



Republic of the Philippines  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**  
(Kagawaran ng Enerhiya)

DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. DO2023-05-0013

**RECONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS (NG-TWGs) FOR THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL ENERGY BOARD (IEB)**

**WHEREAS**, the IEB Co-Chairpersons<sup>1</sup> during the IEB meetings on 03 September 2020, 01 December 2021, and 03 March 2023 agreed on the creation of the Technical Working Groups (TWGs) to cater to the different facilities and services of the Department of Energy (DOE), resolve issues within the respective functions and capacitate the respective counterparts in the Bangsamoro Government (BG);

**WHEREAS**, in accordance therewith, the DOE issued the following Orders designating the members of the TWGs:

1. Special Order (SO) No. SO2021-11-0051, titled "Designating the Members of the National Government Technical Working Group for the Joint Exploration, Development, and Utilization (JEDU) of Natural Resources in the Bangsamoro Region"; and
2. Department Order (DO) No. DO2020-12-0014, titled "Designating the Members of the National Government Technical Working Group on the Privatization of the Agus-Pulangi Hydropower Complex and Other Power Related Issues in the Bangsamoro Region" (the TWG was later renamed as Power and Electrification TWG).

**WHEREAS**, cognizant of the turnover of officials in the DOE, the composition of members in the NG-TWGs for the IEB require updating and/or reconstitution;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, the following are hereby ordered:

**Section 1. Designation of Representatives for the Respective TWGs.**

**1.1 Upstream Conventional Energy Resource Development TWG (UCERD-TWG)**

- Lead : Undersecretary supervising the Energy Resource Development Bureau (ERDB)
- Alternate Lead: Director, ERDB  
Assistant Director, ERDB
- Members : Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA)  
Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)

<sup>1</sup> Represented by Agency Head or Alternate Representative from the Department of Budget and Management and Department of Energy

## **1.2 Power and Electrification TWG (PE-TWG)**

- Lead : Undersecretary supervising the Electric Power Industry Management Bureau (EPIMB)
- Alternate Lead : Assistant Secretary supervising EPIMB Director, EPIMB
- Members : MinDA  
Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC)  
National Electrification Administration (NEA)  
Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation (PSALM)  
National Power Corporation (NPC)  
National Transmission Corporation (TransCo)

## **1.3 Energy Planning TWG (EP-TWG)** shall be composed of the following representatives:

- Lead : Director, Energy Policy and Planning Bureau (EPPB)
- Alternate Lead : Division Chief, Planning Division, EPPB
- Members : DOE Mindanao Field Office (MFO)  
MinDA  
National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)

## **1.4 Renewable Energy Development and Utilization TWG (REDU-TWG)** shall be composed of the following representatives:

- Lead : Assistant Secretary supervising the Renewable Energy Management Bureau (REMB)
- Alternate Lead : Director, REMB
- Members : DOE MFO  
DENR  
DILG  
MinDA

## **1.5 Downstream Oil and Gas TWG (DOG-TWG)** shall be composed of the following representatives:

- Lead : Director, Oil Industry Management Bureau (OIMB)
- Alternate Lead : Assistant Director, OIMB
- Members : DOE MFO  
DENR  
DILG

Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)  
MinDA

**1.6 Energy Efficiency and Conservation TWG (EEC-TWG)** shall be composed of the following representatives:

Lead : Director, Energy Utilization Management Bureau (EUMB)

Alternate Lead : Assistant Director, EUMB

Members : DOE MFO  
DENR  
DILG  
Department of Science and Technology (DOST)  
DTI  
MinDA

**1.7 Energy Investment Regulations and Processes TWG (EIRP-TWG)** shall be composed of the following representatives:

Lead : Chief, Investment Promotion Office (IPO)

Alternate Lead : Supervising SRS, IPO

Members : DOE MFO  
Department of Finance (DOF)  
DENR  
DILG  
DTI  
MinDA  
NEDA

**1.8 Small-Scale Coal Mining Industry TWG (SSCMI-TWG)** shall be composed of the following representatives:

Lead : Director, MFO

Members : Division Chief, MFO  
DOF  
DENR  
DILG  
DTI  
MinDA  
NEDA

For purposes of quorum and to ensure continuity of proceedings and performance of functions, the Leads and Members of each TWG shall designate their respective alternates to act on their behalf during any meeting of the TWG.



