

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

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL  
NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION

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

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NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION  
SMALL POWER UTILITIES GROUP  
(NPC-SPUG),

Applicant.

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**ORDER**

On March 27, 2009, the National Power Corporation-Small Power Utilities Group (NPC-SPUG) filed an application for approval of its Generation Rate Adjustment Mechanism (4<sup>TH</sup> GRAM), with prayer for provisional authority.

In the said application, NPC-SPUG alleged, among others, that:


1. Pursuant to Section 70 of Republic Act No. 9136, otherwise known as the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001 or the EPIRA, it is responsible for providing power generation and associated power delivery systems in areas that are not connected to the transmission system;
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10. It is proposing that the computed DAA shown in PhP/kWh in the table below will be recovered over a period of one (1) year to hasten the recovery of its deferred fuel costs:

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  - d) An Order be issued provisionally authorizing the implementation of the proposed rates and DAA's for the immediate recovery of deferred fuel costs within the above indicated 1 - year recovery period.

Finding said application sufficient in form and in substance, with the required fees having been paid, the same is hereby set for hearing on the following schedules:

Date and Time	Venue	Particulars
<b>Luzon</b>		
June 25, 2009 - Two o'clock in the afternoon (2:00 P.M.)	ERC Hearing Room, 15 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Pacific Center Building, San Miguel Avenue, Pasig City	Jurisdictional, Expository and Pre-Trial Hearings
June 26, 2009 - Nine o'clock in the morning (9:00 A.M.)	Same venue	Evidentiary Hearing
<b>Mindanao</b>		
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NPC-SPUG is hereby directed to cause the publication of the attached Notice of Public Hearing, at its own expense, twice (2x) for two (2) successive weeks in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines, with the date of the last publication to be made not later than ten (10) days before the scheduled date of initial hearing. NPC-SPUG is also directed to inform the consumers within the SPUG areas, by any other means available and appropriate, of the filing of the instant application, its reasons therefor, and of the scheduled hearing thereon.

Let copies of the application, this Order, and the attached Notice of Public Hearing be furnished 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:

Likewise, let copies of this Order and the attached Notice of Public Hearing be furnished the Offices of the Mayors of Quezon City and the Municipalities/Cities where NPC-SPUG operates for the appropriate posting thereof on their respective bulletin boards.



NPC-SPUG is hereby directed to furnish all those making requests therefor with copies of the application and its attachments, subject to reimbursement of reasonable photocopying costs.

On the date of the initial hearing and pre-trial conference, NPC-SPUG must submit to the Commission its written Compliance with the jurisdictional requirements attaching therewith, methodically arranged and duly marked, the evidences on the actual posting and publication of the Notice of Public Hearing consisting of certifications issued to that effect, signed by the afore-mentioned Mayors or their duly authorized representatives, bearing the seals of their offices, and the affidavits of the Editor or Business Managers of the newspapers where the said Notice of Public Hearing were published together with the complete issues of the said newspapers, and such other proofs of compliance with the requirements of the Commission.

NPC-SPUG 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:

- (a) A summary of admitted facts and proposed stipulation of facts;
- (b) The issues to be tried or resolved;
- (c) The documents or exhibits to be presented, stating the purposes thereof and proposed markings therefore; and
- (d) The number and names of the witnesses, with their written testimonies in an individual affidavit form, to be attached to the Pre-Trial Brief.

Failure of NPC-SPUG to submit the required Pre-Trial Brief and Judicial Affidavits of its witnesses 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.

As part of the pre-trial conference, NPC-SPUG must also be prepared to make an expository presentation on its 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, what the application is all about and the reasons and justifications being cited in support of the approval prayed for.

**SO ORDERED.**

Pasig City, May 26, 2009.

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All persons who have an interest in the subject matter of the proceeding may become a party by filing, at least five (5) days prior to the initial hearing and subject to the requirements in the ERC's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a verified petition with the Commission giving the docket number and title of the proceeding and stating: (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.

All other persons who may want their views known to the Commission with respect to the subject matter of the proceeding may file their opposition to the application or comment thereon at any stage of the proceeding before the applicant concludes the presentation of its evidence. No particular form of opposition or comment is required, but the document, letter or writing should contain the name and address of such person and a concise statement of the opposition or comment and the grounds relied upon.

All such persons who may wish to have a copy of the application may request the applicant, prior to the date of the initial hearing, that they be furnished with a copy of the application. The applicant is hereby directed to furnish all those making a request with copies of the application and its attachments, subject to reimbursement of reasonable photocopying costs. Likewise, any such person may examine the application and other pertinent records filed with the Commission during the usual office hours.

WITNESS, the Honorable Commissioners, **ALEJANDRO Z. BARIN**,  
**MARIA TERESA A.R. CASTAÑEDA**, and **JOSE C. REYES**, Energy Regulatory  
Commission, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 2009 at Pasig City.

  
**ATTY. FRANCIS SATURNINO C. JUAN**  
Executive Director III

  
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