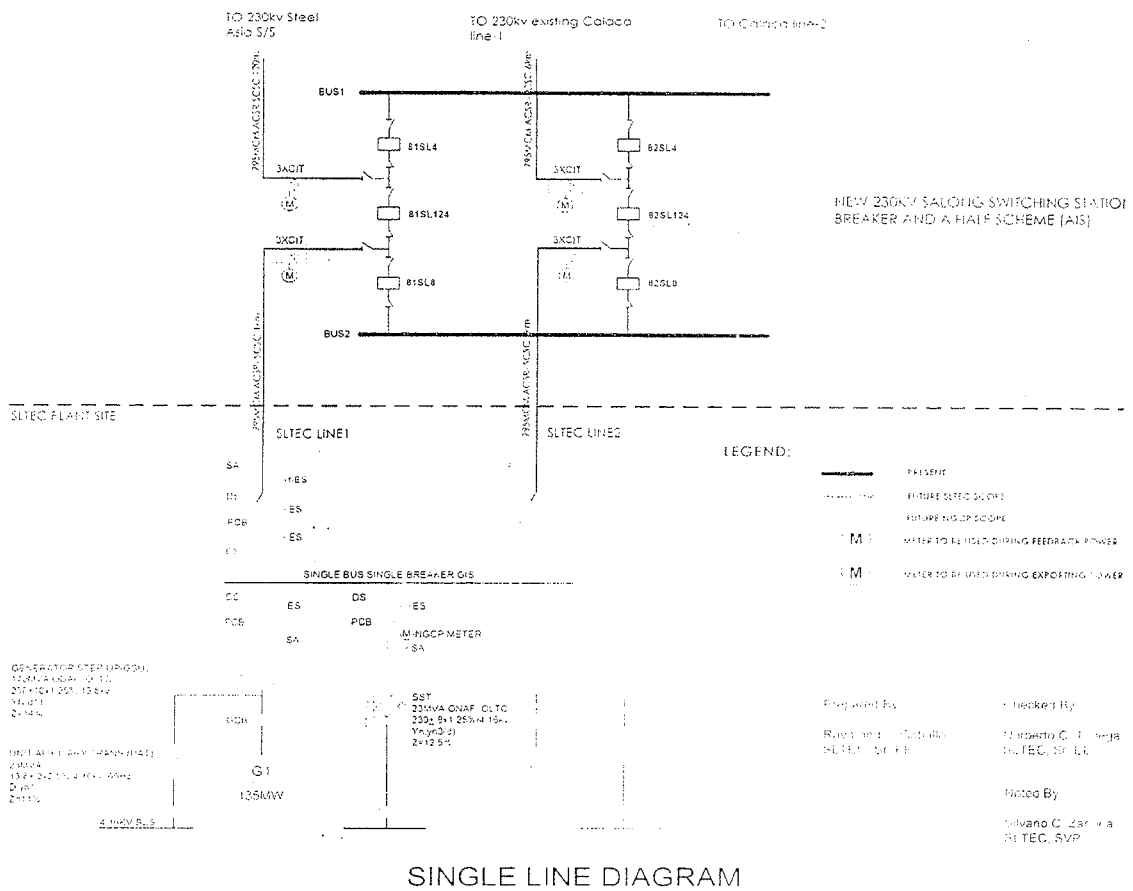
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All persons who have an interest in the subject matter of the proceeding may become a party by filing, at least five (5) days prior to the initial hearing and subject to the requirements in the ERC's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a verified petition with the Commission giving the docket number and title of the proceeding and stating: (1) the petitioner's name and address; (2) the nature of petitioner's interest in the subject matter of the proceeding, and the way and manner in which such interest is affected by the issues involved in the proceeding; and (3) a statement of the relief desired.

All other persons who may want their views known to the Commission with respect to the subject matter of the proceeding may file their opposition to the petition or comment thereon at any stage of the proceeding before the petitioner concludes the presentation of its evidence. No particular form of opposition or comment is required, but the document, letter or writing should contain the name and address of such person and a concise statement of the opposition or comment and the grounds relied upon.

All such persons who may wish to have a copy of the petition may request the petitioner, prior to the date of the initial hearing, that they be furnished with a copy of the petition. The petitioner is hereby directed to furnish all those making such request with copies of the petition and its attachments, subject to reimbursement of reasonable photocopying costs. Likewise, any such person may examine the petition and other pertinent records filed with the Commission during the usual office hours.

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WITNESS, the Honorable Chairperson, ZENAIDA G. CRUZ-DUCUT, and the Honorable Commissioners, ALFREDO J. NON, GLORIA VICTORIA C. YAP-TARUC, and JOSEFINA PATRICIA A. MAGPALE-ASIRIT, Energy Regulatory Commission, this 30th day of March, 2015 at Pasig City.



ATTY. FRANCIS SATURNINO C. JUAN
Executive Director III