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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEGROS OCCIDENTAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (NOCECO), HELD AT ITS CONFERENCE ROOM, 3RD FLOOR, MAIN OFFICE BUILDING, KABANKALAN CITY, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 AT 10: 30 O' CLOCK IN THE MORNING

Resolution No.149 Series of 2021

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) AND BIDDING DOCUMENTS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE BIDDING OF QUALIFIED THIRD PARTY FOR THE UNVIABLE AREAS OF THE NOCECO COVERAGE AREA

WHEREAS, Under Section 2 (a) of Republic Act No. 9136, otherwise known as the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001 (EPIRA), declared that it is the policy of the state to ensure and accelerate the total electrification of the country;

WHEREAS, likewise, in Section 23 of EPIRA states that a distribution utility shall have the obligation to provide distribution services and connections to its system for any end-user within its franchise area consistent with the distribution code;

WHEREAS, furthermore, Section 59 of EPIRA states that the provision of electric service in remote and unviable villages that the franchised utility is unable to service for any reason shall be opened to other qualified third parties;

WHEREAS, based on the Department of Energy (DQE) Department Circular No. DC-2019-11-0015, prescribing the Revised Guidelines for qualified third party (QTP), Section 2.3 provides, that all unviable areas, which the DU cannot serve for whatever reason, are declared open for participation by QTPs;

WHEREAS, in line with the EPIRA and DOE Department Circular No. DC 2019-11-0015 and in order to accelerate total electrification and spur economic growth in unviable areas, the National Electrification Administration (NEA), in consultation with the electric cooperatives (ECs) shall issue the Terms of Reference for the Conduct of the Bidding of QTPs for the Unviable Areas of the ECs;

WHEREAS, the project involves the Generation and Distribution Facilities including the Operations and Maintenance, Billing and Collection for the specific area in an efficient and sustainable at the least-cost manner, operating under 24/7 electricity service for a period of twenty (20) years and upon approval by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC);

IN VIEW THEREOF, on motion moved by Director Jose Emeric Jabagat and duly seconded by Director Alan Paul Mirasol, **THE BOARD RESOLVED**, **AS IT HEREBY RESOLVED** to approve the Terms of Reference (TOR) and Bidding Documents for the Conduct of the Bidding of Qualified Third Party for the Unviable Areas of the NOCECO Coverage.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.

Attested:

ELBERT L. MAGBATO

Chairman

* AREA COVERAGE *