

Republic of the Philippines
ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Pasig City



**IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION FOR
APPROVAL OF FORCE
MAJEURE CAPEX
PROJECT:
(REHABILITATION OF
DISTRIBUTION LINES DUE
TO DAMAGE CAUSED BY
NATIONAL CALAMITY -
TYPHOON LANDO), WITH
AUTHORITY TO SECURE
LOANS FROM NATIONAL
ELECTRIFICATION
ADMINISTRATION (NEA)
AND PRAYER FOR
PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY,**

ERC Case No. 2016-188 RC

**AURORA ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC.
(AURELCO),**
Applicant.

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D O C K E T E D
Date: **APR 26 2018**
By: _____

DECISION

Before the Commission for resolution is the Application dated 11 October 2016 (Application) filed on 18 November 2016 by Aurora Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AURELCO) for the approval of its Force Majeure capital expenditure projects which involve the rehabilitation of its lines damaged by Typhoon Lando.

AURELCO is an electric cooperative duly organized and existing by virtue of Presidential Decree No. 269, otherwise known as National Electrification Administration Decree (PD 269), as amended by Presidential Decree No. 1645 and Republic Act No. 10531, otherwise known as, National Electrification Administration Reform Act of 2013 (RA 10531), and other laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office at Barangay Reserva, Baler, Aurora.¹

¹ Force Majeure Capex Application dated 11 October 2016, par. 2

It has an exclusive 50-year franchise, issued by the National Electrification Administration (NEA), to operate an electric light and power distribution service in: (1) the Municipalities of Baler, Casiguran, Dinalungan, Dipaculao, Maria Aurora, San Luis, Dilasag, Dingalan, all in the Province of Aurora; (2) Municipality of Dinapigue in the Province of Isabela; (3) Barangay Umigay, General Nakar, Province of Quezon; and (4) Barangay Castañeda, Province of Nueva Viscaya.

AURELCO filed the instant Application pursuant to Section 43 (f) (v)² of R.A. 9136, otherwise known as Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA); Rule 20, A³ of ERC's Rules of Practice and Procedure (ERPP); and ERC Resolution No. 26, Series of 2009.⁴

FACTUAL ANTECEDENTS

On 17-18 October 2015, Luzon was struck by Typhoon Lando. Many Provinces in Luzon were affected. In particular, Aurora Province sustained a direct hit from the said typhoon. Typhoon Lando caused severe damage to the Province of Aurora affecting households, livelihood and infrastructure, including the distribution lines of AURELCO.⁵ The estimated cost damage to AURELCO's franchise area amounted to PhP 24,375,693.12.⁶

AURELCO's lines that require rehabilitation are as follows: (1) thirty-six (36) poles in Baler; (2) twenty-six (26) poles in San Luis; (3) fifty-eight (58) in Maria Aurora; (4) seventy-four (74) poles in Dipaculao; and (5) Six Hundred Fifty (650) poles in the northern towns of Dinalungan, Casiguran and Dilasag.⁷

With the devastation brought by Typhoon Lando, urgent calls for the immediate restoration of power supply from residents and local governments of affected municipalities were made.⁸

² EPIRA, Section 43 (f) (v) - Any significant operating costs or project investments of the TRANSCO and distribution utilities which shall become part of the rate base shall be subject to verification by the ERC to ensure that the contracting and procurement of the equipment, assets and services have been subjected to transparent and accepted industry procurement and purchasing practices to protect the public interest.

³ Section 1. In General. - Any plan for expansion or improvement of distribution facilities shall be reviewed and approved by the Commission to ensure that all capital projects are optimized and that the contracting and procurement of the equipment, assets and services have been subjected to transparent and competitive bidding and purchasing processes to protect public interest. Applications of this nature shall be governed by the Guidelines to Govern the Submission, Evaluation and Approval of Electric Distribution Capital Projects.

