

Department Circular No. DC2020- DC 2020- Q5-0011

SUPPLEMENTING DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. DC2019-12-0018¹ BY INCLUDING THE NATIONAL TRANSMISSION CORPORATION IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ANCILLARY SERVICES – TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

WHEREAS, on 04 December 2019, the Department of Energy (DOE) issued Department Circular No. DC2019-12-008 entitled "Adopting A General Framework Governing the Provision and Utilization of Ancillary Services in the Grid";

WHEREAS, Section 9 of DC2019-12-0008 provided for the creation of an Ancillary Services - Technical Working Group (AS-TWG), mandated to assist the DOE in implementing the provisions of the said Circular;

WHEREAS, Ancillary Services (AS) are intended, primarily, to protect and maintain the stability, security and integrity of the power system;

WHEREAS, the National Transmission Corporation (TRANSCO), which was created under Republic Act 9136, otherwise known as the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA), was the government instrumentality which performed and was mandated to develop, operate, and maintain the country's power transmission assets and to act as System Operator to provide AS before these responsibilities were privatized in 2009;

WHEREAS, while the congressional franchise to operate the transmission network was awarded to the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP,) ownership of all transmission assets still remains with the Philippine government through the TRANSCO;

WHEREAS, maximizing the involvement and participation of TRANSCO in the discussion and resolution of issues pertaining to AS is a rational and sensible policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and pursuant to its authority under existing laws, the DOE, in order to enhance the provisions of Department Circular No. DC2019-12-0018, hereby promulgates and adopts the following supplementary policies:

Section 1. Designating TRANSCO as Additional Member of the AS-TWG. In order to further strengthen and enhance the policy-making, operational and technical capability of the AS-TWG, created under Section 9 of Department Circular No. DC2019-12-0018, in the performance of its assigned tasks and

¹ Entitled "ADOPTING A GENERAL FRAMEWORK GOVERNING THE PROVISION AND UTILIZATION OF ANCILLARY SERVICES IN THE GRID."

functions, **TRANSCO** is hereby designated as an **additional member** of the said body.

As one of the members of the AS-TWG, TRANSCO shall perform the functions and responsibilities assigned to it in accordance with the provisions of the above-mentioned Circular, as well as with existing laws, rules and regulations.

Section 2. Repealing Clause. All rules, regulations and guidelines inconsistent with the provisions of this Circular are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 3. Effectivity. This Circular shall take effect immediately upon publication in the newspaper of general circulation. Copies thereof shall be filed with the University of the Philippines Law Center — Office of National Administrative Register (UPLC-ONAR).

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