# Republic of the Philippines ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION Pasig City

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE CAMARINES SUR -CATANDUANES INTERCONNECTION PROJECT, WITH PRAYER FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PROVISIONAL APPROVAL

ERC CASE NO. 2022-044 RC

NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (NGCP),

Applicant.

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Promulgated:
June 22, 2022

### **ORDER**

On 09 June 2022, National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) filed an *Application* dated 25 May 2022, seeking the Commission's approval of the Camarines Sur - Catanduanes interconnection project, with prayer for the issuance of provisional approval.

The pertinent allegations of the *Application* are hereunder quoted as follows:

- 1. NGCP is a corporation created and existing under the laws of the Philippines, with principal office address at NGCP Building, Quezon Avenue corner B.I.R. Road, Diliman, Quezon City. It is the concessionaire, which was granted the rights and obligation to construct, install, finance, manage, improve, expand, operate, maintain, rehabilitate, repair, refurbish, and replace the Transmission Assets pursuant to Republic Act No. 9136, otherwise known as the "Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001" (EPIRA). It may be served with notices and other processes of this Honorable Commission through its counsel at the address indicated below.
- 2. Pursuant to Republic Act No. 9511, NGCP was granted the franchise to operate, manage and maintain, and in connection

therewith, to engage in the business of conveying or transmitting electricity through a high-voltage backbone system of interconnected transmission lines, substations and related facilities, system operations, and other activities that are necessary to support the safe and reliable operation of the transmission system<sup>1</sup> and is authorized to charge its customers at the rates approved by the Honorable Commission.

- 3. NGCP seeks authority from the Honorable Commission for the immediate implementation of this instant Project pursuant to Section 9 (d) of the EPIRA which directs NGCP to submit any plan for expansion or improvement of its facilities for approval by the Honorable Commission.
- 4. Catanduanes is the twelfth (12th) largest island in the Philippine located in Bicol region with a land area of 1,492.16 km². Its economy is driven by agriculture, fishing, and tourism. Electricity demand is expected to grow within the next few years considering the development plans and programs of the government aimed to attract investors and which fosters economic progress in the province.
- 5. Currently, Catanduanes Island is being served by the First Catanduanes Electric Cooperative, Inc. (FICELCO). Their franchise area covers a total of 315 barangays in the eleven municipalities of Catanduanes. The island's present transmission system which is owned and operated by the National Power Corporation has a total line length of 47.67 circuit-kilometers and a substation capacity of 20 MVA.
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- 7. The proposed Camarines Sur Catanduanes Interconnection Project (CCIP) involves the laying down of submarine cables and the installation of overhead transmission lines. The interconnection will support the load growth and power demand needed by the Catanduanes Island thereby pushing the socio-economic development through the government's economic plans and programs for the island in the near and long term.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Section 1, Republic Act No. 9511;

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Marinawa 69 kV Substation	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	2.5	-	5
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TOTAL	-	-	-	7.5		5		17.5		27

- 9. The estimated cost of the proposed CCIP Project is PhP 9,502.508 Mn, with an implementation period of 48 months.
- 10. The Project is exhaustively discussed in the Project Application Document on the proposed Camarines Sur Catanduanes Interconnection Project attached as Annex "A."

Justifications for the Issuance of Provisional Approval

- 11. NGCP is mandated to plan and construct transmission facilities, including island interconnection, to ensure reliable transmission service to its customers. In pursuit of this mandate, it provides adequate transmission capacity to foster economic growth and serve the growing demand of the load customers. Considering that planning, site development, right—of-way concerns, and construction of the transmission facilities would take several years to develop and complete, it is critical for NGCP to align its project development with the expected demand by acting immediately and address issues early through undertaking the proposed project.
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existing generating plants in Catanduanes Island cannot accommodate and keep up with the growing demand of electricity, in which case, loads need to be curtailed in order to provide continuous albeit insufficient service to its electricity customers. This scenario is also prevalent in the other islands of the Philippines thereby stunting economic growth in these areas. To address this, the implementation of a long-term solution for a reliable and competitive power supply must commence as early as possible. Considering that NGCP needs 48 months to fully complete the CCIP, the implementation must commence immediately. Thus, the prayer for the issuance of provisional authority.

13. In support of this application, NGCP submits the Judicial Affidavit of Engr. Vicente N. Loria, Transmission Development Senior Manager, Transmission Development Division, Transmission Planning Department of NGCP attached as Annex "B."

#### **PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, premises considered, NGCP most respectfully prays that this Honorable Commission:

- 1. Immediately ISSUE an Order PROVISIONALLY AUTHORIZING the implementation of Camarines Sur Catanduanes Interconnection Project; and
- 2. After notice and hearing, APPROVE the Application for the implementation of the Camarines Sur -Catanduanes Interconnection Project.

