### Republic of the Philippines ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION San Miguel Ave. Pasig City

San Miguel Ave., Pasig City

IN THE MATTER OF THE FOR THE APPLICATION 17<sup>TH</sup> THE **APPROVAL OF** RATE **GENERATION MECHANISM ADJUSTMENT** (17<sup>TH</sup> GRAM) WITH PRAYER **PROVISIONAL** FOR **AUTHORITY** 

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ERC Case No. 2018 014 RC

NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION (NPC),

Applicant.

Date: MAN

#### **ORDER**

On 22 March 2018, the National Power Corporation (NPC) filed an *Application* dated 09 March 2018 (Application), seeking for the approval of the 17<sup>th</sup> Generation Rate Adjustment Mechanism (GRAM), with prayer for provisional authority.

In its Application, NPC alleged the following:

- 1. NPC is a government-owned and controlled corporation, created and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 6395, as amended, (the NPC Charter) with principal office address at NPC-Office Building Complex (NPC-OBC), corner Quezon Avenue and BIR Road, East Triangle, Diliman, Quezon City.
- 2. Pursuant to Section 70 of R.A. 9136, otherwise known as the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA) of 2001, NPC through its Small Power Utilities Group (SPUG), with the same principal office address stated above, is responsible for providing power generation and its associated power delivery systems in areas that are not connected to the transmission system.
- 3. In the performance of its missionary electrification function, NPC through SPUG incurs additional operating costs as a result of the fluctuation of fuel prices used in power generation. As such, NPC is allowed to recover through the

Generation Rate Adjustment Mechanism (GRAM) the cost incurred in the operation that is beyond the approved rate.

- 4. In the Order dated 24 February 2003, this Honorable Commission issued and adopted the Implementing Rules for the Generation Rate Adjustment Mechanism (GRAM) providing for, among others, the mechanisms for the recovery/(refund) of the deferred fuel costs and purchased power costs.
- 5. This application is being filed consistent with the said GRAM Implementing Rules vis-à-vis\_Section 4(e) Rule 3 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), as amended, of Republic Act (RA) 9136 (Electric Power Industry Reform Act or EPIRA) dated June 8, 2001.
- 6. The Application covers the billing period from January to December 2016. Applicant has fully complied with the GRAM's monthly reportorial requirements in support of the calculated allowable costs covering the billing period, as evidenced by the submitted reports/compliances duly received by this Honorable Commission and hereto attached as **Annex "A" and Series.**
- 7. Under this application, NPC through its SPUG operation, has incurred a total actual fuel costs during the afore-said test period as follows:

Table 1. Total Actual Fuel Costs, in PhP Actual Fuel

	Costs, PhP
LUZON	1,460,438,985
VISAYAS	190,814,697
MINDANAO	1,010,876,391
PHILIPPINES	2,662,130,073

8. The costs of fuel consumed without generation were not subjected to ERC - approved Heat Rate Cap as the fuel was used during start-up operations. Said costs are included in the Allowable Fuel Costs calculated together with the costs for the fuel consumed with generation that were subjected to ERC - approved Heat Rate cap for Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. The said Allowable Fuel Costs are provided, as follows:

Table 2. Allowable Fuel Costs. in PhP

	Allowable Fuel Costs, PhP
LUZON	1,460,343,072
VISAYAS	190,814,697

MINDANAO	999,882,763
PHILIPPINES	2,651,040,532

9. The Applicant has accounted the corresponding fuel costs recovered through the Subsidized Approved Generation Rate (SAGR) using the breakdown in the unbundled SAGR approval by the Honorable Commission under ERC Case No. 2002-01 as follows:

Table 3. Fuel Recovery under SAGR, in PhP

	Fuel Recovery under the SAGR	
	(PhP/kWh)	Amount
LUZON	2.0282	499,456,625
VISAYAS	3.8942	86,756,390
MINDANAO	3.2787	520,903,820
PHILIPPINES		1,107,116,835

10. As authorized under the Implementing Rules of the GRAM, the following carrying interest charges were utilized by the Applicant:

**Table 4. Allowable Carrying Charge Interest Rates** 

Test/Billing Mos.	Prevailing 91-day T-Bill Rate 1/	Authorized Allowance <sup>2/</sup>	Allowable Rate
January	1.684	3.000	4.684
February	1.513	3.000	4.513
March	1.469	3.000	4.469
April	1.551	3.000	4.551
May	1.674	3.000	4.674
June	1.588	3.000	4.588
July	1.447	3.000	4.447
August	1.479	3.000	4.479
September	1.321	3.000	4.321
October	1.281	3.000	4.281
November	1.484	3.000	4.484
December	1.555	3.000	4.555

