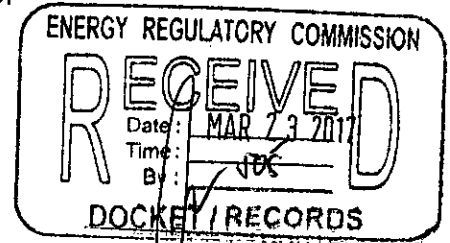
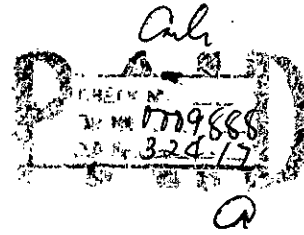


Republic of the Philippines
ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
San Miguel Avenue, Ortigas Center
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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE ANCILLARY SERVICES PROCUREMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES AND GREEN CORE GEOTHERMAL, INC., WITH PRAYER FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY.



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ERC CASE NO. 2017-0__RC

NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES AND GREEN CORE GEOTHERMAL, INC.,
Applicants.

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APPLICATION

(With Prayer for the Immediate Issuance of a Provisional Authority)

Applicants **NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES** (NGCP) and **GREEN CORE GEOTHERMAL, INC.** (GCGI), by counsels, respectfully state:

NATURE OF THE CASE

1. This Application is for the approval of the Ancillary Services Procurement Agreement (ASPA) between the NGCP and GCGI, pursuant to the Decision dated 3 October 2007 in ERC Case No. 2006-049RC, entitled: *"In the Matter of the Application for the Approval of Ancillary Services – Cost Recovery Mechanism (AS-CRM) of the Ancillary Services Procurement Plan, with Prayer for Provisional Authority."*

THE PARTIES

2. Applicant NGCP is a corporation created and existing under the laws of the Philippines, with office address at NGCP Building, Quezon Avenue corner BIR Road, Diliman, Quezon City. It is the concessionaire which assumed the power transmission functions of the National Transmission Corporation (TRANSCO) pursuant to Republic Act No. 9136¹ (EPIRA). It holds a franchise under Republic Act No. 9511² to engage in the business of conveying or transmitting electricity through high-voltage back-bone systems of interconnected transmission lines, substations and related facilities, and for other purposes. The franchise also includes the conduct of activities necessary to support the safe and reliable operation of the transmission system.

3. Applicant GCGI is a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the Philippine laws with principal office address at One Corporate Centre, Julia Vargas corner Meralco Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City. It may be served with orders, notices, and other legal processes through its undersigned counsel. It is the owner and operator of the Palipinon Geothermal Power Plant II (PGPP II), which was certified and accredited by NGCP as capable of providing Ancillary Services (AS) in the form of Regulating Reserve (RR).

3.1. GCGI, as a generation company, falls within the ambit of Sections 6 of Republic Act No. 9136 or the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001(the "EPIRA").

3.2 While GCGI is a co-applicant, it manifests that this joint application shall neither modify, diminish or constitute a waiver of GCGI's rights nor expand its obligations and responsibilities as a generation company under the EPIRA.

¹ Republic Act No. 9136 entitled, "An Act Ordaining Reforms in the Electric Power Industry, Amending for the Purpose Certain Laws and for other Purposes";

²An Act Granting the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines a Franchise To Engage in the Business of Conveying or Transmitting Electricity Through High Voltage Back-Bone System of Interconnected Transmission Lines, Substations and Related Facilities, and for other Purposes;

ANTECEDENT FACTS

4. Republic Act No. 9136 provides that it is the responsibility of NGCP to ensure and maintain the reliability, adequacy, security, stability and integrity of the nationwide electrical grid in accordance with the performance standards for its operations and maintenance, as set forth in the Philippine Grid Code (PGC), adopted and promulgated by the Honorable Commission, and to adequately serve generation companies, distribution utilities and suppliers requiring transmission service and/or ancillary services through the transmission system³.

5. Similarly, the PGC provides that NGCP is responsible for determining, acquiring, and dispatching the capacity needed to supply the required Grid Ancillary Services and for developing and proposing Wheeling Charges and Ancillary Service tariffs to the ERC⁴.