**Section 2. Functions and Responsibilities of the TWGs.** The TWGs shall provide technical assistance and policy recommendations to the NG-IEB for the effective implementation of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL), specifically:

- 2.1 UCERD-TWG:** On the joint exercise of the power to grant rights, privileges, and concessions over the exploration, development, and utilization of uranium and fossil fuels such as petroleum, natural gas, and coal (excluding those that pertain to the small-scale mining industry) in the territorial jurisdiction of the Bangsamoro pursuant to Section 10 of Article XIII of Republic Act (RA) No. 11054 and the resolution of related issues in the Bangsamoro areas.
- 2.2 PE-TWG:** On the (1) Transfer of powers, functions, and responsibilities of the DOE EPIMB to their counterpart in the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Energy (MENRE), subject to the limitations but with full consideration of the provisions of the BOL; (2) Privatization of Agus-Pulangi Hydropower Complex and resolution of power issues; (3) Transfer of management of electric cooperatives located in Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) jurisdiction; (4) Management of electricity supply from the Independent Power Producer (IPP) and WESM-Mindanao; and, (5) Other related issues and concerns.
- 2.3 EP-TWG:** On the preparation of the energy plan and sharing, updating, and maintenance of socioeconomic indicators and energy database.
- 2.4 REDU-TWG:** On the (1) Transfer of powers, functions, and responsibilities of the DOE REMB pursuant to Section 32 of RA 9513 or the "*Renewable Energy Act of 2008*" to its counterpart in the Bangsamoro government; (2) Enforcement and administration of Section 31 (Incentives for RE Host Communities/LGUs) of RA 9513; (3) Issuance of Renewable Energy Service Contract (and Operating Contract) for the exclusive right to explore and develop a particular area; and, (4) Implementation and enforcement of the RE Policy Mechanisms pursuant to the RE Act such as the Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS), Green Energy Auction Program (GEAP), and Green Energy Option Program (GEOP), among others.
- 2.5 DOG-TWG:** On the implementation and supervision of the non-pricing aspect of RA 8479 or the "*Downstream Oil Deregulation Act of 1998*" pursuant to Section 2(o) of the IEB Terms of Reference (TOR), as follows:

"Product quality and quantity monitoring through sampling and testing at the various levels of product distribution facilities, i.e., bulk depots down to the retail outlets; monitor the process of marketing the local and imported petroleum products; the process in granting of registration to downstream oil activities and facilities (i.e., refinery, import terminals, depots, retail stations, etc.), among others."
- 2.6 EEC-TWG:** On the implementation of RA 11285 or the "*Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act*".



**2.7 EIRP-TWG:** On the promotion of energy investments in the Bangsamoro Region pursuant to Section 2 (d) of RA 11054, particularly to identify policies to assist the BG in the promotion of investments in energy and power generation sector, both domestic and international, and in the implementation of RA 11234 or the "*Energy Virtual One Stop Shop (EVOSS) Act*" and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

**2.8 SSCMI-TWG:** On the joint exercise of the power to grant rights, privileges, and concessions over the exploration, development, and utilization of small-scale coal mining industry in the territorial jurisdiction of the Bangsamoro pursuant to Section 10 of Article XIII of RA 11054 and the resolution of related issues in the Bangsamoro areas.

The TWGs shall likewise perform such other tasks as may be directed by the NG-IEB.

**Section 3. Resource Persons.** The above TWGs shall be supported by the different bureaus, offices, and services of the DOE, including the offices of the Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries. The TWGs may also invite resource persons from other government agencies or the private sector as necessary.

**Section 4. TWG Secretariat.** Each TWG shall create its own Technical Secretariat as may be necessary.

**Section 5. Funding.** The funding requirements for the activities of the TWGs may be sourced from the funds of the DOE, subject to applicable accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Expenses incurred by representatives from other agencies in carrying out their undertakings and obligations in their designated TWGs shall be shouldered by their respective agencies.

**Section 6. Separability Clause.** If for any reason, any provision of this Order is declared unconstitutional or invalid, such part not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 7. Repealing Clause.** All orders and issuances inconsistent with this DO are hereby amended, modified, or superseded accordingly.

**Section 8. Effectivity.** This DO shall take effect immediately upon its issuance and shall remain in effect until modified or revoked in writing by the undersigned or any competent authority.

Issued this \_\_\_\_ May 2023 at the DOE, Energy Center, Rizal Drive cor. 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City.

  
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Secretary



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