

Republic of the Philippines  
**ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
Pasig City

**IN THE MATTER OF THE  
APPLICATION FOR  
APPROVAL OF THE POWER  
SUPPLY AGREEMENT (PSA)  
BETWEEN ILOCOS NORTE  
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,  
INC. (INEC) AND ONE  
ILOCOS NORTE ENERGY  
CORPORATION (OINEC)  
WITH PRAYER FOR  
PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY  
AND/OR INTERIM RELIEF  
AND CONFIDENTIAL  
TREATMENT,**

**ERC CASE NO. 2025-160 RC**

**ILOCOS NORTE ELECTRIC  
COOPERATIVE, INC. (INEC)  
AND ONE ILOCOS NORTE  
ENERGY CORP. (OINEC),**  
*Applicants.*

**Promulgated:**  
**November 27, 2025**

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**ORDER**

On 27 August 2025, Ilocos Norte Electric Cooperative, Inc. (INEC) and One Ilocos Norte Energy Corp. (OINEC) filed a *Joint Application*, dated 02 June 2025, seeking the Commission's approval of their Power Supply Agreement (PSA), with prayer for provisional authority and/or interim relief and confidential treatment of information.

The docketed copy of the *Joint Application*, excluding its annexes, is attached as Annex "A" of the *Notice of Virtual Hearing*.

On 09 October 2025, the Commission issued an *Order* and *Notice of Virtual Hearing*, setting the instant case for hearing on the following dates: (a) 06 November 2025 for the determination of compliance with jurisdictional requirements and expository presentation, and (b) 13 November 2025 for Pre-trial Conference and presentation of evidence.

On 04 November 2025, INEC filed a *Motion (to Cancel the Hearing and to Issue Another Order and Notice of Virtual Hearing)* dated 03 November 2025, wherein it prayed for the cancelation and resetting of the scheduled hearings set by the Commission on 06 and 13 November 2025, in view of the failure of OINEC to publish *Annex “A”*, the docketed Application, of *the Notice of Virtual Hearing*, due to inadvertence.

During the 06 November 2025 hearing, INEC and OINEC appeared. Applicants reiterated their earlier motion for the cancelation and resetting of the scheduled hearings pursuant to the *Order* promulgated on 09 October 2025. Finding the same in order, the Commission granted the same. Thereafter, the Commission did not proceed with the hearing for the determination of compliance with jurisdictional requirements and expository presentation, and canceled the next scheduled hearing on 13 November 2025. Furthermore, Applicants were directed to cause the publication of the new *Order* and *Notice of Virtual Hearing* to be promulgated by the Commission, setting new hearings dates for the instant *Joint Application*.

**IN VIEW THEREOF**, the Commission hereby sets anew the hearings for the *Joint Application*, pursuant to the pertinent rules of the Commission, as follows:

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Platform</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>08 January 2026</b> (Thursday) at two o'clock in the afternoon (2:00 P.M.)	<b>Microsoft Teams Application</b>	Determination of compliance with jurisdictional requirements and Expository Presentation
<b>15 January 2026</b> (Thursday) at two o'clock in the afternoon (2:00 P.M.)		Pre-Trial Conference and Presentation of Evidence

Accordingly, INEC and OINEC are hereby directed to mirror the virtual hearings, to be hosted by the Commission, at **INEC's principal office at Barangay Suyo, Dingras, Ilocos Norte**, as the designated venue for the conduct thereof and ensure that the same is open to the public. Moreover, INEC and OINEC shall guarantee that, during the conduct of the expository presentation, the participation of the public shall not be impaired.

**RELATIVE THERETO**, INEC and OINEC are hereby directed to:

- 1) Cause the publication of the attached *Notice of Virtual Hearing*, including Annex “A” thereof, in two (2) newspapers of nationwide circulation in the Philippines at their own expense, twice (2x) within two (2) successive weeks, the dates of publication not being less than seven (7) days apart, and the date of the last publication to be made not later than ten (10) days before the date of the scheduled initial 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, within INEC’s franchise area for the appropriate posting thereof on their respective bulletin boards;
- 3) Inform the consumers within INEC’s franchise area, by any other means available and appropriate, of the filing of the *Joint Application*, their reasons therefor, and of the scheduled virtual hearings;
- 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 hearings; and
- 5) Furnish with copies of the *Joint 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.

**Within five (5) calendar days** prior to the date of the initial virtual hearing, INEC and OINEC must submit to the Commission via electronic mail (e-mail) at [docket@erc.ph](mailto:docket@erc.ph), and copy furnish the Legal Service through [legal@erc.ph](mailto:legal@erc.ph), the scanned copies of their 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 affidavits of the Editors or Business Managers of the newspapers where the same were published, and the complete issues of the said newspapers;
- 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 Applicants to inform the consumers within INEC’s franchise area of the filing of the *Joint Application*, their reasons therefor, and of the scheduled hearings 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 *Joint Application* and its attachments, except those subject of a motion for confidential treatment of information, if any, by all those making requests therefor; and
- 6) Such other proofs of compliance with the requirements of the Commission.

Moreover, INEC and OINEC are hereby required to post on their bulletin boards, the scanned copies of the foregoing jurisdictional requirements and to submit the proof of posting thereof.

Applicants INEC and OINEC, and all interested parties are also required to submit via e-mail at [doCKET@erc.ph](mailto:doCKET@erc.ph), and copy furnish the Legal Service through [legal@erc.ph](mailto: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.

Failure of INEC and OINEC to comply with the above requirements within the prescribed period shall be a ground for cancellation of the scheduled hearings.

Applicants INEC and OINEC must also be prepared to make an expository presentation of the *Joint Application*, aided by whatever communication medium that they 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 *Joint Application*. Relevant information and pertinent details substantiating the reasons and justifications for the *Joint Application* must be cited in support thereof.

Applicants INEC and OINEC are hereby directed to file a copy of their Expository Presentation via e-mail at [docket@erc.ph](mailto:docket@erc.ph), copy furnish the Legal Service through [legal@erc.ph](mailto:legal@erc.ph), **at least five (5) calendar days** prior to the scheduled virtual hearing. INEC and OINEC shall also be required to provide a copy of their Expository Presentation to any stakeholder requesting therefor **at least five (5) calendar days** prior to the scheduled virtual hearing.

Applicants INEC and OINEC and interested parties are hereby directed to submit, either through personal service, registered or ordinary mail/private courier, all the pleadings and required submissions, **within five (5) working days** from the date that the same were electronically submitted, as reflected in the acknowledgement receipt e-mail sent by the Commission.

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Finally, INEC and OINEC, including their authorized representatives and witnesses, and interested parties who wish to attend the scheduled virtual hearings are hereby directed to provide the Commission, through [legal.virtualhearings@erc.ph](mailto:legal.virtualhearings@erc.ph), their respective e-mail addresses upon receipt of this *Order*. The Commission will send the access link/s to the aforementioned hearing platform within five (5) working days prior to the scheduled hearings.

**SO ORDERED.**

Pasig City.

FOR AND BY AUTHORITY  
OF THE COMMISSION:

*Maria Corazon C. Gines*

**ATTY. MARIA CORAZON C. GINES<sup>1</sup>**  
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