6. Ancillary services (AS) as defined in Section 4b of the EPIRA “refer to those services that are necessary to support the transmission of capacity and energy from resources to loads while maintaining reliable operation of the transmission system in accordance with good utility practice and the Grid Code to be adopted in accordance with this Act.” These services are essential in ensuring reliability in the operation of the transmission system and consequently, in the reliability of the electricity supply in the Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao grids.

7. In order to implement and regulate the procurement of AS, the Honorable Commission approved the Ancillary Services Procurement Plan (ASPP) through its Order dated 9 March 2006 in ERC Case No. 2002-253 and the Ancillary Services-Cost Recovery Mechanism (AS-CRM) through its Decision dated 3 October 2007 in ERC Case No. 2006-049RC.

8. Pursuant to its mandate, NGCP invited and negotiated with all prospective generation companies capable of providing ancillary services, one of which is GCGI. Upon conducting several tests on PGPP II, NGCP determined that its units are capable of providing RR. The copy of the Provisional Accreditation Certificate No. 2016-V0003 dated 26 October 2016 is attached as **Annex “A”**.

³Section 9 (c) and (d);

⁴Section 6.3.1.2;

9. After a series of meetings and negotiations, the Applicants executed the ASPA wherein NGCP agreed to procure and GCGI agreed to supply Regulating Reserve services to NGCP for a period of five (5) years under a non-firm arrangement. Also, considering the importance of guaranteeing the availability of ancillary services to ensure and maintain the reliability, adequacy, security, stability and integrity of the Visayas Grid, the parties agreed that GCGI shall already commence providing Regulating Reserve, in whole and in part, pending the approval, provisional or final, of the Application, and corresponding payment thereof shall be subject to the approval of the Honorable Commission. A copy of the ASPA dated 4 January 2017 is attached as **Annex "B"**.

NON-FIRM CONTRACTED CAPACITY RATES AND IMPACT SIMULATION

10. Schedule 4 of the ASPA provides for the agreed upon formula for the computation of the Ancillary Services Fees as well as the applicable maximum hourly rate for the capacity covered by the ASPA:

Non-Firm:

Ancillary Service	Applicable Rates (Maximum Hourly Rate)
Regulating Reserve	Php3.00/kW/Hr

11. NGCP respectfully submits that the rate represents a reasonable recovery of its opportunity cost in making available generation capacity to provide the procured AS.

12. The rate under ASPA was subjected to a simulation by NGCP, as follows:

AS Type	SIMULATION for 24hr Schedule	
	P/kW-mo	P/kWh Equivalent
Regulating Reserve	5.4160	0.0119

A copy of the said rate impact simulation is attached as **Annex "C."**

13. Consistent with the AS-CRM, all the related and incidental expenses which NGCP will incur as a result of the procurement and operation of the ancillary services shall be recovered from all the load customers in the Visayas Grid.

ALLEGATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE PRAYER FOR PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY

14. It is a declared policy of the State to ensure the quality, reliability, security and affordability of the supply of electric power (*Section 2b, EPIRA*). With this end in view, there is a need to comply with the system requirements for AS to ensure grid system reliability. As mentioned above, NGCP has the mandate to procure the required AS.

15. The current levels of available contracted AS in the Visayas Grid has not yet reached the desired levels necessary for system reliability. Thus, Applicants executed this ASPA. A copy of the relevant actual data showing available level of RR and the capacity contribution of GCGI in the Visayas Grid is attached as **Annex "D"**.

16. As the demand for power in the Visayas increases, the requirements of the system to ensure stability, reliability, and security likewise increases. Ensuring the integrity of the system is essential to protect the interests of the public. The absence of system reliability and stability will certainly discourage investments and growth.

17. The importance of the Regulating Reserve to be provided by GCGI to ensure and maintain the reliability, adequacy, security, stability and integrity of the Visayas Grid cannot be overemphasized. Hence, the parties agreed that GCGI shall already commence providing Regulating Reserve, in whole and in part, pending the approval, provisional or final, of the Application. Recovery of the corresponding cost shall be subject to the Honorable Commission's approval similar to its Order dated 15 March 2016 issued in ERC Case No. 2009-029RC.⁵

⁵ In the matter of the Application for the Approval of the Ancillary Services Procurement Agreement (ASPA) between the National Transmission Corporation (TRANSCO) now National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) and National Power Corporation (NPC), with Prayer for Provisional Authority.