1/ Source: Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

(www.bsp.gov.ph/statistics/sdds/tbillsdds.htm)

- 2/ As authorized in the GRAM Implementing Rules
- 11. The table below shows the calculated deferred fuel costs and the corresponding DAA for Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao under the subject 17<sup>th</sup> GRAM Application covering the test period January to December 2016 and the corresponding proposed rates in P/kWh calculated for recovery for a period of two (2) years:

Table 5. Seventeenth (17th) GRAM DAA Summary

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	LUZON	VISAYAS	MINDANAO	PHILIPPINES
Principal	960,886,447	104,058,307	478,978,943	1,543,923,697
Carrying Charge	22,042,765	2,401,295	10,644,975	35,089,036
TOTAL, PhP	982,929,212	106,459,602	489,623,918	1,579,012,733
Two (2) Years Projected Energy Sales (MWh)	950,311	132,922	496,498	1,579,731

17th GRAM	1.0343	0.8009	0.9862	0.9995
DAA, PhP/kWh			122	

- 12. The Applicant proposes to recover the above calculated DAA within two (2) years to mitigate the impact thereof to customers in the missionary areas.
- 13. In support of the proposed 17<sup>th</sup> GRAM DAA, Applicant respectfully submits the following documents annexed herewith to form part of this Application:

List of Plants Summary of DAA Summary of Net Generation, kWh 91-day Treasury Bill Rates Actual Energy Sales, kWh Projected Energy Sales, Mwh Annex "B" & series Annex "C" & series Annex "D" & series Annex "E" Annex "F" & series Annex "G"

- The proposed 17<sup>th</sup> GRAM DAA Application was approved for filing by the National Power Board on 28 February 2018, a certified copy of the Secretary's Certificate is attached hereto as **Annex "H"** and made an integral part hereof
- 15. With due respect, the proposed GRAM DAA adjustment, once approved, should be implemented or applied on top of the SAGR in both NPC-SPUG and delegated NPC-SPUG areas, or upon entry of NPPs thereof to levelize the rates in the said areas and consistent with ERC letter dated 05 March 2012 issued to NPC during the implementation of the 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> GRAM and ICERA DAA, copy of which is attached as **Annex "I" & Series** hereof.
- 16. The proposed 17<sup>th</sup> GRAM DAA is fair and reasonable as it is computed in line with the GRAM rules as approved by the Honorable Commission.

### ALLEGATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE PRAYER FOR PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY

- 17. The proposed deferred accounting adjustment will reflect the recent costs authorized under the GRAM rules/mechanism and NPC would increase the revenue commensurate with its cost and ultimately reduce the burden of the UC-ME on all electricity end-users.
- 18. Since these expenses were already incurred in the year 2016, immediate recovery of the needed adjustment through a provisional authority would help alleviate the operational funding of applicant, without prejudice on the authority of the Honorable Commission to approve the recovery of this adjustment as part of the True Cost Generation Rate (TCGR).
- 19. Pursuant to Rule 15, Section 3 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Honorable Commission has the authority to grant a provisional authority pending final approval of the instant petition, it states, as follows:

"Section 3. Action and Motion. — Motions for provisional authority or interim relief may be acted upon with or without hearing. The Commission shall act on the motion on the basis of the allegations of the application or petition and supporting documents and other evidences that applicant or petitioner has submitted and the comments or oppositions filed by any interested person, if there be any." (Emphasis supplied)

20. Based on the foregoing justifications, NPC deems it proper to respectfully request the Honorable Commission for the issuance of a provisional authority pending the hearing on the merits and the final approval of the proposed GRAM DAA as well as the corresponding rate for CY 2016.

