

Republic of the Philippines
ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
San Miguel Avenue, Pasig City

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION FOR THE
APPROVAL OF THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
CEBU-BOHOL 230KV
INTERCONNECTION
PROJECT, WITH PRAYER
FOR PROVISIONAL
AUTHORITY**

ERC CASE NO. 2019-092 RC

Promulgated:
September 14, 2020

**NATIONAL GRID
CORPORATION OF THE
PHILIPPINES (NGCP),**

Applicant.

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ORDER

On 17 December 2019, the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) filed an *Application* for the approval of the implementation of its Cebu-Bohol 230kV interconnection project, with prayer for issuance of provisional authority (Application).

In the *Order* dated 14 January 2020, the Commission set the instant *Application* for hearing for the determination of compliance with the jurisdictional requirements, expository presentations, Pre-trial Conference, and presentation of evidence on the following dates and venues:

Date	Venue	Activity
5 March 2020 (Thursday) 10:00 A.M.	ERC Visayas Office St. Mary's Drive, Banilad, Cebu City 6000	Expository Presentation for Visayas Stakeholders
12 March 2020 (Thursday) 10:00 A.M.	ERC Main Office	Pre-Trial Conference and Presentation of Evidence

Date	Venue	Activity
	15 th Floor, Pacific Center Building, San Miguel Avenue, Pasig City	
19 March 2020 (Thursday) 10:00 A.M.	ERC Main Office 15 th Floor, Pacific Center Building, San Miguel Avenue, Pasig City	Presentation of Evidence

However, due to the public health emergency brought about by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the declaration from the Office of the President placing the entire Luzon under the Enhanced Community Quarantine¹ (ECQ) where a strict work from home arrangement is being implemented in the Executive Branch, all hearings during the period 17 March 2020 to 13 April 2020 have been cancelled.

Likewise, during the 03 March 2020 hearing, the Commission declared the cancellation of hearings scheduled on the following dates: (1) 05 March 2020 for the expository presentation for Visayas stakeholders; (2) 12 March 2020 for the Pre-Trial Conference and presentation of evidence; and (3) 19 March 2020 for the presentation of evidence.

On 3 August 2020, Applicant NGCP filed an *Urgent Motion (To Conduct Hearing Virtually)* dated 28 July 2020, via electronic filing, wherein it prayed that the Commission set the instant case for continuation and the same be conducted virtually through video conferencing.

Due to the continuous threat to public health and safety brought about by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Commission deemed it necessary to conduct all previously scheduled physical hearings through virtual hearings.

IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, the Commission shall convene the virtual hearings through video conferencing and hereby sets the instant *Application* for the conduct of expository presentations, Pre-trial Conference, and presentation of evidence, using the **Microsoft Teams Application**, on the following dates and venues:

¹ Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 16 March 2020 (Community Quarantine Over the Entire Luzon).

Date	Venue	Activity
23 October 2020 (Friday) 9:00 A.M.	ERC Visayas Office St. Mary's Drive, Banilad, Cebu City 6000	Expository presentation for Visayas Stakeholders
28 October 2020 (Wednesday) 9:00 A.M.	ERC Main Office 15th Floor, Pacific Center Building, San Miguel Avenue, Pasig City	Pre-trial Conference and Presentation of Evidence
5 November 2020 (Thursday) 9:00 A.M.	ERC Main Office 15th Floor, Pacific Center Building, San Miguel Avenue, Pasig City	Presentation of Evidence

RELATIVE THERETO, the Commission hereby directs NGCP to inform the affected stakeholders, through posting in its website/s and/or other online media platforms accessible to the public, and the concerned regional offices, or by any other means available, of the new scheduled virtual hearings as well as the specific directives contained in this *Order*.

NGCP is hereby directed to file a copy of its Expository Presentation via electronic mail at records@erc.gov.ph and records.erc.gov.ph@gmail.com, copy furnish the Legal Service through legal.erc.gov.ph@gmail.com, at least five (5) calendar days prior to the virtual hearings for the scheduled expository presentations. 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 virtual hearing for the scheduled expository presentations.

Any interested stakeholder may submit its comments and/or clarifications at least one (1) calendar day prior to the virtual hearings for the scheduled expository presentations, via e-mail at records@erc.gov.ph and records.erc.gov.ph@gmail.com, copy furnish the Legal Service through legal.erc.gov.ph@gmail.com. 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 course of the expository presentation.

Moreover, Applicant NGCP and all Intervenors, including their respective authorized representative/s and witness/es, are hereby directed to provide the Commission, thru legal.virtualhearings.erc.gov.ph@gmail.com, with their respective e-mail addresses within five (5) days from receipt of this *Order*. The access link/s to the aforementioned hearing platform shall be sent by the Commission within five (5) days prior to the scheduled hearing.

SO ORDERED.

Pasig City, 24 August 2020.

FOR AND BY AUTHORITY
OF THE COMMISSION:


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