



Republic of the Philippines
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
Intramuros, Manila



IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING COMELEC RESOLUTION NO. 10023 AND FURTHER DEPUTIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE), DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR), DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH), DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG), THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE (DND), THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP), AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO ASSIST, AND DEPUTIZE CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS UNDER THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS IN SECURING THE NATIONWIDE TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES TO ENSURE RELIABILITY OF POWER IN CONNECTION WITH THE MAY 09, 2016 NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS

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RESOLUTION NO. 10067
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WHEREAS, Article IX-C, Section 2(4) of the 1987 Constitution empowers the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) to deputize, with the concurrence of the President, law enforcement agencies and instrumentalities of the government for the exclusive purpose of ensuring free, orderly, honest, peaceful and credible elections;

WHEREAS, COMELEC Resolution No. 10023 promulgated on December 03, 2015 entitled: "IN THE MATTER OF DEPUTIZING THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION, THE NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION AND THE LOCAL ELECTRIFICATION COOPERATIVES IN CONNECTION WITH THE MAY 09, 2016 NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS;"

WHEREAS, DOE Secretary Zenaida Y. Monsada, in a letter dated February 10, 2016 stated that the power supply situation in Mindanao is imperiled by, among others, the spate of bombings of transmission towers being operated by the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) and the continued failure of landowners to allow entry into their premises of NGCP personnel to repair damaged towers, equipment and facilities, as well as to conduct preventive maintenance activities, particularly the trimming and/or

cutting of trees and vegetations, and clearing of structures or any obstructions that may produce hazardous conditions within the transmission facilities right-of-way;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to provide support to the DOE and NGCP to ensure the sufficient uninterrupted electrical power supply and secure the transmission infrastructure and facilities during the elections;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission on Elections **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, in addition to the duties and functions of the deputization in COMELEC Resolution Nos. 10020, 10021, 10022 and 10023, the DOE, DENR, DPWH, DILG, NAPOLCOM, PNP, DND, NEA, NPC, AFP and other law enforcement agencies shall:

1. Provide sufficient personnel to secure the nationwide transmission lines, substations, and other related power facilities;
2. Provide assistance to and coordinate with the NGCP to implement clearing of the nationwide transmission facilities to include substations, towers and other related power facilities, in support of its systems operations functions. Towards, this end, the DENR shall facilitate the clearing of trees within the required transmission right-of-way;
3. Secure the area of Tower 25 located along the Agus 2 - Kibawe 138kV line, to enable the NGCP to undertake immediate repair, clearing, and restoration of the said transmission line tower so that Agus 1 and 2 can immediately inject power to the grid thereby increasing the supply of electric power in Mindanao; and
4. Provide pertinent information to cause the prosecution of any person or offender for any election offense such as, but not limited to, violation of Section (z)(11) which states that "Any person who, for the purpose of disrupting or obstructing the election process or causing confusion among the voters, propagates false and alarming reports or information or transmits or circulates false orders, directives or messages regarding any matter relating to the printing of official ballots, the postponement of the election, the transfer of polling place or the general conduct of the election."

PRECEDENCE OF COMMISSION ORDERS

Orders issued by the Commission in connection with the May 09, 2016 National and Local Elections shall take precedence over and above the orders and directives issued by any other office or agency of the Government.

However, nothing contained herein shall be construed as in any manner affecting or constituting an impairment of the Constitutional powers of the President of the Philippines to conduct and direct the general peace-keeping functions of the Philippines National Police.

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EFFECTIVITY, DISSEMINATION AND PUBLICATION

This Resolution shall take effect on the seventh (7th) day after its publication in at least two (2) daily newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

The Education and Information Department shall cause the publication of this Resolution in at least two (2) daily newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines, and disseminate this Resolution for the information of the public.

The Executive Director shall furnish copies of this Resolution to all above-named departments, agencies or offices, and to all of the Regional Election Directors, all Provincial Election Supervisors and all Election Officers.

All Commission field offices are directed to provide whatever support they can extend to the DOE and NGCP in the information dissemination of public awareness materials.

SO ORDERED.



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