**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO.** DO2025-12-0021

# CREATING AN AD HOC TASK FORCE ON SONA DIRECTIVES FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSUMER EMPOWERMENT 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. 11285, or the *Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act* (EEC 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: Energy Efficiency and Consumer Empowerment**, to be known as the **TFSD – EECE**.

The TFSD – EECE shall serve as the focal body within the DOE for overseeing and driving the implementation of various programs on, pursuant to the SONA directives. It shall ensure the proactive monitoring, assessment, and coordination of initiatives to institutionalize energy efficiency in the public sector, promote clean energy use, reduce electricity costs for consumers, and ensure equitable access to affordable electricity. The TFSD – EECE shall likewise undertake such other actions as may be necessary to implement the SONA directives and achieve the objectives of the relevant programs as described herein, in accordance with the DOE's mandates under existing laws.

## I. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The following programs/projects are hereby integrated:

(a) **Government Energy Management Program (GEMP)** – This initiative aims to institutionalize energy efficiency and conservation in the public sector by providing technical assistance and capacity-building to support the deployment of energy-efficient technologies in partnership with national government agencies (NGAs) and local government units (LGUs):

   (i) **GEMP – Energy Efficiency and Conservation** – the implementation of energy efficiency projects for public buildings, in accordance with the National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plan (NEECP) and the GEMP, thereby enhancing public infrastructure and positioning the public sector as a model for sustainable energy use; and

(ii) **GEMP – Expanded Roof-Top Mounted Solar Program** – the implementation of alternative compliance mechanism to building owners / establishments with their respective obligations under the EEC Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) and the GEMP and identified Government agencies as electricity end-user pursuant to DOE DC No. DC2023-12-0035 or *"Prescribing the Policy and General Framework on the Expanded Roof-Top Mounted Solar Program in the Philippines"*

(b) **Net Metering Advancement Program** – To enable consumers to lower electricity costs and directly participate in renewable energy development, the Net Metering Program shall be advanced by streamlining application and interconnection processes in coordination with LGUs and relevant agencies, thereby facilitating the timely sale of excess power to the grid in accordance with the RE Act and its IRR.

(c) **Lifeline Rate Expansion Program** – In coordination with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), and the National Electrification Administration (NEA), this program aims to extend the coverage of the Lifeline Rate to beneficiaries under Republic Act No. 11310, or the *Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Act,* and those in the National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction (NHTS-PR), otherwise known as the *Listahanan,* in order to achieve a more equitable distribution of the lifeline subsidy.

## II. COMPOSITION

Accordingly, in the exigency of service, the following sub-committees under the TFSD – EECE are created and the corresponding personnel are hereby designated to constitute each sub-committee, as follows:

### A. GEMP – Energy Efficiency and Conservation

**Heads**

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| Co-Chairperson | **Undersecretary Mario C. Marasigan** |
| Co-Chairperson | **Undersecretary Mylene C. Capongcol** |
| Vice-Chairperson | **Dir. Patrick T. Aquino** |

**Members**

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| Representative from Investment Promotions Office (IPO) | **Hazel Jeanne O. Vicencio** |
| Representative from Legal Services (LS) | **OIC-Dir. Rowena Joyce A. Delos Santos**<br>**Atty. Janet G. Padolina** |
| Representative form Office of the Secretary (OSEC) - Technical | **Ferdinand B. Binondo** |
| Representative from OSEC - Legal | **Atty. Natasha Sophia C. Paz** |

## B. GEMP – Expanded Roof-Top Mounted Solar Program

**Heads**

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| Co-Chairperson | **Undersecretary Mario C. Marasigan** |
| Co-Chairperson | **Undersecretary Mylene C. Capongcol** |
| Vice-Chairperson | **Dir. Marissa P. Cerezo** |

**Members**

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| Representative from IPO | **Rowena Grace M. Cudia** |
| Representative from EUMB | **Jimwel M. Balunday** |
| Representative from LS | **OIC-Dir. Rowena Joyce A. Delos Santos**<br>**Atty. Janet G. Padolina** |
| Representative from OSEC - Technical | **Ferdinand B. Binondo** |
| Representative from OSEC - Legal | **Atty. Natasha Sophia C. Paz** |

## C. Net Metering Advancement Program

**Heads**

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| Chairperson | **Undersecretary Mylene C. Capongcol** |
| Vice Chairperson | **Assistant Secretary Sabine Marie Romero** |

**Members**

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| Representative from REMB | **Edward V. Neri**<br>**King Anthony Ting** |
| Representative from LS | **Atty. Fielmor C. Amor** |
| Representative from OSEC - Technical | **Ferdinand B. Binondo** |
| Representative from OSEC - Legal | **Atty. Natasha Sophia C. Paz** |

**D. Lifeline Rate Expansion Program**

**Heads**

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| Chairperson | **Undersecretary Mylene C. Capongcol** |
| Vice Chairperson | **Assistant Secretary Sabine Marie Romero** |

**Members**

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| Representative from Electric Power Industry Management Bureau (EPIMB) | **Antonio S. Barcelona** |
| Representative from LS | **Atty. Dexter John C. Suyat** |
| Representative from OSEC - Technical | **Ferdinand B. Binondo** |
| Representative from OSEC - Legal | **Atty. Natasha Sophia C. Paz** |

Without prejudice to its functions, the **IPO** shall act as the TFSD – EECE **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 TFSD – EECE shall have the following roles and responsibilities:

1. **Program Planning**
   Develop a consolidated implementation framework for the above programs, including timelines, resources, funding requirements, and specific activities across the programs to ensure efficiency and alignment with national policies and objectives.

2. **Coordination and Collaboration**
   Serve as the DOE's central coordinating body with the relevant national government agencies (NGAs), as well as local governments units (LGUs), private distribution utilities (DUs), energy service companies (ESCOs) and other stakeholders for the implementation of the programs.

3. **Policy and Regulatory Support**
   Develop and recommend policies, guidelines, and procedures to facilitate program implementation to ensure energy efficiency in the public sector, promote clean energy use, reduce electricity costs for consumers, and ensure equitable access to affordable electricity.

4. **Monitoring Compliance and Oversight**
   Monitor and evaluate progress and compliance of NGAs, LGUs, DUs, and ESCOs with their respective contractual obligations, regulatory mandates, and DOE directives.

5. **Data Management**
   Establish and maintain program-specific databases to track performance indicators and milestones, and consolidate data from partner agencies or entities.

6. **Reporting**
   Submit regular reports and updates to the Office of the Secretary, highlighting accomplishments, challenges, and recommended actions, maintaining transparency in program implementation.

7. **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, creation of sub-committees or special working groups as needed to address specific issues.

The outputs, recommendations and deliverables of the TFSD – EECE shall constitute complete staff work within the Task Force. All outputs of the TFSD – EECE shall not be subject to review, clearance, or further technical evaluation by other bureaus, offices, or units, unless expressly directed by the Secretary.

## IV. REPEALING CLAUSE

Department Order No. DO2025-08-0016 issued on 19 August 2025 titled "*Creating An Ad Hoc Task Force On Sona Directives For Energy Efficiency And Consumer Empowerment And Prescribing Its Functions And Composition*" and all other issuances inconsistent with this DO are hereby repealed or superseded accordingly

## V. EFFECTIVITY

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

Issued on NOV 28 2025 at the Department of Energy, Energy Center, Rizal Drive cor. 34th Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City.

**SHARON S. GARIN**
Secretary