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

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DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. DO2025-07-0011

DESIGNATING THE AREA OF OPERATION OF THE FIELD OFFICES

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 7638, as amended, otherwise known as the "*Department of Energy Act of 1992,*" declares the policy of the State to ensure a continuous, adequate, and economic supply of energy through judicious conservation, renewal, and efficient utilization of energy to support national development goals;

WHEREAS, under Section 8(d) of RA No. 7638, as amended, the Secretary of Energy is empowered to create regional offices and such other service units and divisions as may be necessary, while Section 12 of the same Act authorizes, with the approval of the President, the reorganization, restructuring, and redefinition of the functions of the bureaus and services of the Department for the effective discharge of its powers and functions;

WHEREAS, on 23 August 2002, Administrative Order (AO) No. 38 was issued to implement institutional strengthening of the Department of Energy (DOE) and pertinently provides that *"the existing Visayas and Mindanao Field Offices shall be expanded to include Luzon Field Offices. The operatives of these field offices shall be the immediate representatives of the Department of Energy in said field offices for the implementation of its policies, plans, programs, and regulations therein."*

WHEREAS, Sections 6 and 7(3), Book IV, Chapter 2 of Executive Order No. 292, s. 1987, or the Administrative Code of 1987, grant the Secretary supervision and control over the Department, including the authority to issue orders necessary to carry out its functions, objectives, and ensure organizational efficiency;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the mandates of AO No. 38, the DOE issued Department Order (DO) No. DO2009-05-008, which established and operationalized the Luzon Field Office (LFO);

WHEREAS, taking into consideration the existing manpower complements and available resources, the DOE issued DO No. DO2012-06-0013, limiting the areas of operation of the LFO to the following regions: Region I, Region II, Region III, and Cordillera Autonomous Region;

WHEREAS, in the interest of public service and to ensure a more prompt, efficient, and effective performance of functions, the DOE issued DO No. DO2018-03-004 operationalizing the devolution of technical and general functions to the Field Offices (FOs) in accordance with the principles of decentralization, closer engagement with local stakeholders, and the need to strengthen regional presence;

WHEREAS, the evolving energy landscape and increasing regional demands necessitate the continued strengthening of the DOE's institutional presence across all

regions of the country, ensuring that energy development, regulation, and consumer protection are effectively and equitably delivered in support of national and local development objectives;

WHEREAS, there is a need to formally delineate and designate the geographical areas of responsibility of each FO to enhance coordination, avoid overlaps, and ensure accountability in the implementation of DOE mandates and programs in the regions;

WHEREAS, in line with the DOE's whole-of-government and whole-of-nation approach to governance, there is a need to institutionalize mechanisms for convergence between the Central Office Bureaus and Services and the FOs to promote alignment, synergy, and knowledge-sharing across organizational units; and

WHEREAS, the designation of clear areas of operation and responsibilities is aligned with the DOE's ongoing organizational strengthening and strategic planning efforts to enhance operational efficiency, regional coordination, and institutional accountability in the delivery of energy services.

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

Section 1. Areas of Operation (AOR). The following FOs shall serve as the DOE's immediate representatives in the implementation of its policies, plans, programs, and regulations within their respective geographical areas:

a. **Luzon Field Office (LFO)**
   Areas of Operation: Regions I (Ilocos), II (Cagayan Valley), III (Central Luzon), and the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR);

b. **Visayas Field Office (VFO)**
   Areas of Operation: Regions VI (Western Visayas), VII (Central Visayas), and VIII (Eastern Visayas), and the Negros Island Region (NIR);

c. **Mindanao Field Office (MFO)**
   Areas of Operation: Regions IX (Zamboanga Peninsula), X (Northern Mindanao), XI (Davao Region), XII (SOCSKSARGEN), and XIII (CARAGA), and other areas in Mindanao not covered by the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

To ensure consistency and alignment of national energy plans, programs, and policies, the concerned Central Office Bureaus and Services, including the MFO, may still conduct relevant joint activities within BARMM, pursuant to the Intergovernmental Relations mechanism agreements, as part of the ongoing capacity building and the transition in the devolution of functions from the National Government to the Bangsamoro Government.

Section 2. Functional Scope. The FOs shall discharge the functions enumerated in relevant laws, rules, and other issuances within their respective areas of operation.

Section 3. Areas Excluded in the AOR of FOs. The following areas shall remain under the direct operational jurisdiction of the Central Office:

a. National Capital Region (NCR);
b. Region IV-A (CALABARZON);
c. Region IV-B (MIMAROPA); and
d. Region V (Bicol Region).

Section 4. Convergence. The DOE shall institutionalize regular convergence mechanisms between Central Office Bureaus and Services and the FOs to ensure programmatic alignment, policy coherence, and knowledge transfer. All Bureaus and Services shall:

a. Develop joint annual work and financial programs, including implementation plans, in coordination with the FOs;

b. Provide technical and administrative support as needed for field-level implementation;

c. Ensure timely communication and feedback mechanisms between the Central Office and the FOs;

d. Participate in field validation missions, monitoring activities, and capacity development initiatives; and

e. Ensure the access of FOs to project monitoring databases and other information from the concerned Central Office units, subject to existing rules and regulations on data sharing.

The Supervising Undersecretary/Assistant Secretary for FOs shall oversee the coordination and performance monitoring of the FOs and ensure effective convergence with Central Office units.

Section 5. Separability. If, for any reason, any section or provision of this DO is declared unconstitutional or invalid, such parts not affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

Section 6. Repeal. All DOs and other issuances inconsistent with this DO are hereby modified or repealed accordingly.

Section 7. Effectivity. This DO shall take effect immediately upon its issuance and shall remain in effect unless sooner modified or revoked by the undersigned or any competent authority.

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