

Republic of the Philippines
ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Pasig City

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE CALCULATIONS FOR THE AUTOMATIC COST ADJUSTMENT AND TRUE-UP MECHANISMS FOR THE a) GENERATION RATE, b) TRANSMISSION RATE, c) SYSTEM LOSS RATE, d) LIFELINE SUBSIDY RATE, e) SENIOR CITIZEN SUBSIDY RATES, UNDER ERC RESOLUTION NO. 16 SERIES OF 2009, AS AMENDED, AND f) REAL PROPERTY TAX, AND g) LOCAL FRANCHISE TAX, UNDER ERC RESOLUTION NO. 2, SERIES OF 2021 FOR THE PERIOD 2023 TO 2025,

ERC CASE NO. 2026-016 CF

DAGUPAN ELECTRIC CORPORATION (DECORP),
Applicant.

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Promulgated:
April 13, 2026

ORDER

On 08 April 2026, Dagupan Electric Corporation (DECORP) filed an *Application* dated 30 March 2026, seeking the Commission’s approval of its calculations for the automatic cost adjustment and true-up mechanisms for its (a) Generation Rate, (b) Transmission Rate, (c) System Loss Rate, (d) Lifeline Subsidy Rate, (e) Senior Citizen Subsidy Rates, under the Commission’s Resolution No. 16, Series of 2009, as amended, (f) Real Property Tax, and (g) Local Franchise Tax, under Commission’s Resolution No. 2, Series of 2021, for the period 2023 to 2025.

The docketed copy of the *Application*, excluding its annexes, is attached as Annex “A” of the *Notice of Virtual Hearing*.

Finding the *Application* to be sufficient in form, the Commission hereby sets the same for hearing, for the determination of compliance with jurisdictional requirements, expository presentation, and Pre-Trial Conference¹ on **25 May 2026 (Monday) at two o'clock in the afternoon (2:00 P.M.), through Microsoft Teams**, as the online platform for the conduct thereof, pursuant to the pertinent rules of the Commission.

Accordingly, Applicant is hereby directed to mirror the virtual hearings, to be hosted by the Commission, at **DECORP's principal office at AB Fernandez West, Dagupan City**, as the designated venue for the conduct thereof and ensure that the same is open to the public. Moreover, Applicant shall guarantee that, during the conduct of the expository presentation, the participation of the public shall not be impaired.

RELATIVE THERETO, DECORP is hereby directed to:

- 1) Cause the publication of the attached *Notice of Virtual Hearing*, including Annex "A" thereof, once (1x) in a newspaper of nationwide circulation in the Philippines at its own expense, the date of the publication to be made not later than ten (10) days before the date of the scheduled virtual hearing;
- 2) Furnish with copies of this *Order* and the attached *Notice of Virtual Hearing*, including Annex "A" thereof, the Offices of the Governor, Mayors, and the respective Local Government Unit (LGU) legislative bodies within DECORP's franchise area for the appropriate posting thereof on their respective bulletin boards;
- 3) Inform the consumers within DECORP's franchise area, by any other means available and appropriate, of the filing of the *Application*, its reasons therefor, and of the scheduled hearings thereon;
- 4) Furnish with copies of this *Order* and the attached *Notice of Virtual Hearing*, including Annex "A" thereof, the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG), the Commission on Audit (COA), and the Committees on Energy of both Houses of Congress. They are hereby requested, if they so desire, to

¹ Summary Proceedings pursuant to the Commission's Resolution No. 16, Series of 2025.

send their duly authorized representatives and attend the scheduled hearings; and

- 5) Furnish with copies of the *Application* and its attachments, except those subject of a motion for confidential treatment of information, all those making requests therefor, subject to reimbursement of reasonable photocopying costs.

Within five (5) calendar days prior to the date of the initial hearing, DECORP must submit to the Commission via electronic mail (e-mail) at docket@erc.ph, and copy furnish the Legal Service through legal@erc.ph, the scanned copies of its written compliance with the aforementioned jurisdictional requirements, attaching the following methodically arranged and duly marked documents:

- 1) The evidence of publication of the attached *Notice of Virtual Hearing*, including Annex “A” thereof, consisting of affidavit of the Editor or Business Manager of the newspaper where the same was published, and the complete issue of the said newspapers;
- 2) The evidence of actual posting of this *Order* and the attached *Notice of Virtual Hearing* including Annex “A” thereof, consisting of certifications issued to that effect, signed by the aforementioned Governor, Mayors and LGU legislative bodies or their duly authorized representatives, bearing the seals of their offices;
- 3) The evidence of other means employed by DECORP to inform the consumers within DECORP’s franchise area of the filing of *Application*, its reasons therefor, and of the scheduled hearing;
- 4) The evidence of receipt of copies of this *Order* and the attached *Notice of Virtual Hearing* including Annex “A” thereof, by the OSG, the COA, and the Committees on Energy of both Houses of Congress;
- 5) The evidence of receipt of copies of the *Application* and its attachments, except those subject of a motion for confidential treatment of information, if any, by all those making requests therefor; and

- 6) Such other proof of compliance with the requirements of the Commission.

Moreover, DECORP is hereby required to post on its bulletin board, the scanned copies of the foregoing jurisdictional requirements and to submit the proof of posting thereof.

Applicant DECORP, and all interested parties are also required to submit via e-mail at doCKET@erc.ph, and copy furnish the Legal Service through legal@erc.ph, **at least five (5) calendar days** before the date of the scheduled virtual hearing and Pre-trial Conference, their respective Pre-Trial Briefs containing, among others:

- 1) A summary of admitted facts and proposed stipulation of facts;
- 2) The issues to be tried or resolved;
- 3) The documents or exhibits to be presented, stating the purposes and proposed markings thereof, which must be attached to the Pre-Trial Brief; and
- 4) The names of the witnesses, with their written testimonies in a Judicial Affidavit form attached to the Pre-Trial Brief.

Failure of DECORP to comply with the above requirements within the prescribed period shall be a ground for cancellation of the scheduled hearings.

Applicant DECORP must also be prepared to make an expository presentation of the *Application*, aided by whatever communication medium that it may deem appropriate for the purpose, in order to put in plain words and explain, for the benefit of the consumers and other concerned parties, the nature of the *Application*. Relevant information and pertinent details substantiating the reasons and justifications for the *Application* must be cited in support thereof.

Applicant DECORP is hereby directed to file a copy of its Expository Presentation via e-mail at doCKET@erc.ph, copy furnish the Legal Service through legal@erc.ph, **at least five (5) calendar days** prior to the scheduled initial hearing. DECORP is also required to provide a copy of its Expository Presentation to any stakeholder

requesting therefor **at least five (5) calendar days** prior to the scheduled hearing.

Applicant DECORP and all interested parties are hereby directed to submit, either through personal service, registered or ordinary mail/private courier, all the pleadings and required submissions, **within five (5) working days** from the date that the same were electronically submitted, as reflected in the acknowledgment receipt e-mail sent by the Commission.

Finally, DECORP and all interested parties who wish to attend the scheduled virtual hearings are hereby directed to provide the Commission, through legal.virtualhearings@erc.ph, their respective e-mail addresses upon receipt of this *Order*. The Commission will send the access link/s to the aforementioned hearing platform within five (5) working days prior to the scheduled hearings.

SO ORDERED.

FOR AND BY AUTHORITY
OF THE COMMISSION:

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* Authority granted during Commission Meeting on 20 August 2025.

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