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## DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. <u>1020</u>10-02-0003

## CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON RENEWABLE ENERGY POLICY ROADMAP

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 9513 otherwise known as the Renewable Energy Act of 2008 (Act) was enacted to promote the development, utilization and commercialization of renewable energy resources and for other purposes;

**WHEREAS**, Section 5 of RA No. 9513 provides that the Department of Energy shall be the lead agency mandated to implement the provisions of the Act.

**WHEREAS**, Section 22, Rule 8, Part V of Department Circular No. 2009-05-0008 enumerated the functions of the DOE under the Act, to wit:

- a) Promulgate the Renewable Portfolio Standards Rules;
- b) Establish the Renewable Energy Market (REM) and direct the Philippine Electricity Market Corporation (PEMC) to incorporate the rules specific to the operation of the REM under the Wholesale Electricity Spot Market;
- c) Supervise the establishment of the RE Registrar by the PEMC;
- d) Promulgate the appropriate implementing rules and regulations necessary to achieve the objectives of the Green Energy Option Program;
- e) Determine the minimum percentage of generation which may be sourced from available RE resources of the NPC-SPUG or its successors-in-interest and/or qualified third parties in off-grid areas;
- Issue certification to RE Developers, local manufacturers, fabricators, and suppliers of locally-produced RE equipment to serve as basis for their entitlement to incentives, as provided for in the Act;
- g) Formulate and implement the National Renewable Energy Program together with relevant government agencies;
- h) Administer the Renewable Energy Trust Fund as a special account in any of the government financial institutions identified under Section 29 of the Act;

- i) Recommend and endorse RE projects applying for financial assistance with government financial institutions;
- j) Encourage the adoption of waste-to-energy technologies;
- k) Determine the mechanisms in the grant of subsidy to electric consumers of host local government units (LGUs), together with the Department of Finance, Energy Regulatory Commission and National Renewable Energy Board; and
- l) Perform such other functions as may be necessary, to attain the objectives of the Act.

**WHEREAS**, in line with its vision of ensuring the best energy choices for the consumers and in pursuit of its mandate under the Act and Republic Act No. 9136, otherwise known as the "Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001" or "EPIRA," the DOE deems it necessary to ensure the effective, harmonious and coherent policies and implementation strategies for the Act to encourage greater private sector participation in the development and utilization of RE resources in the country;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to create a Technical Working Group (TWG) to assist the DOE in crafting the roadmap towards the implementation of the Act to include but not limited to the formulation of detailed rules for the different Re Law provisions and the National Renewable Energy Program (NREP);

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that the DOE as the lead agency shall set the policy direction in the realization of the avowed objectives of the Act;

**NOW THEREFORE**, from the foregoing premises, the DOE TWG on RE Policy Roadmap is hereby created.

**SECTION 1. Representation and Composition.** The DOE TWG on RE Policy Roadmap shall be comprised of the following:

Chairperson: Director, Renewable Energy Management Bureau

Members : Director, Energy Policy & Planning Bureau

Director, Electric Power Industry Management Bureau

Director, Legal Services

Director, Compliance Services Director, Finance Services

Likewise, the composition of the TWG shall be classified following the two-level representations, to wit:

Executive Level - Director Alternate - Assistant Director Technical Level - Division Chief Alternate - Two Senior Staff The DOE TWG on RE Policy Roadmap shall be under the guidance of the DOE Secretary and is independent of the National Renewable Energy Board (NREB) and its Committees.

## SECTION 2. Functions. The TWG shall have the following functions:

- 1. Review and harmonize the Philippine Energy Plan (PEP) and the Renewable Energy Policy Framework (REPF) promulgated in 2003/2004 to come up with the National Renewable Energy Program (NREP), pursuant to the Act;
- 2. Recommend attendant policies, plans and projects essential for the attainment of the objectives of the Act and the NREP;
- 3. Harmonize the relevant provisions of the Act and the EPIRA;
- 4. Monitor, submit regular reports on a quarterly/monthly basis and endorse appropriate action to the DOE Secretary pertaining to the mandated functions of the DOE under the Act;
- 5. Perform such other functions as may be necessary, upon directive from the Secretary.

**SECTION 3. Secretariat.** It is hereby directed that the Office of the Director of REMB shall be responsible for the logistical needs of the DOE TWG on RE Policy Roadmap and proper coordination with the NREB. In addition, it shall also be accountable for the flow of documents from receipt of correspondences by relevant agencies and stakeholders.

**SECTION 4. Meetings.** The DOE TWG on RE Policy Roadmap shall meet regularly twice a month and as often as necessary with due consideration to the exigency of the issues at hand.

This Department Order shall take effect immediately.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February 2010 at the DOE, Energy Center, Merritt Road, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City, Metro Manila.

ANGELO T. REYES

Secretary

