

Republic of the Philippines
ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
San Miguel Avenue, Pasig City



**IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL
OF CONTINGENCY CAPITAL
EXPENDITURE PROJECT –
POLE RELOCATION DUE TO
ROAD WIDENING**

ERC CASE NO. 2015-094 RC

**NUEVA VIZCAYA ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC.
(NUVELCO),
Applicant.**

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that on May 13, 2015, Nueva Vizcaya Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NUVELCO) filed an application for approval of contingency capital expenditure project - pole relocation due to road widening.

In the said application, NUVELCO alleged, among others, the following:

1. It is an electric cooperative duly organized under Philippine law, with principal office address at Gabut, Dupax del Sur, Nueva Vizcaya; franchised to construct, own, operate and maintain an electric light and power distribution system in the municipalities of Ambaguio, Aritao, Bagabag, Bayombong, Bambang, Diadi, Dupax del Sur, Dupax del Norte, Kasibu, Kayapa, Quezon, Santa Fe, Solano, Villaverde and Alfonso Castañeda all in the Province of Nueva Vizcaya. Its General Manager is Engr. Narciso S. Salunat;

2. It seeks authority to implement a contingency capital expenditure project, more particularly the relocation of poles and lines due to the ongoing road widening projects of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH);
3. The municipalities located within the Province of Nueva Vizcaya are of late experiencing fast economic growth, such that households here can now easily own vehicles for transportation. With this development, urban areas are now more prone to traffic congestion causing inconvenience to the riding public. In order to ease the traffic situation, the DPWH has embarked on several road widening projects in the Province of Nueva Vizcaya;
4. It is thus constrained to undertake the proposed relocation of its poles and lines to be affected by the road widening projects. The benefits to be derived from these proposed projects are the following:
 - a. Proper right-of-way clearance can be observed to minimize vehicular accidents;
 - b. It will become compliant of DPWH's rules and regulations;
 - c. Traffic, as well as goods and services, can flow more freely thru the Province; and
 - d. Boost productivity and economic growth in the Province;
5. The estimated cost of the proposed relocation of poles and lines is PhP7,107,620.79, more particularly described as follows:

a.	Comon, Aritao (13.8 kV line)	2,480,478.43
b.	Darapdap, Arita to Gabut, Dupax del Sur (13.8 kV line)	356,013.85
c.	San Antonio North to Bambang Proper, Bambang (69 kV)	3,095,036.81
d.	Top Hill Bambang (13.8 kV line)	743,761.94
e.	Hilltop, Nagsabaran, Diadi (13.8 kV line)	432,329.76
	TOTAL	PHP 7,107,620.79

6. It will fund the proposed projects from its Reinvestment Fund for Sustainable Capex (RFSC);
7. The Project Schedule of implementation shall be one (1) month commencing from April 6 to May 6, 2015;
8. Attached are the following supporting documents:
 - a. Write-up on Project Description, Justification, Estimated Cost and Project Schedule;
 - b. Estimated cost of materials & labor for the relocation of lines located at Comon, Aritao, Nueva Vizcaya;
 - c. Estimated cost of materials & labor for the road widening along Darapidap, Aritao and Gabut, Dupax del Sur, Nueva Vizcaya;
 - d. Estimated cost of materials & labor for the relocation of 69kV sub-transmission line along National from Tophill to San Antonio North, Bambang Proper, Nueva Vizcaya (due to Road Widening);
 - e. Estimated cost of materials & labor for the relocation of 13.8 kV line located at Tophill to San Antonio North, Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya;
 - f. Estimated cost of materials & labor for the relocation of line located at Hilltop, Nagsabaran, Diadi, Nueva Vizcaya;
 - g. Work Program Schedule;
 - h. Its letter dated 2 March 2015 addressed to the DPWH Regional Director;
 - i. DPWH Summary of Complaint/Query dated 11 March 2015;

- j. DPWH letter dated 12 March 2015 addressed to it;
 - k. DPWH letter dated 16 March 2015 addressed to it;
 - l. DPWH letter dated 6 April 2015 addressed to it;
 - m. DPWH background information and Notice of Proceed;
 - n. DPWH Department Order No. 26, Series of 2011; and
 - o. DPWH Department Order No. 73, Series of 2014; and
9. It prays that the proposed contingency capital project to relocate its poles and lines described above be approved. It also prays for other just or equitable relief.

The Commission has set the application for jurisdictional hearing, expository presentation, pre-trial conference and evidentiary hearing on **November 27, 2015 (Friday) at nine o'clock in the morning (9:00 A.M.) at NUVELCO Main Office, Gabut, Dupax del Sur, Nueva Vizcaya.**

All persons who have an interest in the subject matter of the proceeding may become a party by filing, at least five (5) days prior to the initial hearing and subject to the requirements in the ERC's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a verified petition with the Commission giving the docket number and title of the proceeding and stating: (1) the petitioner's name and address; (2) the nature of petitioner's interest in the subject matter of the proceeding, and the way and manner in which such interest is affected by the issues involved in the proceeding; and (3) a statement of the relief desired.

All other persons who may want their views known to the Commission with respect to the subject matter of the proceeding may file their opposition to the application or comment thereon at any stage of the proceeding before the applicant concludes the presentation of its evidence. No particular form of opposition or comment is required, but the document, letter or writing should contain the name and address of such person and a concise statement of the opposition or comment and the grounds relied upon.

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All such persons who may wish to have a copy of the application may request the applicant, prior to the date of the initial hearing, that they be furnished with a copy of the application. The applicant is hereby directed to furnish all those making such request with copies of the application and its attachments, subject to reimbursement of reasonable photocopying costs. Likewise, any such person may examine the application and other pertinent records filed with the Commission during the usual office hours.

WITNESS, the Honorable Chairman, **JOSE VICENTE B. SALAZAR**, and the Honorable Commissioners, **ALFREDO J. NON**, **GLORIA VICTORIA C. YAP-TARUC**, **JOSEFINA PATRICIA A. MAGPALE-ASIRIT**, and **GERONIMO D. STA. ANA**, Energy Regulatory Commission, this 6th day of October, 2015 at Pasig City.


ATTY. DEBORA ANASTACIA T. LAYUGAN
Director III


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