⁴ Amended Rules for Approval of Regulated Entities' Capital Expenditure Project

⁵ Force Majeure Capex Application, *supra* note 1, par. 5

⁶ Exhibit "B-1", AURELCO Board Resolution No. 83-2015, Minutes of the Meeting, par. 3

⁷ Exhibit "A", Executive Summary of AURELCO's Force Majeure (Typhoon Lando) Capital Expenditure Application, page 12

⁸ Force Majeure Capex Application, *supra* note 1, par. 6

Knowing that electricity plays a key role in the complete rehabilitation of the Province of Aurora, AURELCO was constrained to immediately rehabilitate the damaged distribution lines and sub-offices located in the affected municipalities.⁹

In the afternoon of 18 October 2015, to hasten the power restoration efforts of AURELCO, its General Manager, Engr. Noel DV Vedad conducted a canvass among the accredited suppliers of AURELCO to solicit low prices in favour of the cooperative and to determine who among them can deliver and/or supply at the soonest possible time the various electrical materials composed of electric poles, wires, hardwares, kWh Meters and Transformers needed for the immediate rehabilitation of damaged electrical lines caused by Typhoon Lando.¹⁰

On the same day, the Board of Directors of AURELCO also convened an emergency meeting to discuss the emergency procurement. Pursuant to the said board meeting, the AURELCO's Board issued Resolution No. 83-2015 authorizing AURELCO's General Manager Noel DV Vedad to negotiate with various accredited suppliers of AURELCO for the emergency procurement of electrical supplies.¹¹

To finance the said emergency procurement, AURELCO's Board, in the same meeting, issued Resolution No. 82-2015 approving the request to avail from NEA a calamity loan amounting to PhP 24,500,000.00.¹²

The request for calamity loan was succeeded by a request for the conversion of the calamity loan to a subsidy. The said request was contained in AURELCO's Board Resolution No. 84-2015. Resolution Nos. 82-2015, 83-2015 and 84-2015 were issued on 18 October 2015.

Pursuant to the directive of AURELCO's Board to initiate emergency procurement process, AURELCO's Procurement, Bidding and Awards Committee (PBAC) again held a meeting on 19 October 2015. During the said meeting, PBAC Chairman, Engr. Jouan R. Imperial presented to the committee: (1) the initial assessment for the damages on AURELCO distribution lines; and (2) the comparison of quotations from different suppliers.¹³

⁹ Force Majeure Capex Application, *supra* note 1, par. 6

¹⁰ Exhibit "B-1", *supra* note 6

¹¹ *Ibid.*

¹² Exhibit "B", AURELCO Board Resolution No. 82-2015

¹³ Minutes of Bidding Through Sealed Quotation with PBAC held at AURELCO Conference Room on 19 October 2015.

The mode of procurement was done by requesting from accredited AURELCO suppliers their respective quotations on the required electrical materials. The suppliers submitted their quotations in a sealed envelope. The quotations were assessed and evaluated by the members of the PBAC. PBAC's evaluation shows that following suppliers provided the lowest calculated responsive bid: (1) JFK Power Sales & Construction, Inc., (2) Tristarline Co., Inc.; and (3) Poleman Energy System Corporation.¹⁴

After the procurement process was settled, rehabilitation of the damaged lines was conducted with the help of other Electric Cooperatives (EC). The Central Luzon Electric Cooperative Association (CLECA) and three ECs from Region IV-A, with the supervision of the NEA, gave assistance by sending a number of groups of foremen and linemen with their respective boom trucks and other vehicles which was called Task Force Lando to speed up the rehabilitation of lines.¹⁵

Several months after the completion of the rehabilitation, AURELCO then filed the instant Application on 18 November 2016 seeking (1) the Commission's approval of the Force Majeure Capex Projects undertaken for the rehabilitation of AURELCO's Lines; and (2) the grant of authority to secure loans from NEA.

Having found the said application compliant with the pre-filing requirements mandated under Section 2, Rule 6 of the ERPP¹⁶, the Commission issued an Order and a Notice of Public Hearing dated 30 January 2017 setting the same for jurisdictional hearing, expository presentation, pre-trial conference and evidentiary hearing on 9 March 2017. The said Order further directed AURELCO to file its Pre-trial brief within five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing, to furnish all those who made a request for the copy of the application and its annexes, and to comply with the Commission's jurisdictional

¹⁴ PBAC Recommendation dated 19 October 2015 for Engr. Noel DV Vedad

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¹⁶ Resolution No. 38, Series of 2006 –Rule 6. Section 2. Pre-filing Requirements for Rate Applications and Other Applications/Petitions for Relief Affecting the Consumers. - Before the Commission shall accept and docket rate applications and other applications or petitions for relief affecting the consumers, the applicant or petitioner must comply with the following requirements:

(a) The applicant or petitioner must furnish the Local Government Unit (LGU) Legislative Body (and not the Office of the Mayor) of the city or municipality where it principally operates, a copy of the application or petition, and not a mere notice of application/petition, with all its annexes and accompanying documents. If such principal place of operation is a component city or a municipality, the applicant or petitioner shall likewise furnish the LGU Legislative Body of the province of which such component city or municipality is part.