#### **PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, premises considered, it is most respectfully prayed that this Honorable Commission issues an Order:

1. Approving the recovery of the proposed Deferred Accounting Adjustments covering the test period from January to December 2016 for the deferred fuel costs in the amount of **PhP 1,579,012,733** recoverable for a period of two (2) years through the imposition of the following proposed rates in P/kWh:

LUZON	VISAYAS	MINDANAO	PHILIPPINES (Average)
1.0343	0.8009	0.9862	0.9995

- 2. Imposing/charging the GRAM directly to consumers in NPC-SPUG areas as per applicable GRAM rules, subject to the discretion of the Honorable Commission in line with ERC Resolution No. 21.
- 3. Allowing the continued collection of the GRAM adjustments even with the entry of private sector players in a specific NPC-SPUG area.
- 4. Approving the implementation of the proposed rates on top of the existing Subsidized Approved Generation Rates (SAGR) of NPC-SPUG and SAGR of Delegated NPC-SPUG areas where NPPs operate for the purpose of determining the level of subsidy.
- 5. Granting NPC a Provisional Authority for the implementation of the proposed rates and DAAs for the immediate recovery of deferred GRAM adjustments within the above proposed two (2) years recovery period.

Other just and equitable relief under the premises are likewise prayed for from the Honorable Commission.

Finding the said *Application* to be sufficient in form with the required fees having been paid, the same is hereby set for initial hearing on the following dates and venues:

<b>Date and Time</b>	Venue	<b>Particulars</b>
21 September 2018 (Friday) at two o'clock in the afternoon (2:00 P.M.)	ERC Hearing Room, 15th Floor, Pacific Center Building, San Miguel Avenue, Pasig City	Jurisdictional and Expository Presentation
28 September 2018 (Friday) at nine o'clock in the morning (9:00 A.M.)	ERC Visayas Field Office, St. Mary's Drive, Banilad, Cebu City	Expository Presentation
03 October 2018 (Wednessday) at nine o'clock in the morning (9:00 A.M.)	ERC Mindanao Field Office, Mintrade Bldg., Monteverde Ave.cor Sales St., Davao City	Expository Presentation
10 October 2018 (Wednesday) at two o'clock in the afternoon (2:00 P.M.)	ERC Hearing Room, 15th Floor, Pacific Center Building, San Miguel Avenue, Pasig City	Pre-Trial Conference and Evidentiary Hearing

### Accordingly, NPC is hereby directed to:

- Cause the publication of the attached Notice of Public Hearing 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 initial hearing;
- 2) Furnish with copies of this Order and the attached Notice of Public Hearing the Offices of the Provincial Governors, the City/Municipal Mayors and their Local Government Unit (LGU) legislative bodies within covered by the franchise area of the distribution utilities where the National Power Corporation Small Power Utilities Group

(NPC-SPUG) principally operates, for the appropriate posting thereof on their respective bulletin boards;

- 3) Inform of the filing of the *Application*, its reasons therefor, and of the scheduled hearing thereon the consumers within the affected franchise areas, by any other means available and appropriate;
- Furnish with copies of this Order and the attached Notice of Public Hearing 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 at the scheduled hearing; and
- 5) Furnish with copies of the *Application*, and its attachments all those making requests therefor, subject to reimbursement of reasonable photocopying costs.

On the date of the initial hearing, Applicant must submit to the Commission its written compliance with the aforementioned jurisdictional requirements attaching therewith, methodically arranged and duly marked the following:

- The evidence of publication of the attached Notice of Public Hearing consisting of affidavits of the Editors or Business Manager of the newspapers were the said Notice of Public Hearing were published, and the complete issues of the said newspapers;
- 2) The evidence of actual posting of this Order and the attached Notice of Public Hearing consisting of certifications issued to that effect signed by the aforementioned Governor and LGU legislative bodies or their duly authorized representatives bearing the seals of their offices.
- 3) The evidence of the means employed by Applicant to inform of the filing of the *Application*, its reasons therefor, and of the scheduled hearing thereon, the consumers within the affected watershed areas;
- 4) The evidence of receipt of copies of this Order and the attached Notice of Public Hearing by the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG), the Commission on Audit (COA),

and the Committees on Energy of both Houses of Congress;

- 5) The evidence of receipt of the copies of the *Application* and its attachments by all those making requests therefor, if any, and:
- 6) Such other proofs of compliance with the requirements of the Commission.

Applicant and all interested parties are directed to submit, at least five (5) days before the date of initial 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 therefore; and
- 4) The number and names of the witnesses, with their written testimonies in a Judicial Affidavit form, to be 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, and the resetting of which shall be six (6) months from said date of cancellation.

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NPC must also be prepared to make an Expository Presentation of its *Application*, aided by whatever communication medium they 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, what the *Application* is all about and the reasons and justifications being cited in support thereof.

#### SO ORDERED.

Pasig City, 02 August 2018.