NGCP prays for other equitable relief.

Finding the said *Application* to be sufficient in form with the required fees having been paid, the Commission hereby sets the same for determination of compliance with the jurisdictional requirements, expository presentation, pre-trial conference, and presentation of evidence on the following dates and online platform for the conduct thereof, pursuant to Resolution No. 09, Series of 2020<sup>2</sup> dated 24 September 2020 and Resolution No. 01, Series of 2021 dated 17 December 2020 (ERC Revised Rules of Practice and Procedure):<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> A Resolution Adopting the Revised Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Energy Regulatory Commission.

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Date	Platform	Activity
16 August 2022 (Tuesday) at two o'clock in the afternoon (2:00 P.M.)	Microsoft Teams	Determination of compliance with the jurisdictional requirements and expository presentation
23 August 2022 (Tuesday) at two o'clock in the afternoon (2:00 P.M.)	Microsoft Teams	Pre-trial Conference and presentation of evidence

### **RELATIVE THERETO**, NGCP is hereby directed to:

- Cause the publication of the attached *Notice of Virtual Hearing* in two (2) newspapers of nationwide circulation in the Philippines at its own expense, twice (2x) within two (2) successive weeks, the dates of publication not being less than seven (7) days apart, and the date of the last publication to be made not later than ten (10) days before the date of the scheduled initial hearing;
- 2) Furnish with copies of this Order and the attached Notice of Virtual Hearing the Offices of the Provincial Governors, the City and Municipal Mayors, and the Local Government Unit (LGU) legislative bodies where NGCP principally operates, including its regional offices, for the appropriate posting thereof on their respective bulletin boards;
- 3) Inform the consumers within the affected areas, by any other means available and appropriate, of the filing of the *Application*, its reasons therefor, and of the scheduled virtual hearing thereon;
- 4) Furnish with copies of this *Order* and the attached *Notice* of *Virtual Hearing*, 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 and attend the scheduled hearing; and

5) Furnish with copies of the *Application* and its attachments all those making requests therefor, subject to the resolution of the prayer for confidential treatment of information, if any, and reimbursement of reasonable photocopying costs.<sup>4</sup>

Within five (5) calendar days before the date of the virtual hearing, NGCP must submit to the Commission via electronic mail (e-mail) at <a href="mailto:docket@erc.ph">docket@erc.ph</a>, copy furnish the Legal Service through <a href="mailto:legal@erc.ph">legal@erc.ph</a>, the scanned copies of its written compliance with the aforementioned jurisdictional requirements attaching therewith, methodically arranged and duly marked, the following:

- 1) The evidence of publication of the attached *Notice of Virtual Hearing* consisting of affidavit of the Editors or Business Managers of the newspapers where the said *Notice of Virtual Hearing* was published, and the complete issues of the said newspapers;
- 2) The evidence of actual posting of this *Order* and the attached *Notice of Virtual Hearing* consisting of certifications issued to that effect, signed by the aforementioned Governors, Mayors and LGU legislative bodies or their duly authorized representatives, bearing the seals of their offices;
- 3) The evidence of other means employed by NGCP to inform the consumers within the affected areas, of the filing of the *Application*, its reasons therefor, and of the scheduled hearings thereon;
- 4) The evidence of receipt of copies of this *Order* and the attached *Notice of Virtual Hearing* by the OSG, the COA, and the Committees on Energy of both Houses of Congress;
- 5) The evidence of receipt of copies of the *Application* and its attachments by all those making requests therefor, if any; and
- 6) Such other proof of compliance with the requirements of the Commission.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> For the e-mail address of the applicant, please see page 10.

Moreover, NGCP is hereby required to post on its bulletin boards, the scanned copies of the foregoing jurisdictional requirements, together with the newspaper publications and certifications issued by the concerned Offices of the Mayors, Provincial Governor, and Local Legislative Bodies, and to submit proof of its posting thereof.

NGCP and all interested parties are also required to submit via e-mail at <u>docket@erc.ph</u>, copy furnish the Legal Service through <u>legal@erc.ph</u>, at least five (5) calendar days before the date of the scheduled virtual hearing and Pre-trial Conference, their respective Pre-Trial Briefs containing, among others:

- 1) A summary of admitted facts and proposed stipulation of facts;
- 2) The issues to be tried or resolved;
- 3) The documents or exhibits to be presented, stating the purposes and proposed markings therefor, which should also be attached to the Pre-trial Brief; and
- 4) The number and names of the witnesses, with their written testimonies in a Judicial Affidavit form attached to the Pretrial Brief.

NGCP must ensure that all the documents or exhibits proposed to be presented have already been duly submitted to the Commission at least five (5) calendar days before the date of the scheduled initial virtual hearing and Pre-trial Conference pursuant to the preceding paragraph.

