



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
(Kagawaran ng Enerhiya)

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CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) RESEARCH TEAM FOR ENERGY POLICY RESEARCH AND RELATED STUDIES

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 7638 or the Department of Energy Act of 1992 declares the policy of the State to ensure a continuous, adequate, and economic supply of energy with the end view of ultimately achieving self-reliance in the country's energy requirements;

WHEREAS, Section 5 of RA 7638 defines the power and functions of the DOE, specifically the following:

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“Formulate policies for the planning and implementation of a comprehensive program for the efficient supply and economical use of energy consistent with the approved national economic plan and with the policies on environmental protection and conservation and maintenance of ecological balance, and provide a mechanism for the integration, rationalization, and coordination of the various energy programs of the Government;

Establish and administer programs for the exploration, transportation, marketing, distribution, utilization, conservation, stockpiling, and storage of energy resources of all forms, whether conventional or nonconventional;

Assess the requirements of, determine priorities for, provide direction to, and disseminate information resulting from energy research and development programs for the optimal development of various forms of energy production and utilization technologies;”

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WHEREAS, Administrative Order (AO) No. 38 provides for institutional strengthening of the DOE by redefining the functions and services of its bureaus, service units, and offices owing to its expanded role in the allocation, mobilization and optimum employment of the country's energy resources;

WHEREAS, Executive Order (EO) No. 14, series of 2023, mandates the adoption of the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2023-2028 to bring back the country to a high-growth trajectory and more importantly, enable economic and social transformation for a prosperous, inclusive, and resilient society;

WHEREAS, energy research is an important medium for addressing policy issues and concerns in the energy sector, provides empirical evidence for the crafting and implementation of sound policy guidelines and issuances, and addresses the need for updated energy data and parameters to establish facts or new conclusions;

WHEREAS, pursuant to DOE's energy sector priorities, it is imperative to harmonize efforts and create synergies among DOE technical bureaus to advance energy policy research and related studies to address policy gaps, issues and concerns in the sector;

NOW, THEREFORE, the foregoing premises considered and pursuant to DOE's statutory mandate and the provisions of RA 7638, a DOE Research Team comprising of a Steering Committee and its Technical Working Group (TWG) is hereby created.

Section 1: Objective. The DOE Research Team shall spearhead the harmonization and coordination of efforts to advance the conduct of energy policy research and related studies to address policy gaps, issues, and concerns in the sector.

Section 2: Members of the Steering Committee and TWG

2.1 The Steering Committee shall be composed of the following:

- Chairperson : Director, Energy Policy and Planning Bureau (EPPB)
- Members : Directors of the following DOE Technical Bureaus and Services
 - Energy Utilization Management Bureau (EUMB)
 - Electric Power Industry Management Bureau (EPIMB)
 - Renewable Energy Management Bureau (REMB)
 - Energy Resource Development Bureau (ERDB)
 - Oil Industry Management Bureau (OIMB)
 - Energy Research Testing and Laboratory Services (ERTLS)
 - Financial Services (FS)
 - Legal Services (LS)
 - Field Offices (FO)

Alternate Members:

Assistant Directors and/or designated Division Chiefs of the DOE Technical Bureaus, Services and Offices shall be designated as alternate members to sit in place of the regular member for continuity in the performance of functions of the Steering Committee.

2.2 The TWG shall be composed of the following:

- Lead : Chief, Policy Formulation and Research Division (PFRD), EPPB
- Alternate Lead: Supervising Science Research Specialist, PFRD, EPPB
- Members : Two (2) designated representatives of at least Supervisory and/or Senior level from the following DOE Bureaus and Service:
 - EUMB ERDB
 - EPIMB OIMB
 - REMB ERTLS

The members of the TWG shall be assisted by their respective technical staff to ensure appropriate technical representation and the performance of their functions in the TWG.

Section 3. Functions and Responsibilities of the Steering Committee and TWG

3.1 As hereby constituted, the Steering Committee shall perform the following functions and responsibilities:

- a) Sets priority and direction on the conduct of policy research and related studies on identified areas of concern of the energy sector;
- b) Provides guidance on the formulation of policy recommendations based on the results of policy research and related studies; and
- c) Reviews and approves submitted energy research proposals on identified areas of concern of the energy sector.

3.2 The TWG shall perform the following functions and responsibilities:

- a) Conducts joint policy research and related studies on areas of concern of the energy sector, formulates policy recommendation on current and emerging energy issues based on the results of policy research and related studies, and drafts management-based regulatory issuances, if necessary, for legal support and policy intervention based on the formulated policy recommendation;
- b) Collaborates with other government agencies, academe, international bodies or entities, other countries expert on the subject matter for the conduct of energy policy research and related studies;
- c) Prepares energy research proposals, including budgetary requirements needed to support the plans and programs of the Team, including procurement of consultancy services, among others, as needed; and
- d) Performs such other functions as may be necessary and incidental to attain the mandate of the DOE Charter and other applicable laws.

Section 4. Technical and Secretariat Support. The PFRD of the EPPB shall serve as Technical Secretariat for the DOE Research Team. The function of the Technical Secretariat shall include the following:

- a) Provides technical and secretariat support during the conduct of meetings and related activities of the Steering Committee;
- b) Acts as a repository and custodian of all documents related to energy policy research and related studies conducted and shares them with relevant operating bureaus and units; and
- c) Reviews and evaluates energy research proposals for endorsement to the Steering Committee.

Section 5. Submission of Research Proposals. The DOE Technical Bureaus may submit a research proposal in accordance with the identified energy policy and priority areas using the template provided in Annex 1. All proposals shall be submitted to the Technical Secretariat for review and evaluation prior to endorsement to the Steering Committee.

Section 6. Resource Person and Support Group. The DOE Research Team shall invite resource persons from Administrative Services (AS), as well as engage the services of a consultant to provide technical assistance in performing its mandate whenever necessary.

Section 7. Capacity Building Requirement. The DOE shall establish programs to develop the skills or competence of the DOE Research Team members and the supervising officials. The Technical Secretariat shall prepare and submit a capacity-building program for its members. Personnel who will undergo training or capacity-building program shall share the acquired knowledge with the DOE Research Team.

Section 8. Funding Requirement. The DOE – FS shall allocate funds for the Committee to carry out the plans and programs and capacity building of the DOE Research Team. The budgetary requirements of the DOE Research Team shall be included in the annual budget preparation subject to the existing budget proposal and consistent with the usual budget preparation procedures in observance of relevant issuance of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and other budgetary, auditing, and accounting rules and regulations.


Section 9. Confidentiality Clause. The data collected shall be used strictly for policy research and related studies within the DOE and shall not in any way be used for commercial purposes or legally against or to the disadvantage of the source of the data such as Generation Companies, Independent Power Producer Administrators, Transmission System Operator and Network Provider, Distribution Utilities and their customers, among others.

Section 10. Repealing Clause. All Department Orders (DOs) and other issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this DO are hereby modified, repealed and suspended accordingly.

Section 11. Separability Clause. If for any reason, any section or provision of this DO is declared unconstitutional or invalid, such part not affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

Section 12. Effectivity. This DO shall take effect immediately upon signing and shall remain in effect unless otherwise revoked in writing by the undersigned or any competent authority.

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ANNEX 1
Template for Energy Research/Study Proposals

- I. Introduction
 - a. Background
 - b. Significance (vis-à-vis existing energy policies)
 - c. Scope
 - d. Objectives
- II. Research Methods
- III. Expected Results / Policy Relevance
- IV. Timeline and Budget