

Republic of the Philippines
ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Pasig City

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION FOR
APPROVAL OF THE
EMERGENCY POWER
SUPPLY AGREEMENT
(EPSA) BETWEEN
ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,
INC. (ZANECO) AND
THERMA SOUTH, INC.
(TSI), WITH MOTION FOR
CONFIDENTIAL
TREATMENT OF
INFORMATION**

ERC CASE NO. 2026-119 RC

**ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,
INC. (ZANECO) AND
THERMA SOUTH, INC.
(TSI),**

Promulgated:
August 24, 2026

Applicants.

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NOTICE OF VIRTUAL HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that on 11 August 2026, the Zamboanga del Norte Electric Cooperative, Inc. (ZANECO) and Therma South, Inc. (TSI) filed their *Joint Application* dated 28 July 2026, seeking the Commission’s approval of their Emergency Power Supply Agreement (EPSA), with motion for confidential treatment of information.

The docketed copy of the *Joint Application*, excluding its annexes, is attached as Annex “A” hereof.

The Commission has set the *Joint Application* for hearing, pursuant to the pertinent rules of the Commission, as follows:

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Date and Time	Platform	Activity
22 September 2026 (Tuesday), at two o'clock in the afternoon (2:00 P.M.)	Microsoft Teams	Determination of compliance with jurisdictional requirements and Expository Presentation
29 September 2026 (Tuesday), at two o'clock in the afternoon (2:00 P.M.)		Pre-Trial Conference and Presentation of Evidence

Accordingly, Applicants are directed to mirror the virtual hearings, to be hosted by the Commission, at **ZANECO's Principal Office located at General Luna St., Central Barangay, Dipolog City, Zamboanga del Norte**, as the designated venue for the conduct thereof and ensure that the same is open to the public. Moreover, Applicants shall guarantee that, during the conduct of the expository presentation, the participation of the public shall not be impaired.

Any interested stakeholder may submit its comments and/or clarifications at least **one (1) calendar day** prior to the scheduled initial virtual hearing, via e-mail at docket@erc.ph, copy furnish the Legal Service through legal@erc.ph. The Commission shall give priority to the stakeholders who have duly submitted their respective comments and/or clarifications, to discuss the same and propound questions during the course of the expository presentation.

Moreover, any person who has an interest in the subject matter of the instant case may become a party by filing with the Commission via e-mail at docket@erc.ph, a verified Petition to Intervene at least **five (5) calendar days** prior to the date of the initial virtual hearing. The verified Petition to Intervene must follow the requirements under Rule 9 of the ERC Revised Rules of Practice and Procedure, indicating therein the docket number and title of the case, and state the following:

- 1) The petitioner's name, mailing address, and e-mail 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.

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Likewise, all other persons who may want their views known to the Commission with respect to the subject matter of the case may file through e-mail at docket@erc.ph, copy furnish the Legal Service through legal@erc.ph, their Opposition or Comment thereon at least five (5) calendar days prior to the initial virtual hearing and subject to the requirements under Rule 9 of the ERC Revised Rules of Practice and Procedure. No particular form of Opposition or Comment is required, but the document, letter, or writing should contain the following:

- 1) The name, mailing address, and e-mail address of the person;
- 2) A concise statement of the Opposition or Comment; and
- 3) The grounds relied upon.

All interested parties filing their Petition to Intervene, Opposition or Comment are required to submit the hard copies thereof through personal service, registered mail or ordinary mail/private courier, **within five (5) working days** from the date that the same were electronically submitted, as reflected in the acknowledgement receipt e-mail sent by the Commission.

Finally, all interested persons may be allowed to join the scheduled virtual hearings by providing the Commission, through legal.virtualhearings@erc.ph, their respective e-mail addresses, indicating therein the case number of the instant *Joint Application*. The Commission will send the access link/s to the aforementioned hearing platform within five (5) working days prior to the scheduled hearings.

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WITNESS, the Honorable Chairperson and CEO **FRANCIS SATURNINO C. JUAN** and the Honorable Commissioners **FLORESINDA G. BALDO-DIGAL**, **MARKO ROMEO L. FUENTES**, **AMANTE A. LIBERATO**, and **PARIS G. REAL**, Energy Regulatory Commission, in Pasig City.

FOR AND BY AUTHORITY
OF THE COMMISSION:

Maria Corazon C. Gines

ATTY. MARIA CORAZON C. GINES¹
Director III, Legal Service


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¹ Authority granted pursuant to Office Order No. 71, Series of 2025.