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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON ENERGY RELATED MATTERS

**Guidelines on the Planned Outage
Schedules of Power Plants and Transmission
Facilities and the Public Posting of the Grid
Operating and Maintenance Program**

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Q: Who are covered by the guidelines for the planned outage schedules of power plants and transmission facilities and the publication of the Grid Operating and Maintenance Program (GOMP)?

A: According to Section 2 of the Department of Energy ("**DOE**") Department Circular No. DC2020-02-0004 ("**DC No. 2020-02-0004**") dated 06 February 2020, DC No. 2020-02-0004 shall apply to the following electric power industry participants operating in the Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao main grids:

- a. All Generating Companies owning and/or operating Generating Facilities that are grid-connected or embedded in accordance with DOE DC2019-02- 0003;
- b. National Grid Corporation of the Philippines ("**NGCP**") as the Transmission Network Provider ("**TNP**") and System Operator ("**SO**");
- c. Market Operator ("**MO**"); and
- d. Distribution Utilities connected to the grid.

Q: What are the guidelines for the planned outage schedules of power plants and transmission facilities?

A: The Guidelines on the Planned Outage Schedules of Power Plants and Transmission Facilities are as follows:

- a. All Generating Companies shall submit three-year planned outage schedules for their power plants to the NGCP for the Grid Operating Program ("**GOP**") in accordance with the Philippine Grid Code ("**PGC**").
- b. NGCP and the MO shall device a mechanism to come up with an optimal generation and transmission planned outage schedule which shall be the basis of the Grid Operating and Maintenance Program ("**GOMP**") provided, that only the hydroelectric power plants shall be allowed to conduct power plant maintenance during the peak quarter.
- c. NGCP shall submit to the DOE the GOMP on the last day of October of each year, for review and approval.
- d. The DOE, in its review of the resulting reserve profile, shall direct the necessary adjustments in the generation and transmission planned outage schedules. NCGP, the MO, and the concerned generating companies shall be informed accordingly of any changes in the submitted GOMP.

- e. The first year of the GOMP schedule shall be considered binding, but proposed shutdown schedules may be adjusted in succeeding quarterly revisions, but should not result to low operating margin. Any amendment or change of schedule due to emergency situations of the Generating Facility shall be approved by SO and DOE shall be notified accordingly.
- f. The second- and third-year schedules shall be considered indicative and reference for medium-term power supply and demand outlook.
- g. The MO shall monitor compliance of concerned electric power industry participants with the approved GOMP schedule and provide a report to the DOE.

Q: What are the rules concerning the posting of the GOMP?

A: According to Section 4 of DC No. 2020-02-0004, the NGCP is hereby mandated to post in its website the following:

- a. Approved annual GOMP immediately after the approval of the DOE; and
- b. Amendments to the approved annual GOMP, immediately after confirmation of such amendments.

The same shall be posted in the websites of DOE, ERC, and MO upon notification of posting by the NGCP.

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