

DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. DEPARTMENT ORDER NO.

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STRENGTHENING AND REDEFINING THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE FIELD OFFICES

WHEREAS, Section 8-d of Republic Act No. 7638 (An Act Creating the Department of Energy, Rationalizing the Organization and Functions of Government Agencies Related to Energy and for Other Purposes or the Department of Energy Act of 1992) empowers the Secretary of Energy to create regional offices and other service units and divisions as may be necessary;

WHEREAS, Section 3-d of Administrative Order (AO) No. 38, series of 2002 (Providing for the Institutional Strengthening of the Department of Energy (DOE) by Redefining the Functions and Services of its Bureaus, Service Units and Offices), states, among others, that "The existing Visayas and Mindanao Field Offices shall be expanded to include Luzon Field Offices";

WHEREAS, Department Order (DO) No. 2009-05-0008 established and operationalized a Luzon Field Office;

WHEREAS, Republic Act 9513 otherwise known as the "Renewable Energy Act of 2008" expanded the functions of the DOE necessitating additional tasks for the Field Offices;

WHEREAS, the Department of Energy (DOE)'s mission is to improve the quality of life of the Filipino by formulating and implementing policies and programs to ensure sustainable, stable, secure, sufficient, accessible, and reasonably-priced energy;

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish this mission, there is a need to strengthen and to redefine the powers and functions of the Field Offices in response to the stakeholders' clamor for DOE's presence at the grassroots level to facilitate and to propel energy resource development, utilization, and industry management in the Regions;

NOW, THEREFORE, in view of the foregoing premises, the powers and functions of the Field Offices are hereby strengthened and redefined, as follows:

SECTION 1. Powers and Functions of the Field Offices. The Field Offices shall have the following powers and functions:

- 1. Implement policies, plans and programs, rules and regulations of the Department relating to:
 - a) Exploration and development of both renewable and non-renewable resources;

- b) Transportation, marketing, retailing, distribution, utilization, conservation, stockpiling and storage of energy resources, whether from renewable or non-renewable resources; and,
- c) New and emerging energy technologies and special concerns on energy.
- 2. Submit reports and recommend appropriate actions to the Secretary pertaining to the performance of the aforesaid powers and functions;
- 3. Recommend new policies, plans and programs, rules and regulations pertaining to exploration, development, and utilization of all forms of energy;
- 4. Represent the DOE on local issues relating to energy; and,
- 5. Perform other related tasks as may be necessary or as may be directed by the Secretary of Energy through the designated Undersecretary in charge of Field Offices.

SECTION 2. Funding. The Financial Services is hereby directed to allocate the required budget in order for the Field Offices to effectively perform their powers and functions.

SECTION 3. Technical, Financial, Legal, and Logistical Support. All bureaus/services/offices are hereby directed to provide the necessary technical, financial, legal, and logistical support to the Field Offices.

SECTION 4. Implementation. The designated Undersecretary in charge of Field Offices shall be tasked for the effective implementation of this Order.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. All orders, circulars, and other issuances which are inconsistent with this Department Order are hereby amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 6. **Effectivity.** This Department Order shall take effect immediately.

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