(b) The applicant or petitioner must cause the publication of the entire application or petition, excluding its annexes, and not a mere notice of filing or notice of application or petition, in a newspaper of general circulation within its franchise area or area where it principally operates.

requirements on posting and publication of the notice of hearing pursuant to Section 4, Rule 14 of ERPP during the initial hearing date.¹⁷

In compliance with the Order dated 30 January 2017, AURELCO filed its "*Pre-trial Brief for Applicant*" and the "*Judicial Affidavits*" of its witnesses on 3 March 2017. Attached to the "*Pre-trial Brief for Applicant*" are jurisdictional requirements of the Commission.

During the initial hearing on 9 March 2017, the following transpired:

- a) When the hearing was called to order by the Hearing Officer (HO) Atty. Maria Adela C. Ching, only AURELCO appeared through its counsel Atty. Zenon S. Suarez.
- b) Upon perusal of the jurisdiction requirements of AURELCO as attached to its "*Pre-trial Brief for Applicant*", the Clerk of the Commission found the following submissions in conformity with Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and Order dated 30 January 2017: (1) Complete issues of The Manila Times newspaper dated 17¹⁸ and 24¹⁹ February 2017 with pages D5²⁰ and B4²¹, respectively, showing the Notice of Public Hearing for the instant case dated 30 January 2017; (2) Affidavit of Evelyn S. Arevalo²², Accounting Supervisor of The Manila Times, attesting to the publication of the said Notice of Public Hearing on The Manila Times on 17 and 24 February 2017; (3) Complete issues of Malaya Business Insight newspaper dated 17²³ and 24²⁴ February 2017 with page C3²⁵ and A10²⁶, respectively, showing the

¹⁷ Section 4. Publication and Other Requirements. - The notice of hearing for any application or petition for rate adjustment or for any relief affecting the consumers shall be published by the applicant or petitioner, at its own expense, at least twice for two (2) successive weeks in two (2) newspapers of nationwide circulation, the last day of publication not to be later than ten (10) days before the scheduled hearing. In all other applications or petitions, the publication of the notice shall only be once in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality or localities where the applicant or petitioner operates its business, if there be any such local newspaper, or in a newspaper of nationwide circulation, at least ten (10) days before the scheduled hearing.

¹⁸ Exhibit "G-1"

¹⁹ Exhibit "G-3"

²⁰ Exhibit "G-2"

²¹ Exhibit "G-4"

²² Exhibit "G"

²³ Exhibit "G-5"

²⁴ Exhibit "G-7"

²⁵ Exhibit "G-6"

Notice of Public Hearing for the instant case dated 30 January 2017; (4) Affidavit of Luzviminda T. Bugaoisan²⁷, Advertising Manager of Malaya Business Insight, attesting to the publication of the said Notice of Public Hearing on Malaya Business Insight newspaper dated 17 and 24 February 2017; (5) proofs of receipt of the Office of the Solicitor General²⁸, Commission on Audit²⁹, Senate Committee on Energy³⁰ and House of Representatives' Committee on Energy³¹; and (6) Certificates of Posting showing that the Order and Notice of Public Hearing, both dated 20 January 2015, were posted in the: (i) Provincial Halls of Aurora³² and Quezon³³; (ii) Municipal Halls of Casiguran³⁴, Dinalungan³⁵, Dipaculao³⁶, Maria Aurora³⁷, San Luis³⁸, Dilasag³⁹, Dingalan⁴⁰, all in the Province of Aurora; (iii) Municipality of Dinapigue⁴¹ in the Province of Isabela; (iv) Municipality of General Nakar⁴², Province of Quezon; and (v) Municipality of Alfonso Castañeda⁴³, Province of Nueva Viscaya; and (7) Affidavit of Service to the following: (1) Provincial Governor of Isabela⁴⁴ and Nueva Viscaya⁴⁵; and (2) Municipal Mayor of Baler⁴⁶,

- c) Finding AURELCO's submissions in compliance with Section 4, Rule 14 of ERPP⁴⁷, the Hearing Officer declared that the Commission declared that it acquired jurisdiction over the Application.