FOR AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION:

AGNES VST DEVANADERA
Chairperson and CEO

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- 248. Office of the Mayor Dumaran, Palawan
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- 251. Office of the LGU legislative body Province of Camarines Sur
- 252. Office of the Mayor Caramoan, Camarines Sur
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- 254. Office of the Mayor Garchitorena, Camarines Sur
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- 258. Office of the Governor Province of Camarines Norte
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- 264. Office of the Mayor Caramoran, Catanduanes
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- 340. Office of the Governor Province of Capiz
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- 344. Office of the Mayor Nueva Valencia, Guimaras
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- 368. Office of the Mayor Larena, Siquijor
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- 370. Office of the Mayor Lazi, Siquijor

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- 452. Office of the Mayor Sen. Ninoy Aquino, Sultan Kudarat
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- 454. Office of the Governor Province of Basilan
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- 478. Office of the Governor Province of Tawi-Tawi
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- 480. Office of the Mayor Bongao, Tawi-Tawi

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- 494. Office of the Mayor South Ubian, Tawi-Tawi
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- 496. Office of the Governor Province of Dinagat Island
- 497. Office of the LGU legislative body Province of Dinagat Island
- 498. Office of the Mayor San Jose, Dinagat Island
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- 500. Office of the Mayor Loreto, Dinagat Island
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- 508. Office of the Mayor Surigao City, Surigao del Norte
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### Republic of the Philippines ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION San Miguel Avenue, Pasig City

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE 17<sup>TH</sup> GENERATION RATE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM (17<sup>TH</sup> GRAM) WITH PRAYER FOR PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY

ERC CASE NO. 2018-014 RC

NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION (NPC),
Applicant.



#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that on 22 March 2018, the National Power Corporation (NPC) filed an *Application* dated 09 March 2018 (Application), seeking for the approval of the 17<sup>th</sup> Generation Rate Adjustment Mechanism (GRAM), with prayer for provisional authority.

### In the Application, NPC alleged the following:

- 1. NPC is a government-owned and controlled corporation, created and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 6395, as amended, (the NPC Charter) with principal office address at NPC-Office Building Complex (NPC-OBC), corner Quezon Avenue and BIR Road, East Triangle, Diliman, Quezon City.
- 2. Pursuant to Section 70 of R.A. 9136, otherwise known as the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA) of 2001, NPC through its Small Power Utilities Group (SPUG), with the same principal office address stated above, is responsible for providing power generation and its associated power delivery systems in areas that are not connected to the transmission system.

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- 3. In the performance of its missionary electrification function, NPC through SPUG incurs additional operating costs as a result of the fluctuation of fuel prices used in power generation. As such, NPC is allowed to recover through the Generation Rate Adjustment Mechanism (GRAM) the cost incurred in the operation that is beyond the approved rate.
- 4. In the Order dated 24 February 2003, this Honorable Commission issued and adopted the Implementing Rules for the Generation Rate Adjustment Mechanism (GRAM) providing for, among others, the mechanisms for the recovery/(refund) of the deferred fuel costs and purchased power costs.
- 5. This application is being filed consistent with the said GRAM Implementing Rules vis-à-vis\_Section 4(e) Rule 3 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), as amended, of Republic Act (RA) 9136 (Electric Power Industry Reform Act or EPIRA) dated June 8, 2001.
- 6. The Application covers the billing period from January to December 2016. Applicant has fully complied with the GRAM's monthly reportorial requirements in support of the calculated allowable costs covering the billing period, as evidenced by the submitted reports/compliances duly received by this Honorable Commission and hereto attached as **Annex "A" and Series.**
- 7. Under this application, NPC through its SPUG operation, has incurred a total actual fuel costs during the afore-said test period as follows:

Table 1. Total Actual Fuel Costs, in PhP

	Actual Fuel
	Costs, PhP
LUZON	1,460,438,985
VISAYAS	190,814,697
MINDANAO	1,010,876,391
<b>PHILIPPINES</b>	2,662,130,073

8. The costs of fuel consumed without generation were not subjected to ERC - approved Heat Rate Cap as the fuel was used during start-up operations. Said costs are included in the Allowable Fuel Costs calculated together with the costs for the fuel consumed with generation that were subjected to ERC - approved Heat Rate cap for Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. The said Allowable Fuel Costs are provided, as follows:

Table 2. Allowable Fuel Costs, in PhP

Table 2. And	Allowable Fuel
	Costs, PhP
LUZON	1,460,343,072

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VISAYAS	190,814,697
MINDANAO	999,882,763
PHILIPPINES	2,651,040,532

