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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 39
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**CREATING THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND TECHNICAL WORKING
GROUP FOR THE PREPARATIONS AND CONDUCT OF DISCUSSIONS,
ACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE DAVAO ORIENTAL POWER
SUMMIT**

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 (Local Government Code) mandates the local government units (LGUs) to exercise such powers as are necessary for its efficient and effective governance, and those essential to the promotion of the general welfare of their respective constituents;

WHEREAS, the said Act further provides that *“the capabilities of local government units, especially the municipalities and barangays, shall be enhanced by providing them with opportunities to participate actively in the implementation of national programs and projects”* [Sec. 3.g], and that *“participation of the private sector in local governance, particularly in the delivery of basic services, shall be encouraged to ensure the viability of local autonomy as an alternative strategy for sustainable development.”* [Sec. 3.l];

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9136, also known as the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA), was enacted by Congress in 2001 with the intention of ensuring quality, reliable and affordable electricity to all power consumers in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, it is unfortunate that more than 22 years since EPIRA was passed into law, the clamor of power consumers for cheaper and better electric service has not diminished, the local power rates remain among the highest in Asia, and the recurrent power outages especially in Mindanao still prevalent;

WHEREAS, in an effort to address the growing concerns over the power situation, the Provincial Government of Davao Oriental will hold an Energy/Power Summit that will serve as [a] a venue to present the overview of the real power situation in the province, [b] a forum to generate and discuss consensus attendant to the power problem and the corresponding immediate solutions, and [c] a vehicle to bring together key sectors, stakeholder representatives, LCEs/LGU authorities, DORECO head and representatives, NGOs, CSOs, consumer advocates and like others, to present their respective issues and recommendations for way forward actions;

WHEREAS, it is to the best interest of the Province of Davao Oriental to enlist private sector support and participation in the planning and execution of actions to fully maximize the benefits that it anticipates to enjoy from the opportunity;

WHEREAS, to ensure the successful conduct of the Energy/Power Summit and to provide for the smooth coordination between target participants and event proponent, there is a need to create a special body and its ancillary unit that shall prepare, coordinate and initiate a synchronized series of activities relative to this occasion;

NOW THEREFORE, I, NIÑO SOTERO L. UY, JR., by the powers vested in me by law as Governor of the Province of Davao Oriental, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. *Creation, Composition and Functions.* – The **Steering Committee and Technical Working Group** are hereby created with the following composition and responsibilities:

A. Steering Committee (SC)

Chairperson: **Governor Niño Sotero L. Uy, Jr.**

Vice-Chairperson: **Dr. Edito B. Sumile**
Provincial Agriculturist, PAgrO

Members: **Freddie C. Bendulo**
Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator, PPDO

Maria Victoria G. Rodriguez
Provincial Treasurer, PTO

Engr. Gisica Y. Sayman
OIC Provincial Engineer, PEO

Jonathan E. Templa
OIC-Provincial Administrator, PAdO

Atty. Maria Lady Hope J. Macayra
Provincial Legal Officer, PLO

Karen Lou V. Deloso
Provincial Information Officer, PIO

Technical Advisors: **Dashiel P. Indelible, Sr.**
Engr. Gregory Dukil
Bernardo Y. Celmar, Jr.
Edmundo R. Acaylar

The Steering Committee shall:

- Be the primary planning, coordinating and implementing entity of the Summit and shall endeavor to achieve its goals and objectives, in coordination with other LGUs, government instrumentalities, key sectoral/private stakeholders;
- Provide over-all guidance to the PGO and provincial departments/offices concerned and oversee the organization/management of all preparations and support activities to ensure the successful holding of the said event and related actions;
- Foster strong partnership and collaboration among key stakeholders in the different sectors to ensure greater participation in the conduct of planning discussions and deliberations;
- Guarantee private sector participation in the staging of all Summit events and sub-activities; and
- Perform such other tasks as are necessary to effectively carry out the mandated functions of the Committee.

B. Technical Working Group (TWG)

Head: **Engr. Peter Rodriguez, PEE**
PEO

Members: **Honorato Martije**
PPDO
Rikk Nicholson M. Nalzar, CPA
PGO
Engr. Robert E. Tecson
PEO
Kurshid B. Valles
PENRO
Engr. Amery Perfectson C. Jumalon
PGSO
Rolando C. Manoroc, Junior
PAgrO

The TWG shall assist the SC in carrying out its responsibilities and functions related to the Energy/Power Summit, from the preparation, execution, up to post-event stages, and shall perform the following:

- Gather available records, data and information from credible/reliable sources pertinent to the power situation of the province for the study/evaluation/consideration of the SC;
- Implement a systematic monitoring/reporting/recording mechanism on the entire event implementation process for accurate documentation purposes;
- Recommend to the SC appropriate measures and strategies to address issues and concerns that negatively affect various stages of the implementation process;
- Guarantee the availability of and secure the local financial and human resources to support the logistical requirements of the Summit;
- Establish and/or maintain linkages and seek substantial inputs from national government agencies, distribution utilities, generation companies, NGOs, CSOs, private sector/consumer stakeholders;
- Prepare and submit output report to the Secretariat for consolidation and finalization, review by the SC, and submission to the Provincial Governor as reference for policy/decision-making purposes; and
- Perform other related tasks and activities upon the instruction of the Steering Committee.

SECTION 2. Secretariat. – In order to assist the SC and TWG in the discharge of their respective functions, there is hereby created a Secretariat which shall be responsible in the documentation of the proceedings, preparation of reports, filing of records, facilitate meetings, keep track of the activities and provide other administrative support as may be necessary and other assistance as may be required.

SECTION 3. Funding and Compensation/Remuneration. – The funding requirements necessary to implement the provisions of this Order shall be chargeable against appropriate sources as identified by the Local Finance Committee (LFC). The Committee members, including those under its TWG and Secretariat, shall be entitled to an honorarium in such amount as may be legally allowable.

SECTION 4. Sunset Clause. – The Steering Committee shall be *functus officio* within thirty (30) calendar days after the conduct of the Energy/Power Summit.

SECTION 5. Separability Clause. – Any portion or provision of this Executive Order that may be declared unconstitutional shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions or provisions hereof as long as such remaining portions or provisions can still subsist and be given effect in their entirety.

SECTION 6. Repealing Clause. – All executive issuances, orders or provisions thereof which are inconsistent with any provision of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. Effectivity Clause. – This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Done this OCT 02 2023 at Mati City, Davao Oriental.


NIÑO SOTERO L. UY, JR.
Governor