²⁶ Exhibit "G-8"

²⁷ Exhibit "G-4"

²⁸ Exhibit "L"

²⁹ Exhibit "L-2"

³⁰ Exhibit "L-1"

³¹ Exhibit "L-3"

³² Exhibit "F"

³³ Exhibit "F-11"

³⁴ Exhibit "F-6"

³⁵ Exhibit "F-5"

³⁶ Exhibit "F-3"

³⁷ Exhibit "F-2"

³⁸ Exhibit "F-1"

³⁹ Exhibit "F-7"

⁴⁰ Exhibit "F-12"

⁴¹ Exhibit "F-8"

⁴² Exhibit "F-4"

⁴³ Exhibit "F-10"

⁴⁴ Exhibit "F-14" – Angelo P. Te's Affidavit of Service dated 28 February 2017

⁴⁵ Exhibit "F-13" – Richel C. Gutierrez's Affidavit of Service dated 28 February 2017

⁴⁶ Exhibit "F-12" – Peter A. Liwag's Affidavit of Service dated 28 February 2017

⁴⁷ *Supra* note no. 5

- d) Thereafter, the hearing proceeded with the AURELCO's expository presentation wherein its Technical Services Manager, Engr. Juoan R. Imperial provided a comprehensive discussion of its Force Majeure Capital Expenditure Project for the year 2012. As the presenter is also the Applicant's witnesses, he was placed under oath prior to the presentation. After the said presentation, the presentors were asked various clarificatory questions.
- e) After the presentation, considering that there are no intervenors on record, AURELCO's counsel moved that an Order of General Default be issued and that the matter contained in its Pre-trial Brief be adopted as the Pre-trial Conference. Both motions were granted. Upon termination of the Pre-trial Conference, AURELCO presented Engr. Jouan R. Imperial as its sole witness.
- f) Engr. Jouan R. Imperial testified to prove that the instant Application is necessary in order for AURELCO: (1) to be able to rehabilitate its system and be able to recover from the damage brought about by Typhoon Lando; and (2) also to become more efficient adequate and reliable but affordable electric service to all its customers within its area coverage.
- g) In the course of their respective direct examinations, several documents were presented by AURELCO, identified by witnesses and duly marked as exhibits.
- h) After the presentation of witnesses were concluded, the Hearing Officer directed AURELCO to submit the following: (1) reports or documents proving that the procurement underwent bidding; (2) comparison of prices from supplier; (3) copy of formal letter addressed to the Commission requesting for extension to file Force Majeure Capex Application; and (4) Data for utilization of Reinvestment Fund for Sustainable Capex (RFSC).

In accordance with the directive given by the Hearing Office during the 9 March 2017 Hearing, AURELCO filed its *Formal Offer*

of *Evidence and Documentary Exhibits*” on 28 March 2017, attaching thereto the documents and/or data enjoined to be submitted.

Thereafter, the Commission issued an Order dated 14 August 2017 admitting AURELCO’s *Formal Offer of Evidence and Documentary Exhibits*” for being relevant and material to the evaluation of the instant Application, and deemed the case submitted for resolution.

FORCE MAJEURE CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROJECT

AURELCO filed for the approval and confirmation of its Force Majeure Event CAPEX Project (FM Capex Project) caused by typhoon LANDO with a total cost of **PhP24,803,768.81**.