9. The Applicant has accounted the corresponding fuel costs recovered through the Subsidized Approved Generation Rate (SAGR) using the breakdown in the unbundled SAGR approval by the Honorable Commission under ERC Case No. 2002-01 as follows:

Table 3. Fuel Recovery under SAGR, in PhP

	Fuel Recovery under the SAGR	
	(PhP/kWh)	Amount
LUZON	2.0282	499,456,625
VISAYAS	3.8942	86,756,390
MINDANAO	3.2787	520,903,820
PHILIPPINES		1,107,116,835

10. As authorized under the Implementing Rules of the GRAM, the following carrying interest charges were utilized by the Applicant:

**Table 4. Allowable Carrying Charge Interest Rates** 

Test/Billing Mos.	Prevailing 91-day T- Bill Rate 1/	Authorized Allowance <sup>2</sup> /	Allowable Rate
January	1.684	3.000	4.684
February	1.513	3.000	4.513
March	1.469	3.000	4.469
April	1.551	3.000	4.551
May	1.674	3.000	4.674
June	1.588	3.000	4.588
July	1.447	3.000	4.447
August	1.479	3.000	4.479
September	1.321	3.000	4.321
October	1.281	3.000	4.281
November	1.484	3.000	4.484
December	1.555	3.000	4.555

1/ Source: Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

(www.bsp.gov.ph/statistics/sdds/tbillsdds.htm)

2/ As authorized in the GRAM Implementing Rules

11. The table below shows the calculated deferred fuel costs and the corresponding DAA for Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao under the subject 17<sup>th</sup> GRAM Application covering the test period January to December 2016 and the corresponding proposed rates in P/kWh calculated for recovery for a period of two (2) years:

Table 5. Seventeenth (17th) GRAM DAA Summary

	LUZON	VISAYAS	MINDANAO	<b>PHILIPPINES</b>
Principal	960,886,447	104,058,307	478,978,943	1,543,923,697
Carrying Charge	22,042,765	2,401,295	10,644,975	35,089,036
TOTAL, PhP	982,929,212	106,459,602	489,623,918	1,579,012,733

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Two (2) Years Projected Energy Sales (MWh)	950,311	132,922	496,498	1,579,731
17 <sup>th</sup> GRAM DAA, PhP/kWh	1.0343	0.8009	0.9862	0.9995

- 12. The Applicant proposes to recover the above calculated DAA within two (2) years to mitigate the impact thereof to customers in the missionary areas.
- 13. In support of the proposed 17<sup>th</sup> GRAM DAA, Applicant respectfully submits the following documents annexed herewith to form part of this Application:

List of Plants Summary of DAA Summary of Net Generation, kWh 91-day Treasury Bill Rates Actual Energy Sales, kWh Projected Energy Sales, Mwh Annex "B" & series Annex "C" & series Annex "D" & series Annex "E" Annex "F" & series Annex "G"

- 14. The proposed 17<sup>th</sup> GRAM DAA Application was approved for filing by the National Power Board on 28 February 2018, a certified copy of the Secretary's Certificate is attached hereto as **Annex "H"** and made an integral part hereof
- 15. With due respect, the proposed GRAM DAA adjustment, once approved, should be implemented or applied on top of the SAGR in both NPC-SPUG and delegated NPC-SPUG areas, or upon entry of NPPs thereof to levelize the rates in the said areas and consistent with ERC letter dated 05 March 2012 issued to NPC during the implementation of the 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> GRAM and ICERA DAA, copy of which is attached as **Annex "I" & Series** hereof.
- 16. The proposed 17<sup>th</sup> GRAM DAA is fair and reasonable as it is computed in line with the GRAM rules as approved by the Honorable Commission.

### ALLEGATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE PRAYER FOR PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY

- 17. The proposed deferred accounting adjustment will reflect the recent costs authorized under the GRAM rules/mechanism and NPC would increase the revenue commensurate with its cost and ultimately reduce the burden of the UC-ME on all electricity end-users.
- 18. Since these expenses were already incurred in the year 2016, immediate recovery of the needed adjustment through a provisional authority would help alleviate the operational funding of applicant, without prejudice on the authority of the Honorable Commission to approve the recovery of this adjustment as part of the True Cost Generation Rate (TCGR).

