

Republic of the Philippines  
ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
Pasig City

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
APPLICATION FOR  
APPROVAL OF POWER  
SUPPLY AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN MASINLOC  
POWER CO. LTD. (MPCL)  
AND MOUNTAIN PROVINCE  
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,  
INC. (MOPRECO), WITH  
PRAYER FOR PROVISIONAL  
AUTHORITY OR INTERIM  
RELIEF AND MOTION FOR  
CONFIDENTIAL  
TREATMENT OF  
INFORMATION

ERC CASE NO. 2025-102 RC

MASINLOC POWER CO. LTD.  
(MPCL) AND MOUNTAIN  
PROVINCE ELECTRIC  
COOPERATIVE, INC.  
(MOPRECO)

Promulgated:  
November 3, 2025

Applicants.

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ORDER

On 05 May 2025, Applicants Mountain Province Electric Cooperative, Inc. (MOPRECO) and Masinloc Power Co. Ltd.<sup>1</sup> (MPCL) filed a *Joint Application*, dated 31 March 2025, seeking the Commission’s approval of their Power Supply Agreement (PSA), with prayer for issuance of a provisional authority or interim relief and motion for confidential treatment of information.

On 30 May 2025, the Commission issued an *Order and Notice of Virtual Hearing*, of even date, setting the instant case for hearing on the following dates: (a) 30 July 2025 for the determination of compliance with jurisdictional requirements and expository

<sup>1</sup> Formerly known as Masinloc Power Partners Co. Ltd.

presentation, and (b) 06 August 2025 for pre-trial conference and presentation of evidence.

On 18 June 2025, Applicant MOPRECO filed a *Manifestation with Urgent Motion to Revise the Order and Notice of Virtual Hearing (both dated 30 May 2025)*, praying for the Commission to revise its issued *Order and Notice of Virtual Hearing*.

On 20 June 2025, the Commission issued an *Order*, of even date, noting that the *Manifestation with Urgent Motion to Revise the Order and Notice of Virtual Hearing (both dated 30 May 2025)*, filed by Applicant MOPRECO on 18 June 2025 cannot be given due course as the alleged error in the *Order and Notice of Virtual Hearing* emanated from the filed *Application* itself. The Commission cannot introduce changes or corrections to a duly filed pleading. Thus, the Commission, among others, directed Applicants to file an amended *Joint Application* within ten (10) from receipt thereof, pursuant to Section 2, Rule 7 as well as Rule 6 of the Commission’s RRPP.

On 07 July 2025, MOPRECO and MPCL filed its amended *Joint Application* dated 26 June 2025, indicating the contract capacity as 1.50MW instead of 3.000MW.

**IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING**, the Commission finds the amended *Joint Application*, dated 26 June 2025, filed by the Applicants on 07 July 2025, in order.

The docketed copy of the *Amended Application*, excluding its annexes, is attached as Annex “A” of the Notice of Virtual Hearing.

Thus, the Commission hereby sets for hearing the instant *Amended Application*, pursuant to the pertinent rules of the Commission, as follows:

Date and Time	Platform	Activity
<b>26 NOVEMBER 2025</b> (Wednesday) at nine in the morning (9:00 A.M.)	<b>Microsoft Teams</b>	Determination of compliance with jurisdictional requirements and Expository Presentation
<b>03 December 2025</b> (Wednesday) at nine in the morning (9:00 A.M.)		Pre-Trial Conference and Presentation of Evidence

Accordingly, Applicants are hereby directed to mirror the virtual hearings, to be hosted by the Commission, at **MORECO's Principal Office at Pospos, Caluttit, Bontoc, Mountain Province**, 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.

**RELATIVE THERETO**, MPCL and MOPRECO 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 their 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 initial virtual hearing;
- 2) Furnish with copies of this *Order* and the attached *Notice of Virtual Hearing*, including Annex "A" thereof, the Offices of the Provincial Governor, the Mayors, and their respective Local Government Unit (LGU) legislative bodies within the affected area for the appropriate posting thereof on their respective bulletin boards;
- 3) Inform the consumers within the affected area, by any other means available and appropriate, of the filing of the *Application*, their reason therefor, and of the scheduled virtual hearings;
- 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.

**Within five (5) calendar days** prior the date of the initial virtual hearing, MPCL and MOPRECO must submit to the Commission via electronic mail (e-mail) at [docket@erc.ph](mailto:docket@erc.ph), and copy furnish the Legal Service through [legal@erc.ph](mailto:legal@erc.ph), the scanned copies of their 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 the 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 MPCL and MOPRECO to inform the consumers within the affected area of the filing of the *Application*, their reasons therefor, and of the scheduled hearings;
- 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 attachments, except those subject of a motion for confidential treatment of information, if any, by all those making requests therefor; and
- 6) Such other proof of compliance with the requirements of the Commission.

Moreover, MPCL and MOPRECO are hereby required to post on their bulletin boards, the scanned copies of the foregoing jurisdictional requirements and to submit the proof of posting thereof.

Applicants MPCL and MOPRECO and all interested parties are also required to submit via e-mail at [docket@erc.ph](mailto:docket@erc.ph), and copy furnish the Legal Service through [legal@erc.ph](mailto: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 Pretrial Brief.

Failure of Applicants MPCL and MOPRECO to comply with the above requirements within the prescribed period shall be a ground for cancellation of the scheduled hearings.

Applicants MPCL and MOPRECO 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 MPCL and MOPRECO are hereby directed to file a copy of their Expository Presentation via e-mail at [doCKET@erc.ph](mailto:doCKET@erc.ph), copy furnish the Legal Service through [legal@erc.ph](mailto:legal@erc.ph), **at least five (5) calendar days** prior to the scheduled virtual hearing. MPCL and MOPRECO are also required to provide a copy of their Expository Presentation to any stakeholder requesting therefor **at least five (5) calendar days** prior to the scheduled virtual hearing.


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


Finally, MPCL and MOPRECO, including their authorized representatives and witnesses, and interested parties who wish to attend the scheduled virtual hearings are hereby directed to provide the Commission, through [legal.virtualhearings@erc.ph](mailto: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 hearings.

**SO ORDERED.**

Pasig City.

FOR AND BY AUTHORITY  
OF THE COMMISSION:

  
**ATTY. KRISHA MARIE T. BUELA<sup>4</sup>**  
*Director III, Office of the  
General Counsel and Secretariat*

  
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<sup>4</sup> Authority granted per Office Order No. 71, Series of 2025 dated 20 August 2025, with the subject "Approving/Signing Authorities for Consumer Complaints Cases and Interlocutory Orders".

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