

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

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_, Series of 2020**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE INTERIM GUIDELINES  
GOVERNING ELECTRONIC APPLICATION, FILINGS AND  
VIRTUAL HEARINGS BEFORE THE ENERGY REGULATORY  
COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, on 08 March 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed Proclamation No. 922, Series of 2020<sup>1</sup> declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines upon the recommendation of the Department of Health (DOH) following the confirmed local transmission of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Said State of Public Health Emergency shall remain in force and effect until lifted or withdrawn by the President<sup>2</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, due to the rapid increase of cases of infection in the country, on 16 March 2020, the President signed Proclamation No. 929, Series of 2020<sup>3</sup> declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines for a period of six (6) months, unless lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant, and further providing for the imposition of Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) over the entire Luzon<sup>4</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, the thrust of the national government in implementing the ECQ is to slow down the transmission of the COVID-19 virus, and eventually put an end to its transmission;

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<sup>1</sup>Entitled, "DECLARING A STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES";

<sup>2</sup> Section 5 of Proclamation No. 922, Series of 2020;

<sup>3</sup>Entitled, "DECLARING A STATE OF CALAMITY THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES DUE TO CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019";

<sup>4</sup> Sections 1 and 2 of Proclamation No. 929, Series of 2020; underscoring supplied;

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**WHEREAS**, one source of transmission is the various in person interaction between individuals or groups of individuals;

**WHEREAS**, prior to the implementation of the ECQ, most government processes and procedures are done in person. This means any person who requires the services of a government agency, must be physically present at the government agency's office. Considering limited space in government offices, this scenario contributes to possible further transmission of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, consistent with the commitment of the National Government to protect its citizens from COVID-19 while continuously providing efficient government service, the Energy Regulatory Commission sees the need to temporarily modify and/or supplement its existing procedures to allow more access to ERC services through various online platforms during this Public Health Emergency;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission, in view of the aforementioned declarations of State of Public Health Emergency and State of Calamity, deemed it proper to provide the necessary guidelines to capacitate it to discharge its functions while implementing intensive measures to contain the transmission and spread of COVID-19;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, that the Commission hereby adopts and issues the **INTERIM GUIDELINES GOVERNING ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS, FILINGS AND VIRTUAL HEARINGS BEFORE THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**, hereto attached as Annex "A" and made an integral part of this Resolution.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately following its publication in a newspaper of nationwide circulation in the Philippines.

Let copies of this Resolution be furnished the University of the Philippines Law Center – Office of the National Administrative Register (UPLC-ONAR) and all industry stakeholders as well as published in the

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ERC website and such other online platform available to the Commission under the circumstances.

Pasig City, \_\_\_\_ May 2020.

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*Chairperson*

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