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19. Pursuant to Rule 15, Section 3 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Honorable Commission has the authority to grant a provisional authority pending final approval of the instant petition, it states, as follows:

"Section 3. Action and Motion. – Motions for provisional authority or interim relief may be acted upon with or without hearing. The Commission shall act on the motion on the basis of the allegations of the application or petition and supporting documents and other evidences that applicant or petitioner has submitted and the comments or oppositions filed by any interested person, if there be any." (Emphasis supplied)

20. Based on the foregoing justifications, NPC deems it proper to respectfully request the Honorable Commission for the issuance of a provisional authority pending the hearing on the merits and the final approval of the proposed GRAM DAA as well as the corresponding rate for CY 2016.

#### **PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, premises considered, it is most respectfully prayed that this Honorable Commission issues an Order:

1. Approving the recovery of the proposed Deferred Accounting Adjustments covering the test period from January to December 2016 for the deferred fuel costs in the amount of **PhP 1,579,012,733** recoverable for a period of two (2) years through the imposition of the following proposed rates in P/kWh:

LUZON	VISAYAS	MINDANAO	PHILIPPINES (Average)
1.0343	0.8009	0.9862	0.9995

- 2. Imposing/charging the GRAM directly to consumers in NPC-SPUG areas as per applicable GRAM rules, subject to the discretion of the Honorable Commission in line with ERC Resolution No. 21.
- 3. Allowing the continued collection of the GRAM adjustments even with the entry of private sector players in a specific NPC-SPUG area.
- 4. Approving the implementation of the proposed rates on top of the existing Subsidized Approved Generation Rates (SAGR) of NPC-SPUG and SAGR of Delegated NPC-SPUG areas where NPPs operate for the purpose of determining the level of subsidy.
- 5. Granting NPC a Provisional Authority for the implementation of the proposed rates and DAAs for the immediate recovery of deferred GRAM

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adjustments within the above proposed two (2) years recovery period.

Other just and equitable relief under the premises are likewise prayed for from the Honorable Commission.

The Commission has set the *Application* for hearing on the following dates and venues:

Date and Time	Venue	<b>Particulars</b>	
21 September 2018	ERC Hearing Room,		
(Friday) at two	15th Floor, Pacific	Jurisdictional and	
o'clock in the	Center Building, San	Expository	
afternoon (2:00	Miguel Avenue, Pasig	Presentation	
P.M.)	City		
28 September 2018	ERC Visayas Field		
(Friday) at nine	Office, St. Mary's	Expository	
o'clock in the	Drive, Banilad, Cebu	Presentation	
morning (9:00	City	Trosontation	
<b>A.M.</b> )	•		
03 October 2018	ERC Mindanao Field		
(Wednessday) at	Office, Mintrade	Expository	
nine o'clock in the	Bldg., Monteverde	Presentation	
morning (9:00	Ave.cor Sales St.,	rescitation	
A.M.)	Davao City		
10 October 2018	ERC Hearing Room,	Pre-Trial	
(Wednesday) at two	15th Floor, Pacific	Conference and	
o'clock in the	Center Building, San	Evidentiary	
afternoon (2:00	Miguel Avenue, Pasig	Hearing	
P.M.)	City	IICuiiig	

All persons who have an interest in the subject matter of the instant case may become a party by filing with the Commission a verified Petition to Intervene at least five (5) days prior to the initial hearing and subject to the requirements under Rule 9 of the 2006 ERC Rules of Practice and Procedure, indicating therein the docket number and title of the case and stating the following:

- 1) The petitioner's name and address;
- 2) The nature of petitioner's interest in the subject matter of the proceeding and the way and manner in which such interest is affected by the issues involved in the proceeding; and
- 3) A statement of the relief desired.

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All other persons who may want their views known to the Commission with respect to the subject matter of the case may file their Opposition or Comment thereon at any stage of the proceeding before Petitioner rests its case, subject to the requirements under Rule 9 of the 2006 ERC Rules of Practice and Procedure. No particular form of Opposition or Comment is required, but the document, letter, or writing should contain the following:

- 1) The name and address of such person;
- 2) A concise statement of the Opposition or Comment; and
- 3) The grounds relied upon.

All such persons who wish to have a copy of the *Application* may request from Applicant that they be furnished with the same prior to the date of the initial hearing. Applicant is hereby directed to furnish all those making such request with copies of the *Application* and its attachments, subject to the reimbursement of reasonable photocopying costs. Any such person may likewise examine the *Application* and other pertinent records filed with the Commission during the standard office hours.

Pasig City, 02 August 2018.

FOR AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION:

AGNES VST DEVANADERA
Chairperson and CEO

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