

DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO.	
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## AMENDMENT TO DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. DC2021-11-0036 TITLED, PROVIDING THE REVISED GUIDELINES FOR THE GREEN ENERGY AUCTION PROGRAM IN THE PHILIPPINES

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Energy (DOE) issued the revised Guidelines for the Green Energy Auction Program (GEAP) through Department Circular (DC) No. DC2021-11-0036, or the "GEAP Guidelines," on 03 November 2021;

**WHEREAS**, through the GEAP, the DOE instituted a competitive process in the selection of eligible renewable energy (RE) facilities entitled to the Feed-In Tariff Allowance (FIT-All) Fund:

**WHEREAS**, under the GEAP, the Feed-In Tariff (FIT) to be paid to the selected eligible RE facilities is fixed based on the price (in Php/kWh) of the Winning Bidder's offered capacity in a Green Energy Auction, known as the "Green Energy Tariff" (GET);

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to clarify that the indexation provided under Resolution No. 16, Series of 2010 of the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC);

WHEREAS, Department Circular No. DC2024-06-0018 titled, "Revised Omnibus Guidelines Governing the Award and Administration of Renewable Energy Contracts and the Registration of Renewable Energy Developers" (Revised Omnibus RE Guidelines), which took effect on 25 June 2024, grants an Renewable Energy (RE) Developer the option to be issued a Certificate of Authority (COA) after approval of its RE Application but before the execution of the RE Contract;

WHEREAS, a COA is a certificate duly signed by the Secretary exclusively authorizing an RE Developer to procure the necessary permits and tenurial instruments for the exploration, development, construction and installation, and commercial operation of the RE Project and conduct reconnaissance and other activities needed for pre-feasibility studies, as applicable, within the area specified in the certificate, thereby giving the RE Developer the privilege of procuring the aforesaid permits and tenurial instruments outside of the contract term;

**WHEREAS**, to allow the participation in the GEAP of RE Developers whose RE Applications have been duly approved by the DOE and who have been issued with COA, the term "Qualified Suppliers" as defined under the GEAP Guidelines must be modified.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** pursuant to its authority under Republic Act No. 9513, or the Renewable Energy Act of 2008, the DOE hereby adopts, issues, and promulgates the following amendment to the GEAP Guidelines.

**Section 1.** Section 4.12 of the GEAP Guidelines is hereby amended to read as follows:

"4.12 'Qualified Suppliers' refer to RE Developers/Generators (a) registered with the DOE pursuant to the Omnibus RE Guidelines, Revised Omnibus RE Guidelines, as applicable, and any amendment thereof, or (b) issued with COA under the latter, eligible to participate in the GEA as determined by the GEAC under Section 6.1 of this Circular;"

Section 2. Section 16 of the GEAP Guidelines is hereby amended to read as follows:

"16. Adoption of Certain Provisions in the FIT Rules. The GEA adopts the Regulatory Framework and Administration of FITs provided under Resolution No. 16, Series of 2010 issued by the ERC. However, the GEA pricing mechanism shall be governed by Section 8 of this Circular. For the avoidance of doubt, the GET resulting from the conduct of each Green Energy Auction shall periodically include indexation as may be determined by the ERC. As such, other entities involved in the implementation of FIT shall continue to discharge their responsibilities as set forth in the FIT Rules with respect to each auction round and subsequent incidents

**Section 3. Separability Clause**. If any provision of this Circular is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

**Section 4. Repealing Clause**. All previous issuances, rules, and regulations inconsistent with this Circular are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

**Section 5. Effectivity**. This Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation and shall remain in effect until otherwise revoked. A copy of this Circular shall be filed with the University of the Philippines Law Center - Office of the National Administrative Register.

Issued this \_\_\_\_ day of February 2025 at the DOE, Energy Center, Rizal Drive, cor. 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, Metro Manila.

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