Republic of the Philippines
**ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**
Pasig City

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF REGULATED ENTITIES' CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROJECTS FOR 2027 to 2029**

**ERC CASE NO. 2026-096 RC**

**NUEVA ECIJA II ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. – AREA 1 (NEECO II – AREA 1),**
*Applicant.*
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**Promulgated:**
August 11, 2026

**ORDER**

On 30 June 2026, Nueva Ecija II Electric Cooperative, Inc. – Area 1 (NEECO II – Area 1) filed, through the Energy Virtual One-Stop Shop (EVOSS) portal, an *Application* dated 05 June 2026, seeking the Commission's approval of its Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) projects for 2027 to 2029.

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 and with the required fees having been paid, the Commission hereby sets the same for hearing for the determination of compliance with the jurisdictional requirements, expository presentation, and Pre-Trial Conference[1] on **09 September 2026 (Wednesday), at two o'clock in the afternoon (2:00 P.M.)**, through **MS Teams Application,** as the online platform for the conduct thereof, pursuant to the pertinent rules of the Commission.

Accordingly, NEECO II – Area 1 is hereby directed to mirror the virtual hearing, to be hosted by the Commission, at **NEECO II – Area 1's principal office at Calipahan, Talavera, Nueva Ecija** as the designated venue for the conduct thereof and ensure that the same is open to the public. Moreover, NEECO II – Area 1 shall guarantee that,

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

during the conduct of the expository presentation, the participation of the public shall not be impaired.

**RELATIVE THERETO**, Applicants are hereby directed to:

1) Cause the publication of the attached *Notice of Virtual Hearing*, including Annex "A" thereof, in two (2) newspapers of nationwide circulation in the Philippines at its own expense, twice (2x) within two (2) successive weeks, the dates of publication not being less than seven (7) days apart, and the date of the last 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 Office of the Provincial Governor, the Mayors, and their respective Local Government Unit (LGU) legislative bodies within NEECO II – Area 1's franchise area for the appropriate posting thereof on their respective bulletin boards;

3) Inform the consumers within NEECO II – Area 1's franchise area, by any other means available and appropriate, of the filing *Application*, its reasons therefor, and of the scheduled virtual hearing;

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 send their duly authorized representatives and attend the scheduled hearing; 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.

**No later than ten (10) calendar days** prior to the date of the scheduled virtual hearing, NEECO II – Area 1 must submit to the Commission through the EVOSS portal and 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 affidavits of the Editors or Business Managers of the newspapers where the same were published, and the complete issues 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 NEECO II – Area 1 to inform the consumers within NEECO II – Area 1's franchise area of the filing of the *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, by all those making requests therefor, if any; and

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

Moreover, NEECO II – Area 1 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 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 from attached to the Pre-Trial Brief.

Applicant must ensure that all the documents or exhibits proposed to be presented have already been duly submitted to the Commission **at least five (5) calendar days** before the date of the scheduled virtual hearing and Pre-Trial Conference pursuant to the preceding paragraph.

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

Applicant must also be prepared to make an expository presentation of the instant *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.

Applicants 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 virtual hearing. Applicant shall also be required to provide a copy of its Expository Presentation to any stakeholder requesting therefor **at least five (5) calendar days** prior to the scheduled virtual hearing.

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

Finally, NEECO II – Area 1, including its authorized representatives and witnesses, and interested parties who wish to attend the scheduled virtual hearing 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 hearing.

**SO ORDERED.**

Pasig City.

FOR AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION:

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