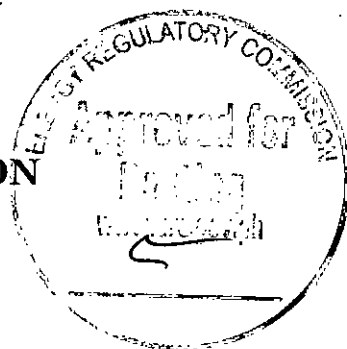


Republic of the Philippines
ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
San Miguel Avenue, Pasig City



**IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION FOR
AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP,
AND OWN OR OPERATE
DEDICATED POINT-TO-POINT
LIMITED FACILITIES TO
CONNECT THE 40.7MW SOLAR
POWER PLANT TO THE
VISAYAS GRID, WITH PRAYER
FOR PROVISIONAL
AUTHORITY**

ERC CASE NO. 2015-057MC

**NEGROS ISLAND SOLAR
POWER, INC. (NISPI),
Applicant.**

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Date: JUN 17 2016
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that on 10 September 2015, Negros Island Solar Power, Inc. (NISPI) filed with the Commission an Application for authority to develop and own or operate dedicated point-to-point limited facilities to connect its 40.7 MW solar power plant to the Visayas grid, with prayer for provisional authority.

On 13 November 2015, the Commission issued an Order and a Notice of Public Hearing setting the Application for jurisdictional hearing, expository presentation, pre-trial conference and evidentiary hearing on 20 January 2016.

In the same Order, NISPI was directed to cause publication once (1x) in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines, with the date of the publication to be made not later than ten (10) days before the date of the scheduled initial hearing. It was also

directed to inform the consumers within its franchise area, by any other means available and appropriate, of the filing of the instant application, its reasons therefor, and of the scheduled hearing thereon.

During the hearing on 20 January 2016, the Commission declared, after verification, that the Applicant failed to comply with the Commission's jurisdictional requirements, particularly, the publication within the prescribed period of the Order and Notice of Public Hearing both dated 13 November 2015. Accordingly, the Commission cancelled the scheduled hearing and directed the Applicant to file the necessary motion to reset the hearing of the instant Application in order for the Applicant to fully comply with the necessary publication requirements within the prescribed period.

In compliance with the said directives of the Commission, NISPI filed on 21 January 2016 and on 12 May 2016, a "*Manifestation with Motion to Reset Hearing*" and "*Urgent Motion to Reset the Case for Hearing*", respectively for the resetting of the scheduled hearing of the instant Application.

Finding the said motions meritorious, the same are hereby **GRANTED**. Accordingly, the Commission hereby sets the instant Application for jurisdictional hearing, expository presentation, pre-trial conference and evidentiary hearing on **26 July 2016 (Tuesday) at ten o'clock in the morning (10:00 A.M.) at the ERC Hearing Room, 15th Floor, Pacific Center Building, San Miguel Avenue, Pasig City.**


All persons who have an interest in the subject matter of the proceeding may become a party by filing, at least five (5) days prior to the initial hearing and subject to the requirements in the ERC's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a verified petition with the Commission giving the docket number and title of the proceeding and stating: (1) the petitioner's name and address; (2) the nature of petitioner's interest in the subject matter of the proceeding, and the way and manner in which such interest is affected by the issues involved in the proceeding; and (3) a statement of the relief desired.

All other persons who may want their views known to the Commission with respect to the subject matter of the proceeding may file their opposition to the Application or comment thereon at any stage of the proceeding before the applicant concludes the presentation of its evidence. No particular form of opposition or

comment is required, but the document, letter or writing should contain the name and address of such person and a concise statement of the opposition or comment and the grounds relied upon.

All such persons who wish to have a copy of the Application may request from the applicant that they be furnished with the same, prior to the date of the initial hearing. The applicant is hereby directed to furnish all those making such request with copies of the Application and its attachments, subject to the reimbursement of reasonable photocopying costs. Any such person may likewise examine the Application and other pertinent records filed with the Commission during the standard office hours.

WITNESS, the Honorable Chairman, **JOSE VICENTE B. SALAZAR**, and the Honorable Commissioners, **ALFREDO J. NON**, **GLORIA VICTORIA C. YAP-TARUC**, **JOSEFINA PATRICIA A. MAGPALE-ASIRIT**, and **GERONIMO D. STA. ANA**, Energy Regulatory Commission, this 31st day of May, 2016 at Pasig City.


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