The FM Capex Project involves the repair and restoration of AURELCO’s distribution lines, facilities and equipment and sub-offices after sustaining considerable damage from the onslaught of **Typhoon LANDO** on October 17-18, 2015. The assessment on the extent of damage caused by the typhoon is briefly summarized as follows:

	Particulars	Total Cost (PhP)
1	Payment of Poles	11,048,452.00
2	Payment of 1000 pcs of kWh Meters	745,000.00
3	Payment of Construction Materials	5,443,383.65
4	Payment of 500 pcs kWh Meters	372,500.00
5	Payment of Construction Materials	2,571,068.00
6	Payment of Construction Materials	41,462.00
7	Payment of Poles & Cross-arms	3,338,990.00
8	Payment of Construction Materials (Insulators)	105,100.00
	Subtotal	23,665,955.65
9	Labor & Overhead	730,831.75
10	Gasoline	406,981.41
	GRAND TOTAL	24,803,768.81

DISCUSSION

In determining the merits of the instant Application, the Commission evaluated the Application based on four (4) aspects: (1) timeliness of the filing of the instant application; (2) the necessity of the projects; (3) Project Cost; and (4) Rate Impact to the Reinvestment Fund for Sustainable CAPEX (RFSC)

Timeliness of the Filing of the Instant Application

AURELCO implemented this Force Majeure Event Capital

Expenditure Project to comply with its obligation to restore service within the shortest time possible as provided for in Section 1.2.1 of ERC Resolution No. 12, Series of 2006 (Guidelines for Monitoring of Reliability Standards for Distribution Utilities):

“Each Distribution Utility shall make reasonable efforts to avoid and prevent Interruptions of service. However, when Interruptions occur, service shall be reestablished within the shortest time practicable.”

Section 3.3 of Resolution No. 26, Series of 2009 (Resolution Amending the Rules for Approval of Regulated Entities’ Capital Expenditure Projects) provided as follows:

“If a Force Majeure or Fortuitous event, as the case may be, occurs, the affected Regulated Entity shall seek the ERC’s confirmation of the implementation of capital expenditure projects arising from such event xxx.”

“To seek the ERC’s confirmation, the affected Regulated Entity must give the ERC a Force Majeure or Fortuitous Event Notice within three (3) months from the occurrence of the Force Majeure or Fortuitous Event xxx.”

In the case of AURELCO, the force majeure project was already fully implemented as of 30 January 2016⁴⁸. On 6 October 2012, AURELCO wrote a letter⁴⁹ to the Commission requesting for reconsideration on the late filing of its Force Majeure Capital Expenditure Project.

In the said letter, AURELCO expressed the following reasons for the late filing of its Application: (1) while restoration efforts after the Typhoon Lando was in progress, Aurora Province was again hit by another calamity, i.e., Typhoon Nona; (2) documents required for this application were not immediately secured and settled; (3) AURELCO is also waiting for NEA to convert its Calamity Loan for Typhoon Lando into a subsidy.

Finding the explanations of AURELCO in the said letter meritorious, the Commission allowed the filing of the instant Application on 18 November 2016.

⁴⁸ AURELCO Certificate of Completion (Rehabilitation of Lines Damaged by Typhoon Lando)

⁴⁹ AURELCO Letter addressed to Chairman Salazar dated 6 October 2016

Necessity of the Project

AURELCO implemented the subject Force Majeure Event Capital Expenditure Project to comply with its obligation to restore service within the shortest time possible as provided for in Section 1.2.1 of ERC Resolution No. 12, Series of 2006 (Guidelines for Monitoring of Reliability Standards for Distribution Utilities):

“Each Distribution Utility shall make reasonable efforts to avoid and prevent Interruptions of service. However, when Interruptions occur, service shall be reestablished within the shortest time practicable.”

The immediate implementation of the project was compelled by the situation. The rehabilitation of the Province itself requires the immediate restoration of a continuous, safe and reliable power supply in the affected areas.

Project Cost

Based on the submitted CAPEX update, the total actual cost for the full implementation of the project is **PhP24,803,768.81**.

The table below shows the detailed cost of the repair, restoration and replacement of distribution lines and facilities damaged by typhoon LANDO, to wit:

	Particulars	Amount (PhP)
1	Payment of Poles	
	Pole, Steel, 30'	1,194,976.00
	Pole, Steel, 35'	7,136,256.00
	Pole, Steel, 40'	1,812,410.00
2	Payment of Cross-arms	
	Crossarm, Steel, 8'	579,420.00
	Crossarm, Steel, 10'	325,390.00
3	Payment of kWh Meters	1,117,500.00
4	Payment of Construction Materials	11,500,003.65
5	Labor & Overhead ⁵⁰	730,831.75
6	Gasoline ⁵¹	406,981.41
	GRAND TOTAL	24,803,768.81

⁵⁰ Includes hauling of poles and pole line materials to DICADIDI areas and to Casiguran, services rendered for cutting and clearing of trees, expenses incurred during rehabilitation of lines, service drop fixing and travel expense for task force Kapatiran excluding expenditures incurred by AURELCO personnel.

