Republic of the Philippines
ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Pasig City

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP, AND OWN OR OPERATE DEDICATED POINT-TO-POINT LIMITED FACILITIES TO CONNECT THE 49.500MW$_{AC}$ SUAL SOLAR POWER PLANT TO THE NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES' LABRADOR-BANI 69kV TRANSMISSION LINE, WITH PRAYER FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF INFORMATION AND FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY AND/OR OTHER APPLICABLE INTERIM RELIEF

ERC CASE NO. 2026-034 MC

RENOVABLE EARTH CORP.,
Applicant.
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Promulgated:
August 18, 2026

ORDER

On 18 June 2026, the Renovable Earth Corp. (REC) filed, through the Energy Virtual One-Stop Shop (EVOSS) portal, an *Application* dated 13 February 2026, seeking the Commission's approval of its authority to develop, and own or operate dedicated point-to-point limited facilities to connect the 49.500MW$_{AC}$ Sual Solar Power Plant to the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines' (NGCP) Labrador-Bani 69kV Transmission Line, with prayer for confidential treatment of information and for the issuance of provisional authority and/or other applicable interim relief.

On 22 July 2026, the Commission issued an *Order* and a *Notice of Virtual Hearing*, setting the instant *Application* for hearing for the determination of compliance with the jurisdictional requirements, expository presentation, and Pre-Trial Conference on 24 August 2026.

On 14 August 2026, Applicant REC filed a *Motion to Reset Hearing,* of even date, praying for the resetting of the scheduled hearing due to its inability to complete the jurisdictional requirements within the period. The occurrence of typhoon and its resulting effects led to successive suspensions of government offices and private establishments, which materially disrupted the Applicant's ordinary business operations and impeded its ability to coordinate with relevant parties and finalize the necessary documentation in time.

Finding the said *Motion to Reset Hearing* to be in order, the Commission hereby grants the same and sets anew the instant *Application* for hearing for the determination of compliance with the jurisdictional requirements, expository presentation, and Pre-Trial Conference[1] on **15 September 2026 (Tuesday), at nine o'clock in the morning (9:00 A.M.),** via **MS Teams Application** as the online platform for the conduct thereof, pursuant to the pertinent rules of the Commission.

RELATIVE THERETO, REC is hereby directed to:

1) Cause the publication of the attached *Notice of Virtual Hearing*, including Annex "A" thereof, once (1x) in a newspaper of nationwide circulation in the Philippines at its own expense, at least ten (10) days before the date of the scheduled virtual hearing;

2) Furnish with copies of this *Order* and the attached *Notice of Virtual Hearing,* including Annex "A" thereof, the Offices of the Provincial Governor, the Mayors, and their respective Local Government Unit (LGU) legislative bodies, of the area affected by the project, for the appropriate posting thereof on their respective bulletin boards;

3) Inform the consumers within the affected area, by any other means available and appropriate, of the filing of the *Application*, its reasons therefor, and of the scheduled hearing thereon;

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[1] Summary Proceedings pursuant to the Commission's Resolution No. 16, Series of 2025.

4) Furnish with copies of this *Order* and the attached *Notice of Virtual Hearing*, including Annex "A" thereof, the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG), the Commission on Audit (COA), and the Committees on Energy of both Houses of Congress. They are hereby requested, if they so desire, to send their duly authorized representatives and attend the scheduled hearing; and

5) Furnish with copies of the *Application* and its attachments, except those subject of a motion for confidential treatment of information, all those making requests therefor, subject to reimbursement of reasonable photocopying costs.

