

Republic of the Philippines  
**ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
Pasig City

**IN THE MATTER OF THE  
APPLICATION FOR  
APPROVAL OF THE  
EMERGENCY POWER  
SUPPLY AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN ENERGY  
DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION AND  
NORTHERN SAMAR  
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,  
INC., WITH MOTION FOR  
CONFIDENTIAL  
TREATMENT OF  
INFORMATION**

**ERC CASE NO. 2024-015 RC**

**ENERGY DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION (EDC) AND  
NORTHERN SAMAR  
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,  
INC. (NORSAMELCO),**

*Applicants.*

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**Promulgated:**  
February 02, 2024

**NOTICE OF VIRTUAL HEARING**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:**

Notice is hereby given that on 31 January 2024, Energy Development Corporation (EDC) and Northern Samar Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NORSAMELCO) filed a *Joint Application* dated 04 August 2023, seeking the Commission's approval of their Emergency Power Supply Agreement (EPSA), with motion for confidential treatment of information.

The pertinent allegations in the *Joint Application* are hereunder quoted, as follows:

1. Applicant NORSAMELCO is a non-stock, non-profit electric cooperative duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Philippines, with principal office at Barangay

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Magsaysay, Bobon, Northern Samar, Philippines, where it may be served with summons and other legal processes. NORSAMELCO is represented here by its Task Force Northern Samar Board President, JOEY L. TALON, who has been authorized by its Board of Directors to file the Joint Application as evidenced by the Board Resolution dated September 29, 2022, attached hereto as Annex "B-1".

2. Applicant EDC is a generation company duly organized, incorporated and registered under and by virtue of the laws of the Philippines, with principal office at Rockwell Business Center Tower 3, Ortigas Avenue, Pasig City, represented in this instance by its Vice President, Marvin Kenneth S. Bailon, who has been authorized by its Board of Directors to file the Joint Application as evidenced by the Secretary's Certificate dated October 13, 2022, attached hereto as Annex "D-1".

2.1 EDC, as a generation company, falls within the ambit of Sections 6 and 29 of Republic Act No. 9136 or the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001 ("EPIRA").

2.2 Pursuant to the Honorable Commission's Resolution No. 02, Series of 2015 requiring distribution utilities and generation companies to jointly file applications for the approval of power supply agreements, EDC has joined in this Application as a co-applicant.

2.3 While EDC is a co-applicant, it manifests that this Joint Application shall neither modify, diminish, nor constitute as a waiver of EDC's rights nor expand its obligations and responsibilities as a generation company under the EPIRA.

3. Applicant NORSAMELCO is the exclusive franchise holder to own and operate a system for the distribution of electricity in the City/Municipalities of San Isidro, Victoria, Allen, Lavezares, Rosario, San Jose, Bobon, Lope de Vega, Mondragon, Catarman, San Vicente, Capul, San Antonio, Biri, San Roque, Pambujan, Silvino Lobos, Laoang, Catubig, Las Navas, Palapag, Mapanas, Gamay, Lapinig, all in the Province of Northern Samar.

4. Applicant EDC owns and operates the approximately 592.33 MW Unified Leyte Geothermal Power Plant located in the Ormoc City and Kananga, Leyte ("Plant").

5. The Joint Applicants may be served with the orders, notices, and other processes of the Honorable Commission through their respective undersigned counsels at the address indicated herein.

#### NATURE OF THE APPLICATION

6. This is a Joint Application for the approval of the Emergency Power Supply Agreement ("EPSA") entered into by and between NORSAMELCO and EDC dated November 10, 2022, being submitted to this Honorable Commission for its review and approval.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

7. NORSAMELCO is in immediate need of a 2MW contracted capacity for around one (1) year<sup>1</sup>. To maintain an uninterrupted and reliable power supply due to a high level of supply deficit of at least 2MW, NORSAMELCO decided to source the needed power at affordable and cheaper generation rates to help minimize the exposure of its customer to the volatile Wholesale Electricity Spot Market (“WESM”) prices.

8. Pursuant to Department of Energy (“DOE”) Department Circular 2018-02-003, as amended by DC 2021-09-0030, NORSAMELCO is allowed to enter into a negotiated procurement of emergency electric power supply agreements with a generation company for a period not exceeding one (1) year, subject to such terms and conditions provided under Section 2.2.1.2 of DC 2021-09-0030.

9. NORSAMELCO wrote to the DOE requesting for the issuance of Certificate of Exemption for a negotiated procurement of 2MW emergency power supply from EDC. The Letter expressed NORSAMELCO’s urgent need for supply of electricity due to circumstances beyond the control of NORSAMELCO, and the limited time to conduct the said Competitive Selection Process (“CSP”).

