



FOREWORD

by the Secretary

“Ignorantia juris non excusat”

The Philippine energy sector has undergone significant structural transformations over the years.

Vital up to date developments including policies and programs to guide the government, stakeholders and consumers alike in making informed energy choices is now collaboratively synergized.

The Department of Energy (DOE) is proud to present the updated Second Edition of the Compendium of Energy Laws to the public, a comprehensive reference on the various Republic Acts, Protocols and Directives to guide the DOE, its attached agencies especially the upstream and downstream industry about the dynamics of the participation and responsibilities of each energy player.

I commend the invaluable efforts of the DOE-Legal Services and their partners in gathering all these in one compilation.

This publication is tangible proof of the continuing productive growth of meeting the needs of those serviced and those supplying power.

Patriotically, let us explore more ways to raise the quality of life of our Kababayans.

Para sa Lupang Hinirang.

Maraming salamat po.


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PREFACE

by the Supervising Assistant Secretary for Legal Services

The compendium of energy laws, rules, regulations and other issuances is a helpful tool to guide all industry players, relevant government entities, practitioners and the general public. While the Department of Energy (DOE) continues to craft relevant rules and regulations in the exercise of its policy making power, the compendium's density shows the sheer volume of laws, rules and regulations that are existing currently being implemented.

But what seems to be the missing link to fully achieve the common objectives of these issuances? It is the conscious and concerted effort of all stakeholders to at all times act in accord with their respective mandates.

The policy making body, the regulator and all relevant government entities must work in unison and ensure that their duties are faithfully performed. Industry players must fully comply with their corporate, environmental and social obligations without sacrificing compliance with regulatory standards.

At the end of the day, regardless of our affiliation, we are all consumers. Filling the missing link will work to our advantage because if we fail individually, we fail as a whole. A miss is as good as a mile.

This publication is a product of the resourcefulness and hardwork of the DOE Legal Services, and the hope is that this project will serve its avowed purpose of providing everyone the necessary information as to the legal aspect of energy development in the Philippines.


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