DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. DO2025-08-0015

CREATING AN AD HOC TASK FORCE ON SONA DIRECTIVES FOR OFF-GRID SUPPLY SECURITY AND PRESCRIBING ITS FUNCTIONS AND COMPOSITION

Pursuant to its mandates under Republic Act No. 9136, or the *Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001* (EPIRA); Republic Act No. 9513, or the *Renewable Energy Act of 2008* (RE Act); Republic Act No. 11646, or the *Microgrid Systems Act*, and in faithful compliance with the directive of the President during the State of the Nation Address (SONA) delivered on 28 July 2025, the Department of Energy (DOE) hereby constitutes the **Ad Hoc Task Force on SONA Directives: Off-Grid Supply Security**, to be known as the **TFSD – OGSS**.

The TFSD – OGSS shall serve as the focal body within the DOE for overseeing and driving the implementation of initiatives on off-grid supply security, pursuant to the SONA directives. It shall proactively monitor, assess, and coordinate efforts to ensure reliable electricity service and address supply disruptions in off-grid areas and other underserved islands. The TFSD – OGSS shall likewise undertake such other actions as may be necessary to implement the SONA directives and achieve the program's objectives, in accordance with the DOE's mandates under existing laws.

I. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The program aims to ensure reliable, sufficient, and resilient electricity supply for priority off-grid areas and underserved islands through the continuous monitoring of supply and demand conditions, coordinated action with national and local stakeholders, and contingency planning for fuel shortages and generation, transmission or distribution-related disruptions.

It also seeks to develop and implement policy and infrastructure measures to close supply gaps, rehabilitate or upgrade existing facilities, and strengthen compliance with reliability standards, while prioritizing renewable energy integration and microgrid deployment, as provided under the Microgrid Systems Act and RE Act.

II. COMPOSITION

Accordingly, in the exigency of service and in line with the implementation of the above program, the following personnel are hereby designated to constitute the TFSD – OGSS:

Heads

Undersecretary	Chairperson
Assistant Secretary	Vice Chairperson

Members

Director, Electric Power Industry Management Bureau (EPIMB)
Representative from EPIMB
Representative from Renewable Energy Management Bureau (REMB)
Representative from Energy Policy and Planning Bureau (EPPB)
Representative from Energy Utilization Management Bureau (EUMB)
Representative from Investment Promotion Office (IPO)
Representative from Legal Services (LS)
Representative form the Office of the Secretary (OSEC)

Without prejudice to its functions, the **EPIMB – Power Planning and Development Division (PPDD)** shall act as the TFSD – OGSS **Secretariat**.

The designated personnel shall perform their assigned roles and responsibilities in addition to their regular duties and functions, and shall ensure the efficient and timely implementation of the programs herein, in accordance with existing government rules, regulations, and guidelines

III. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The TF-OGSS shall have the following roles and responsibilities:

1. **Supply Monitoring and Assessment**
   Conduct supply-demand assessments for off-grid areas, including fuel supply inventory, power generation adequacy, and the capacity and readiness of transmission and distribution infrastructure.

2. **Coordination and Collaboration**
   Serve as the DOE's central coordinating body with relevant government agencies such as the National Power Corporation (NPC), National Electrification Administration (NEA), National Transmission Corporation (TransCo), Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC), local governments units (LGUs), electric cooperatives (ECs), private distribution utilities (DUs), and other stakeholders for off-grid supply security, including infrastructure readiness and reliability.

3. **Contingency & Emergency Planning**
   Develop and oversee the implementation of contingency plans, including rapid deployment protocols in cases of supply interruptions, fuel shortages, transmission or distribution line failures, or infrastructure emergencies.

4. **Policy and Program Development**
   Develop and recommend policy interventions and program enhancements to address supply gaps and promote sustainable and resilient transmission and distributions in off-grid electrification solutions.

5. **Monitoring Compliance**
   Monitor and evaluate compliance of off-grid generation, transmission, and distribution providers with their respective contractual obligations, regulatory mandates, and DOE directives, including system reliability and service quality standards.

6. **Infrastructure Assessment and Rehabilitation**
   Initiate assessments and recommend interventions for the rehabilitation, upgrading, or development of transmission and distribution infrastructure in off-grid areas, in coordination with NEA, TransCo, and DUs.

7. **Reporting**
   Submit regular reports and updates to the OSEC and provide timely situational reports during critical supply events, including transmission and distribution-related incidents affecting off-grid supply reliability.

8. **Other Powers Necessary to Achieve Objectives**
   Exercise all other powers necessary to achieve its objectives, including but not limited to, calling upon any government agency or sector for assistance, and creating sub-committees or special working groups as needed to address specific issues.

IV. EFFECTIVITY

This Department Order shall take effect immediately upon its issuance and shall remain in force unless otherwise revoked in writing by the undersigned or any competent authority.

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