10. On 31 August 2022, the DOE, in response to NORSAMELCO’s letter-request, issued Certificate of Exemption No. COE-CSP-2022-08-034, exempting it from the conduct of the CSP for the procurement of emergency electric power supply.

11. In view of NORSAMELCO’s supply deficit of at least 2MW for the period of 26 August 2022 to 25 August 2023, based on its Supply-Demand Scenario, and to protect its consumers from high electricity prices, NORSAMELCO solicited for emergency power supply for one (1) year.

12. In response to NORSAMELCO’s demand, EDC has offered to supply a portion of the emergency electric power supply requirements of NORSAMELCO at a rate equivalent to or lower than the ERC-approved generation tariff for the same or similar technology in comparable areas, and NORSAMELCO accepted the offer of EDC. Applicants executed the subject Emergency Power Supply Agreement (“EPSA”) for the supply of 2 MW emergency power supply to NORSAMELCO<sup>2</sup>.

**ABSTRACT OF THE POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT AND  
RELATED INFORMATION**

13. Under the EPSA, EDC shall supply power to NORSAMELCO for the term of the Cooperation Period, or unless

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<sup>1</sup> Under the EPSA, the term shall end on the last day of the Cooperation Period, which shall not be later than the date prescribed by the DOE in the Certificate of Exemption; both the EPSA and the Certificate of Exemption provide for the period of 26 August 2022 to 25 August 2023.

<sup>2</sup> NORSAMELCO and EDC executed a letter confirming that the Contracted Capacity for supply under DOE Certificate of Exemption No. COE-CSP-2023-08-031 is 2MW.

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sooner terminated pursuant to the EPSA, with a Contracted Capacity of 2MW.<sup>3</sup>

- 13.1 Supply of Electricity – EDC shall make available to NORSAMELCO the Contracted Capacity from the Power Plant and/or Other Sources throughout the duration of the Cooperation Period, subject to Section 2.2.1 of the EPSA. The Parties agree that EDC shall have no obligation to supply more than the Contracted Capacity to NORSAMELCO. NORSAMELCO shall submit to EDC the week-ahead and day-ahead Daily Generation Schedule. NORSAMELCO shall purchase and EDC shall supply, for each Billing Month in accordance with Nomination and Dispatch Protocol.
- 13.2 Purchase of Electricity – NORSAMELCO is obliged to purchase the Minimum Contracted Energy throughout the duration of the Cooperation Period.
- 13.3 Start of Supply of Electricity – The supply of electricity by EDC and acceptance by NORSAMELCO shall start no later than Initial Delivery Date which shall mark the beginning of the Cooperation Period or such earlier date as the Parties may mutually agree upon in writing, and the satisfaction of the conditions precedent under Section 11 of the EPSA.
- 13.4 Electricity Fees – Electricity fees shall refer to 5.8798 PhP/kWh for the billing period August 26, 2022 to December 25, 2022. Beginning January 2023 billing period, the Electricity Fee shall be in accordance with the formula in Schedule 3, multiplied by (a) the Minimum Contracted Energy corresponding for the applicable billing period or (b) BCQ, whichever is higher. In relation to the supply of electricity, it is understood that any charges, costs, expenses, and fees that may be charged to, incurred and/or assumed by EDC or otherwise imposed by NGCP, any Governmental Authority or any third party, for transmission and/or Ancillary Services and other related services in connection with the delivery of electricity under the EPSA shall be paid by NORSAMELCO.

**RATE IMPACT ANALYSIS**

14. NORSAMELCO simulated a rate impact analysis which resulted in a PhP 1.3969/kWh decrease with the execution of the EPSA with EDC, as can be seen below:

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<sup>3</sup> Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the EPSA.

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	Weighted Average Rate (kWh)
NORSAMELCO rate: WITHOUT EPSA	11.7310
NORSAMELCO rate: WITH EPSA	10.3341
Generation Impact: Increase /(Decrease)	(1.3969)

**OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS**

15. To substantiate the instant application, Applicants most respectfully submit to the Honorable Commission the following documents:

ANNEX	DOCUMENTS
A	Articles of Incorporation of NORSAMELCO
B	List of Board of Directors and Board Members and related ultimate parent company, subsidiaries and affiliates of NORSAMELCO
B-1	Board Resolution of Authorized Representative of NORSAMELCO
B-2	Board Resolution of Counsel of NORSAMELCO
C	Certificate of Incorporation of EDC and other relevant past Articles of Incorporation and By-laws
C-1	Latest Amended Articles of Incorporation of EDC
C-2	Latest Amended By-laws of EDC
D	General Information Sheet of EDC
D-1	Secretary's Certificate of EDC
D-2	Special Power of Attorney of EDC
E	Board of Investments Certificate of Registration
F	Environmental Compliance Certificate
G-series	Certificate of Compliance and/or Provisional Authority to Operate
H-series	DOE Certificates of Endorsement

