



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

Department Circular No. DC2022-05-0014 *JK*

**AMENDING DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. DC2020-01-0001 ON RULES
GOVERNING THE REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF DIRECT CONNECTION
APPLICATIONS OF INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND OTHER ELECTRICITY
END-USERS**

WHEREAS, on 09 January 2020, the DOE promulgated Department Circular (DC) No. DC2020-01-0001 entitled "Prescribing the Rules on the Review and Evaluation of Direct Connection Applications of Industrial, Commercial, and Other Electricity End-Users;

WHEREAS, DC2020-01-0001 provides that, in all instances, the DOE shall approve or deny any application for direct connection based on completeness of documents submitted by the Applicant and other information gathered thru site inspection within forty (40) working days including the transmittal of the decision to the DOE Secretary for approval and signature;

WHEREAS, Section 6 of Republic Act No. 9845 otherwise known as the "Anti-Red Tape Act of 2007", states that, all government agencies including departments, bureaus, offices, instrumentalities, or government-owned and/or controlled corporations, or local government or district units shall set up their respective service standards to be known as the Citizen's Charter.

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11032 otherwise known as the "Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018", states that, all offices and agencies which provide government services are mandated to regularly undertake cost compliance analysis, time and motion studies, undergo evaluation and improvement of their transaction systems and procedures and reengineer the same if deemed necessary to reduce bureaucratic red tape and processing time;

WHEREAS, pursuant to RA 11032 the DOE has submitted to the Citizen's Charter the "Issuance of Clearance for Direct Connection to the Grid" process with a processing time of fifty (50) calendar days;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11234 otherwise known as the "Energy Virtual One-Stop Shop Act", states that, an Energy Virtual One-Stop Shop (EVOSS) shall be established under the supervision of the DOE which shall provide a secure and accessible paperless system through which proponents may prepare, submit, process, and receive actions on all submitted electronic documentary requirements;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11234 further provides that the DOE shall ensure the processing of applications submitted before it within sixty (60) calendar days from the submission of complete documentary requirements.

WHEREAS, to ensure that the defined steps and timeline for the processes under the Citizen' Charter and the EVOSS are strictly adhered, the DOE aligned its processes

with the institutionalization of the Government Quality Management Program created by Executive Order No. 605 and enrolled for ISO 9001:2015 certification for the process "Review and Evaluation of Direct Connection Applications";

WHEREAS, on 29 October 2021, the DOE posted the draft Department Circular amending Department Circular No. DC2020-01-0001 on Rules Governing the Review and Evaluation of Direct Connection Application of Industrial, Commercial and Other Electricity End-users;

WHEREAS, on 10 and 11 February 2022, the DOE conducted nationwide virtual public consultations on the abovementioned proposed amendments to solicit inputs and consider comments of stakeholders;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the DOE hereby issues, adopts, and promulgates the following amendments to Section 5.6 of the DOE Department Circular No. DC2020-01-0001:

Section 1. Section 5.6 under Section 5, Application Process, shall be revised to read as follows:

Section 5. Application Process.

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5.6 In all instances, the DOE shall approve or deny any application for direct connection based on the completeness of documents submitted by the Applicant and other information gathered through site inspection and conduct of consultations, within fifty (50) calendar days including the transmittal of the decision to the DOE Secretary for approval and signature

Section 3. Separability Clause. If for any reason, any section or provision of this Circular is declared unconstitutional or invalid, such parts not affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

Section 4. Repealing Clause. Any department circular or issuance, contrary to or inconsistent with this Circular is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

Section 5. Effectivity. This Circular shall take effect immediately after publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation. Let a copy of this Circular be furnished to the University of the Philippines Law Center - Office of National Administrative Register (UPLC-ONAR).

Issued this _____ 2022 at the DOE, Energy Center, Rizal Drive, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, Metro Manila.


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