Failure of NGCP to comply with the above requirements 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 the said date of cancellation.

NGCP must also be prepared to make an expository presentation of the instant *Application*, 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, the nature of the *Application* with relevant

information and pertinent details substantiating the reasons and justifications being cited in support thereof.

NGCP is hereby directed to file a copy of its Expository Presentation via e-mail at <u>docket@erc.ph</u>, copy furnish the Legal Service through <u>legal@erc.ph</u>, at least five (5) calendar days prior to the scheduled virtual hearing. NGCP shall also be required, upon the request of any stakeholder, to provide an advance copy of its expository presentation, at least five (5) calendar days prior to the scheduled virtual hearing.

Any interested stakeholder may submit its comments and/or clarifications at least one (1) calendar day prior to the scheduled virtual hearing, via e-mail at <a href="docket@erc.ph">docket@erc.ph</a>, copy furnish the Legal Service through <a href="legal@erc.ph">legal@erc.ph</a>. 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 expository presentation.

NGCP is hereby directed to submit, either through personal service, registered or ordinary mail/private courier, one (1) set of the original or certified true hard/printed copy/ies of its Jurisdictional Compliance, Expository Presentation, Pre-trial Brief, and Judicial Affidavit/s of witness/es, within five (5) working days from the date that the same were electronically submitted, as reflected in the acknowledgment receipt e-mail sent by the Commission. Similarly, all interested parties who filed their Petition for Intervention or Opposition are required to submit the hard/printed copy thereof within the same period through any of the available modes of service.

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Finally, NGCP, including its authorized representative/s and witness/es, are hereby directed to provide the Commission, thru <a href="legal.virtualhearings@erc.ph">legal.virtualhearings@erc.ph</a>, with their respective e-mail addresses upon receipt of this *Order*. The Commission will send the access link/s to the aforementioned hearing platform within five (5) working days prior to the scheduled hearing.

### SO ORDERED.

Pasig City, 16 June 2022.

FOR AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION:

AGNES VST DEVANADERA
Chairperson and CEO

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7. Office of the City Mayor Quezon City

8. Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod Quezon City

9. Office of the Governor Province of La Union

10. Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Province of La Union

11. Office of the City Mayor San Fernando, La Union

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13. Office of the Governor Province of Laguna

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15. Office of the City Mayor Biñan, Laguna

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Davao City

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### TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

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Moreover, all persons who have an interest in the subject matter of the instant case may become a party by filing with the Commission via e-mail at <a href="mailto:docket@erc.ph">docket@erc.ph</a>, copy furnish the Legal Service through <a href="mailto:legal@erc.ph">legal@erc.ph</a>, a verified Petition to Intervene at least five (5) calendar days prior to the date of the initial virtual hearing and subject to the requirements under Rule 9 of the ERC Revised Rules of Practice and Procedure, indicating therein the docket number and title of the case and stating the following:

- 1) The petitioner's name, mailing address, and e-mail address;
- 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.

Likewise, all other persons who may want their views known to the Commission with respect to the subject matter of the case may file through e-mail at <u>docket@erc.ph</u>, copy furnish the Legal Service through <u>legal@erc.ph</u>, their Opposition or Comment thereon at least five (5) calendar days prior to the initial virtual hearing and subject to the requirements under Rule 9 of the ERC Revised Rules of Practice and Procedure. No particular form of Opposition or Comment is required, but the document, letter, or writing should contain the following:

- 1) The name, mailing address, and e-mail address of such person;
- 2) A concise statement of the Opposition or Comment; and
- 3) The grounds relied upon.

Any of the persons mentioned in the preceding paragraphs may access the copy of the *Application* on the Commission's official website at www.erc.gov.ph.

Finally, all interested persons may be allowed to join the scheduled initial virtual hearing by providing the Commission, thru <u>legal.virtualhearings@erc.ph</u>, with their respective e-mail addresses and indicating therein the case number of the instant *Application*. The Commission will send the access link/s to the aforementioned hearing platform within five (5) working days prior to the scheduled hearing.

WITNESS, the Honorable Commissioners FLORESINDA G. BALDO-DIGAL and MARKO ROMEO L. FUENTES, Energy Regulatory Commission, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022 in Pasig City.

AGNES VST DEVANADERA Chairperson and CEO

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## NOTICE

Sirs/Mesdames:

Please take notice that the Commission issued an **Order** and a **Notice of Virtual Hearing** both dated **16 June 2022** in the following case:

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Attached are electronic copies.

Please be reminded of the Commission's existing rules on electronic service of orders and decisions provided under **Rule VI** of **Resolution No. 9, Series of 2020**, which became effective on 17 November 2020.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

### MARIA LUCILA M. GIRON

Administrative Officer V
Office of the General Counsel and Secretariat
Central Records Division