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I*	Renewable Energy Service Contracts
J	Certificate of Registration or Certificate of Commerciality
K	Rate Impact
L	Single Line Diagram Connection
M	Emergency Power Supply Agreement between NORSAMELCO and EDC
M-1	Letter of NORSAMELCO and EDC clarifying items in the Emergency Power Supply Agreement
N	DOE Certificate of Exemption
N-1	Letters to or from NORSAMELCO
O	Verified Certification in relation to delivery of power in emergency circumstances
P	NGCP Certification on Service Agreement
P-1	Transmission Service Agreement between NGCP and NORSAMELCO
Q	Write up on TSC
Q-1	NGCP Certificate of Adequate Capacity
R	Executive Summary of EPSA
S*	Write up regarding Sources of Funds/Financial Plans, Generation Rate and Derivation, Cash Flow specifying breakdown of costs and expenses
T*	Excel computations regarding Sources of Funds/Financial Plans, Generation Rate and Derivation, Cash Flow specifying breakdown of costs and expenses
U*	Bank Certifications
V*	Sworn statement on fuel procurement
W*	Relevant technical and economic characteristics of generation capacity
X	Supply Demand Scenario
Y	Estimation of Potential for Reduction in Load
Z	Latest Audited Financial Statements
AA	Certification of net heat rate
BB	WESM Registration
CC	Write-up on non-applicable items
CC-1	NORSAMELCO Write-up on Demand Side Management

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CC-2	EDC sample OR
DD	Water Permit from NWRB
EE	NORSAMELCO's Reliability Indices
FF	PSPP and DDP

*\* Subject to Motion for Confidential Treatment of Information*

**COMPLIANCE WITH PRE-FILING REQUIREMENTS**

16. In Compliance with the ERC Rules of Practice and Procedure, Applicants have furnished the Office of the Mayor and Governor and the legislative bodies of the municipality and province wherein the principal place of business of NORSAMELCO is located, a copy of the present Joint Application with all its annexes and accompanying documents. Copies of the Affidavits of Service or the Certifications issued by the Presiding Officer or Secretary of the legislative body and the Office of the Mayor of Bobon and the Presiding Officer or Secretary of the legislative body and the Office of the Governor of Northern Samar, or from their duly authorized representatives, attesting to the fact of service of the Application are attached hereto as Annexes "GG" to "GG-3", respectively.

17. Likewise, a copy of the present Joint Application with all its annexes and accompanying documents was furnished to the City of Pasig where EDC's principal place of business is located and to Ormoc City, Kananga, and Province of Leyte as EDC's place of operation. Copies of the certification of receipt from and/or affidavits of service to the the Presiding Officer or Secretary of the legislative body and the Office of the Mayor of the City of Pasig City, and the place of operation in Ormoc City and Kananga, and the Province of Leyte, or from their duly authorized representatives attesting to the fact of service are attached hereto as Annexes "HH" to "HH-7".

18. Applicants have also caused the publication of the present Joint Application in a newspaper of general circulation within the Franchise Area of NORSAMELCO. Copies of the corresponding duly notarized Affidavit of Publication and the newspaper publication are attached hereto as Annexes "II" and "JJ", respectively.

**REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF INFORMATION**

19. Applicants respectfully request that the information in the following documents be treated as confidential in nature:

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ANNEX	DOCUMENTS
I	Renewable Energy Service Contract
S	Write up regarding Sources of Funds/Financial Plans, Generation Rate and Derivation, Cash Flow specifying breakdown of costs and expenses
T	Excel computations regarding Sources of Funds/Financial Plans, Generation Rate and Derivation, Cash Flow specifying breakdown of costs and expenses
U	Bank Certifications
V	Sworn statement on fuel procurement
W	Relevant technical and economic characteristics of generation capacity

20. Applicants treat the above-mentioned documents, such as related agreements, sources of funds/financial plans, certifications from bank/lending institutions, generation rate and derivation, cash flow, description of power plant, and steam sales agreement, as not generally available to the public on a non-confidential basis, as the same involve trade secrets reflecting investment and business calculations and the Parties are similarly bound to third parties to keep the information and documents confidential.

21. This request is likewise being made by virtue of Section 1 (b), Rule 4 of the ERC Rules of Practice and Procedure under which the Honorable Commission may, upon request of a party and a determination of the existence of conditions which would warrant such remedy, treat certain information submitted to it as confidential.

**PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, premises considered, Applicants EDC AND NORSAMELCO respectfully pray of this Honorable Commission the following:

- a. After due hearing, render a decision approving with finality the EPSA subject of the instant Joint Application, thereby confirming the rates in the EPSA as implemented by the Applicants; and
- b. Issue an Order declaring the documents, and the information therein, duly marked as Annexes "I", "S", "T", "U", "V" and "W" as confidential information, within the purview of Rule 4 of the ERC Rules, thereby directing the same to be treated with confidentiality and be protected from public disclosure.

Other reliefs, just and equitable under the premises, are likewise prayed for.



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The Commission hereby sets the instant *Joint Application* for determination of compliance with the jurisdictional requirements, expository presentation, Pre-Trial Conference, and presentation of evidence on the following dates and online platform for the conduct thereof, pursuant to Resolution No. 09, Series of 2020<sup>4</sup> and Resolution No. 01, Series of 2021<sup>5</sup> (ERC Revised Rules of Practice and Procedure):

<b>Date</b>	<b>Platform</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>20 March 2024</b> (Wednesday) at two o'clock in the afternoon (2:00 P.M.)	<b>Microsoft Teams Application</b>	Determination of compliance with jurisdictional requirements and expository presentation
<b>27 March 2024</b> (Wednesday) at two o'clock in the afternoon (2:00 P.M.)		Pre-Trial Conference and presentation of evidence

Accordingly, EDC and NORSAMELCO are directed to host the virtual hearings at **Barangay Magsaysay, Bobon, Northern Samar**, as the designated venue for the conduct thereof, and ensure that the same is open to the public and the community quarantine guidelines are observed at all times. EDC and NORSAMELCO shall guarantee that, during the conduct of the expository presentation, the participation of the public shall not be impaired.

Any interested stakeholder may submit its comments and/or clarifications **at least one (1) calendar day** prior to the scheduled initial virtual hearing, via electronic mail (e-mail) at [docket@erc.ph](mailto:docket@erc.ph), and copy furnish the Legal Service through [legal@erc.ph](mailto:legal@erc.ph). 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, any person who has an interest in the subject matter of the instant case may become a party by filing with the Commission via e-mail at [docket@erc.ph](mailto:docket@erc.ph), and copy furnishing the Legal Service through [legal@erc.ph](mailto:legal@erc.ph), a verified Petition to Intervene **at least five (5) calendar days** prior to the date of the initial virtual hearing. The verified Petition to Intervene must follow the requirements under Rule

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<sup>4</sup> A Resolution Adopting the Guidelines Governing Electronic Applications, Filings and Virtual Hearings Before the Energy Regulatory Commission.

<sup>5</sup> A Resolution Adopting the Revised Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Energy Regulatory Commission.

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9 of the ERC Revised Rules of Practice and Procedure, indicate therein the docket number and title of the case, and state the following:

- 1) The petitioner's name, mailing address, and e-mail 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.

Likewise, all other persons who may want their views known to the Commission with respect to the subject matter of the case may file through e-mail at [docket@erc.ph](mailto:docket@erc.ph), and copy furnish the Legal Service through [legal@erc.ph](mailto:legal@erc.ph), their Opposition or Comment thereon **at least five (5) calendar days** prior to the initial virtual hearing. Rule 9 of the ERC Revised Rules of Practice and Procedure shall govern. No particular form of Opposition or Comment is required, but the document, letter, or writing should contain the following:

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

All interested parties filing their Petition to Intervene, Opposition or Comment are required to submit the hard copies thereof through personal service, registered mail or ordinary mail/private courier, **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.

Any of the persons mentioned in the preceding paragraphs may access the copy of the *Joint Application* on the Commission's official website at [www.erc.gov.ph](http://www.erc.gov.ph).

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Finally, all interested persons may be allowed to join the scheduled virtual hearings by providing the Commission, thru [legal.virtualhearings@erc.ph](mailto:legal.virtualhearings@erc.ph), their respective e-mail addresses and indicating therein the case number of the instant *Joint Application*. The Commission will send the access link/s to the aforementioned hearing platform within five (5) working days prior to the scheduled hearings.

**WITNESS**, the Honorable Commissioners **ALEXIS M. LUMBATAN, CATHERINE P. MACEDA, FLORESINDA G. BALDO-DIGAL**, and **MARKO ROMEO L. FUENTES**, Energy Regulatory Commission, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2024 in Pasig City.

  
**MONALISA C. DIMALANTA**  
*Chairperson and CEO*

  
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