18. Applicants respectfully submit that the immediate approval of the ASPA by this Honorable Commission is a necessity to maintain the present reliability and security of the Grid. In support of these allegations, NGCP submits a copy of the Judicial Affidavit of Lisaflor Bacani Kater, which is attached as **Annex "E."**

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, premises considered, Applicants respectfully pray that the Honorable Commission to:

a) Immediately **ISSUE** a provisional authority to implement the subject ASPA effective on 24 February 2017;

b) **ALLOW** NGCP the full and retroactive recovery of ancillary services cost for the provision of Regulating Reserve by GCGI pursuant to the subject ASPA (effective on 24 February 2017);

c) **APPROVE,** after notice and hearing, the subject ASPA.

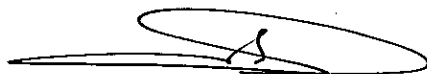
Applicants pray for other just and equitable relief.

Quezon City and Pasig City for Pasig City, 24 February 2017.

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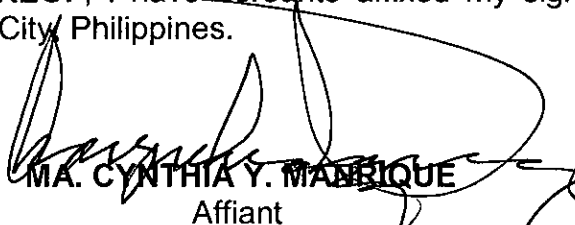
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**VERIFICATION AND
CERTIFICATION OF NON-FORUM SHOPPING**

I, **MA. CYNTHIA Y. MANRIQUE**, Filipino, of legal age, single, after having been duly sworn to in accordance with law, hereby depose and say that:

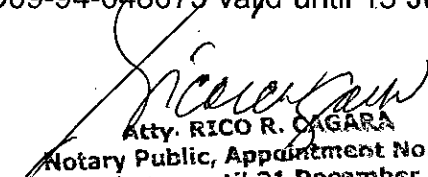
1. I am presently the Head of the Revenue Regulatory Affairs Group of the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP);
2. I am duly authorized to sign the Verification and Certification of Non-Forum Shopping in this case for and in behalf of NGCP as evidenced by the Secretary's Certificate hereto attached as **Annex "A-Verification;"**
3. I have caused the preparation of the foregoing joint Application and I have read it. I attest that the allegations therein are true and correct of my personal knowledge and based on authentic records;
4. I further attest that NGCP has not filed any similar case or action before any court, tribunal or quasi-judicial agency involving the properties subject of this case and, to the best of my knowledge, no such other case or action is pending therein; and
5. If I should thereafter learn that a similar case, action or claim other than those mentioned above, is filed or pending before any court, tribunal or quasi-judicial agency, I shall report that fact to this Honorable Office within five (5) days therefrom;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 27 February 2017, in Quezon City, Philippines.


MA. CYNTHIA Y. MANRIQUE
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 27 February 2017, affiant exhibited to me her Driver's License No. D09-94-048075 valid until 13 June 2018 issued at Quezon City.

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VERIFICATION/CERTIFICATION

I, **NESTOR H. VASAY**, after having been duly sworn in accordance with law, depose and say:

1. I am the Senior Vice President of **GREEN CORE GEOTHERMAL INC.**, ("**GCGI**") the Co-Applicant in the above-entitled case;
2. That I have caused the preparation and filing of the foregoing Application;
3. That I have read the same and that all the allegations contained therein are true and correct of my own personal knowledge and belief and/or based on authentic records of **GCGI**;
4. That **GCGI** has not commenced any other action or proceeding involving the same issue/s with the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals or any other tribunal or agency;
5. That, to the best of my knowledge, no such action or proceeding involving the same issue/s is pending with the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals or any other tribunal or agency; and
6. That should I hereafter learn that a similar action or proceeding has been filed or is pending with the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals or any other tribunal or agency, I hereby undertake to report such fact within five (5) days to this Honorable Commission.


Further affiant sayeth none.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature on this 27 FEB 2017 day of February 2017, at Pasig City, Philippines.


NESTOR H. VASAY
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 27 FEB 2017 day of 2017 at PASIG CITY Affiant, who is personally known to me, exhibited to me his Passport No. FB 720 0180 issued in DEA-NCR-Cebu on 24 Jan 18.

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