

Republic of the Philippines
ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Pasig City

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION FOR THE
APPROVAL OF THE REFILED
LAPU-LAPU 230KV
SUBSTATION PROJECT, WITH
PRAYER FOR THE ISSUANCE
OF PROVISIONAL APPROVAL**

ERC CASE NO. 2026-028 RC

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

Promulgated:
April 13, 2026

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ORDER

On 04 March 2026, the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) filed, through the Energy Virtual One-Stop Shop (EVOSS) portal, an *Application* dated 19 February 2026, seeking the Commission’s approval of the refiled Lapu-Lapu 230kV Substation Project, with prayer for the issuance of provisional approval.

The docketed copy of the *Application*, excluding its annexes, is attached as Annex “A” of the *Notice of Virtual Hearing*.

Finding the *Application* to be sufficient in form and with the required fees having been paid, the Commission hereby sets the instant *Application* for hearing for the determination of compliance with the jurisdictional requirements, expository presentation, and Pre-Trial Conference¹ on **11 May 2026 (Monday) at two o’clock in the afternoon (2:00 P.M.)**, through **MS Teams Application** as the online platform for the conduct thereof, pursuant to Resolution 09,

¹ In accordance with *Resolution No. 16, Series of 2025*, the Commission adopts the Summary Proceedings under Rule 17 of the Commission’s Revised Rules of Practice and Procedure (ERC Revised RPP) in the filing, processing and evaluation of the applications for approval of capital expenditure projects, among other cases.

Series of 2020² and Resolution No. 01, Series of 2021 (ERC Revised Rules of Practice and Procedure).³

Accordingly, Applicant is hereby directed to host the virtual hearing at **NGCP's Principal Office at NGCP Building, Quezon Avenue cor. BIR Road, Diliman, Quezon City**, as the designated venue for the conduct thereof, and ensure that the same is open to the public. Moreover, Applicant shall guarantee that, during the conduct of the expository presentation, the participation of the public shall not be impaired.

RELATIVE THERETO, Applicant is hereby directed to:

- 1) Cause the publication of the attached *Notice of Virtual Hearing*, including Annex "A" thereof, 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 virtual hearing;
- 2) Furnish with copies of this *Order* and the attached *Notice of Virtual Hearing*, including Annex "A" thereof, the Offices of the Provincial Governors, the Mayors, and their respective Local Government Unit (LGU) legislative bodies within Applicant's franchise area, through its regional offices, for the appropriate posting thereof on their respective bulletin boards;
- 3) Inform the consumers within the Applicant's franchise area, by any other means available and appropriate, of the filing of the *Application*, its reasons therefor, and of the scheduled virtual hearing;
- 4) Furnish with copies of this *Order* and the attached *Notice of Virtual Hearing*, including Annex "A" thereof, 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

² A Resolution Adopting the Guidelines Governing Electronic Applications, Filings and Virtual Hearings Before the Energy Regulatory Commission.

³ A Resolution Adopting the Revised Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Energy Regulatory Commission.

- 5) Furnish with copies of the *Application* and its attachments, all those making requests therefor, subject to reimbursement of reasonable photocopying costs.

No later than ten (10) calendar days prior to the date of the virtual hearing, Applicant must submit to the Commission through the EVOSS portal and via electronic mail (e-mail) at docket@erc.ph, and copy furnish the Legal Service through legal@erc.ph, the scanned copies of its written compliance with the aforementioned jurisdictional requirements, attaching the following methodically arranged and duly marked documents:

- 1) The evidence of publication of the attached *Notice of Virtual Hearing*, including Annex “A” thereof, consisting of affidavits of the Editors or Business Managers of the newspapers where the same were 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*, including Annex “A” thereof, 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 the Applicant to inform the consumers within its franchise area of the filing of the *Application*, its reasons therefor, and of the scheduled hearing;
- 4) The evidence of receipt of copies of this *Order* and the attached *Notice of Virtual Hearing*, including Annex “A” thereof, 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; and
- 6) Such other proof of compliance with the requirements of the Commission.

Moreover, Applicant is hereby required to post on its bulletin boards, the scanned copies of the foregoing jurisdictional requirements and to submit the proof of posting thereof.

Applicant and all interested parties are also required to submit via e-mail at doCKET@erc.ph, and copy furnish the Legal Service through legal@erc.ph, **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 thereof, which must be attached to the Pre-Trial Brief; and
- 4) The names of the witnesses, with their written testimonies in a Judicial Affidavit form, attached to the Pre-Trial Brief.

Failure of Applicant to comply with the above requirements within the prescribed period shall be a ground for cancellation of the scheduled hearing.

Applicant must also be prepared to make an expository presentation of the *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*. Relevant information and pertinent details substantiating the reasons and justifications for the *Application* must be cited in support thereof.

Applicant is hereby directed to file a copy of its Expository Presentation via e-mail at doCKET@erc.ph, copy furnish the Legal Service through legal@erc.ph, **at least five (5) calendar days** prior to the scheduled virtual hearing. Applicant is also required to provide a copy of its Expository Presentation to any stakeholder requesting therefor **at least five (5) calendar days** prior to the scheduled virtual hearing.

Applicant and interested parties are hereby directed to submit, either through personal service, registered or ordinary mail/private courier, all the pleadings and required submissions, **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.

Moreover, the National Transmission Corporation (TransCo) is hereby impleaded as a necessary party to this *Application*. Accordingly, TransCo is hereby directed to submit its **Verified Comment** via e-mail at docket@erc.ph, copy furnish the Legal Service through legal@erc.ph, at **least five (5) calendar days** before the date of the scheduled virtual hearing.

TransCo is further directed to submit, through personal service, registered mail, or ordinary mail/private courier, one (1) set of the original or certified true hard copies of its **Verified Comment**, **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.

Finally, Applicant, including its authorized representatives and witnesses, and interested parties who wish to attend the scheduled virtual hearing, are hereby directed to provide the Commission, through legal.virtualhearings@erc.ph, 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.

FOR AND BY AUTHORITY
OF THE COMMISSION:

Maria Corazon C. Gines

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* Authority granted pursuant to Office Order No. 71, Series of 2025.

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