⁵¹ Refers to gasoline expense for Task Force Kapatiran excluding AURELCO's vehicle consumption.

The materials utilized for the project were purchased from its suppliers on account and from the buffer stocks in the warehouse intended for other projects. The total cost incurred includes pole line materials purchased on suppliers' account, replacement materials for the utilized warehouse stocks, gasoline and transportation expenses which are incurred directly in the course of establishing the capital assets.

The General Fund was temporarily used in paying the accounts as they fall due. Applicant manifested that the total amount utilized from the General Fund will be reimbursed from RFSC upon confirmation and approval of the Commission.

Finding the immediate implementation of the instant FM Capex Application necessary for AURELCO's compliance to its mandate to provide reliable power supply, as well as AURELCO's efforts to immediately restore power with a responsive and transparent procurement process duly supported by documents and receipts, the Commission resolves to approve and confirm the instant Application.

Project Financing vis-à-vis Prayer for Authority To Secure Loan

Based on the submitted RFSC Utilization for 2015-2016 as required during the hearing of the subject case on 9 March 2017, the outstanding RFSC balance as of December 2015 right after the occurrence of the force majeure event was **PhP15,616,157.16**⁵² net of utilization/withdrawals. Considering that the amount needed is approximately PhP25 Million, the Reinvestment Fund for Sustainable CAPEX (RFSC) of AURELCO was not sufficient to finance the force majeure project.

Thus, AURELCO immediately filed an application for calamity loan with NEA which was approved and released in the amount of PhP24,500,000.00. The amount of the applied Calamity Loan was based on an estimated amount of the damage.

However, after the rehabilitation, it was determined that the actual cost amounted to **PhP24,803,768.81**. As the actual cost is higher than the approved Calamity Loan, the balance of PhP303,768.81 was taken from AURELCO's General Fund which will be reimbursed from RFSC upon confirmation and approval by the Commission of this project.

⁵² Annual Report on the Members' Contribution for Capital Expenditures (For the period of January – December 2016)

In view of the foregoing, the prayer for authority to secure loan is hereby approved.

Permit Fee

Relative to the instant application, Section 40 of Commonwealth Act No. 146 provided as follows:

“The Commission is authorized and ordered to charge and collect from any public service or applicant, as the case may be, the following fees as reimbursement of its expenses in the authorization, supervision and/or regulation of the public services:

xxx

g) For each permit authorizing the increase of equipment, the installation of new units or authorizing the increase of capacity, or the extension of means or general extensions in the services, xxx for each one hundred pesos or fraction of the additional capital necessary to carry out the permit”

As such, AURELCO is hereby required to pay the Commission a permit fee based on the existing schedule of ERC Fees and Charges for the authorization and approval of its capital expenditure projects. The total amount of permit fee shall be **PhP186,028.27**. The said amount was based on 75 centavos for every PhP100.00 of the approved total project cost.

IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, the Commission hereby resolves that:

- a. AURELCO’s Force Majeure Event Capital Expenditure Project be confirmed in the amount of **PhP24,803,768.81**;
- b. AURELCO is hereby authorized to secure loan from NEA; and
- c. AURELCO is further directed to pay the Commission the full of amount of **PhP186,028.27** as payment of permit fee for the approval of its force majeure capital expenditure project, within 15 days upon receipt of this Decision.

The recovery of the project costs and its impact on the consumer's monthly electricity rate, considering the loan repayments, shall be treated comprehensively in the Regulatory Reset Period as prescribed under the Rules for Setting Electric Cooperatives' Wheeling Rates (RSEC-WR).

Approval of the herein projects would not be prejudicial to both AURELCO and its customers, but rather, it would best serve their interests. Such projects will help the AURELCO in achieving its prime goal of providing continuous electric service to its customers by improving the overall power quality and efficiency of its electric distribution system.

SO ORDERED.

Pasig City, 31 August 2017.

JOSE VICENTE B. SALAZAR*

Chairman and CEO



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Commissioner



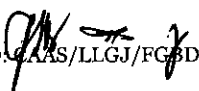
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