No later than ten (10) calendar days prior to the date of the scheduled virtual hearing, Applicant REC must submit to the Commission via electronic mail (e-mail) at docket@erc.ph, and copy furnish the Legal Service through legal@erc.ph, the scanned copies of its written compliance with the aforementioned jurisdictional requirements, attaching the following methodically arranged and duly marked documents:

1) The evidence of publication of the attached *Notice of Virtual Hearing*, including Annex "A" thereof, consisting of affidavit of the Editor or Business Manager of the newspaper where the same was published, and the complete issue of the said newspaper;

2) The evidence of actual posting of this *Order* and the attached *Notice of Virtual Hearing,* including Annex "A" thereof, consisting of certifications issued to that effect, signed by the aforementioned Governor, Mayors and LGU legislative bodies or their duly authorized representatives, bearing the seals of their offices;

3) The evidence of other means employed by the Applicant to inform the consumers within the affected area of the filing of the *Application*, the reasons therefor, and of the scheduled hearing thereon;

4) The evidence of receipt of copies of this *Order* and the attached *Notice of Virtual Hearing,* including Annex "A" thereof, by the OSG, the COA, and the Committees on Energy of both Houses of Congress;

5) The evidence of receipt of copies of the *Application* and its attachments, except those subject of a motion for

confidential treatment of information, by all those making requests therefor, if any; and

6) Such other proof of compliance with the requirements of the Commission.

Moreover, Applicant REC is hereby required to post on its bulletin board, the scanned copies of the foregoing jurisdictional requirements and to submit the proof of posting thereof.

Applicant and all interested parties are also required to submit via e-mail at docket@erc.ph, and copy furnish the Legal Service through legal@erc.ph, **at least five (5) calendar days** before the date of the scheduled virtual hearing and Pre-Trial Conference, their respective Pre-Trial Briefs containing, among others:

1) A summary of admitted facts and proposed stipulation of facts;

2) The issues to be tried or resolved;

3) The documents or exhibits to be presented, stating the purposes and proposed markings thereof, which must be attached to the Pre-Trial Brief; and

4) The names of the witnesses, with their written testimonies in a Judicial Affidavit form attached to the Pre-Trial Brief.

Applicant must ensure that all the documents or exhibits proposed to be presented have already been duly submitted to the Commission **at least five (5) calendar days** before the date of the scheduled virtual hearing and Pre-Trial Conference, pursuant to the preceding paragraph.

Failure of Applicant to comply with the above requirements within the prescribed period shall be a ground for cancellation of the scheduled hearing.

Applicant must also be prepared to make an expository presentation of the instant *Application*, aided by whatever communication medium that it may deem appropriate for the purpose, in order to put in plain words and explain, for the benefit of the consumers and other concerned parties, the nature of the *Application*.

Relevant information and pertinent details substantiating the reasons and justifications for the *Application* must be cited in support thereof.

Applicant is hereby directed to file a copy of its Expository Presentation via e-mail at docket@erc.ph, and copy furnish the Legal Service through legal@erc.ph, **at least five (5) calendar days** prior to the scheduled virtual hearing. Applicant shall also be required, upon the request of any stakeholder, to provide an advance copy of the Expository Presentation, **at least five (5) calendar days** prior to the scheduled virtual hearing.

Applicant is further directed to submit, through personal service, registered or ordinary mail/private courier, one (1) set of the original or certified true hard copies of its Jurisdictional Compliance, Expository Presentation, Pre-Trial Brief, and Judicial Affidavit of witnesses, **within five (5) working days** from the date the same were electronically submitted, as reflected in the acknowledgment receipt e-mail sent by the Commission.

Moreover, the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) is hereby impleaded as a necessary party to this *Application*. Accordingly, NGCP is hereby directed to submit its **Verified Comment** via e-mail at docket@erc.ph, copy furnish the Legal Service through legal@erc.ph, **at least five (5) calendar days** before the date of the scheduled virtual hearing.

NGCP is further directed to submit, through personal service, registered mail, or ordinary mail/private courier, one (1) set of the original or certified true hard copies of its **Verified Comment**, **within five (5) working days** from the date that the same were electronically submitted, as reflected in the acknowledgment receipt e-mail sent by the Commission.

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Finally, REC and NGCP, including their authorized representatives and witnesses, are hereby directed to provide the Commission, through legal.virtualhearings@erc.ph, their respective e-mail addresses upon receipt of this *Order*. The Commission will send the access link to the aforementioned hearing platform within five (5) working days prior to the scheduled hearing.

SO ORDERED.

Pasig City.

FOR AND BY AUTHORITY
OF THE COMMISSION:

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* Authority granted pursuant to Office Order No.71, Series of 2025.

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