

Republic of the Philippines
ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Pasig City

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION FOR
APPROVAL OF A TAX
RECOVERY ADJUSTMENT
CHARGE ON TAX
ARREARAGES PAID ON
REAL PROPERTY TAX ON
MACHINERIES WITH
PRAYER FOR PROVISIONAL
AUTHORITY**

ERC CASE NO. 2026-067 CF

**TARLAC ELECTRIC INC.
(TEI),**

Applicant.

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Promulgated:
August 18, 2026

ORDER

On 27 July 2026, the Tarlac Electric Inc. (TEI) filed an *Application* dated 15 June 2026, seeking the Commission’s approval of its tax recovery adjustment charge on tax arrearages paid on real property tax on machineries, with prayer for provisional authority.

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

Finding the said *Application* to be sufficient in form and with the required fees having been paid, the Commission hereby sets the same for hearing for the determination of compliance with the jurisdictional requirements, expository presentation, and Pre-Trial Conference¹ on **11 September 2026 (Friday), at two o’clock in the afternoon (2:00 P.M.)**, through **MS Teams Application** as the online platform for the conduct thereof, pursuant to applicable rules.

Accordingly, Applicant is hereby directed to mirror the virtual hearing, to be hosted by the Commission, at **TEI’s Principal Office located at Mabini Street, Brgy. Mabini, Tarlac City**, as the designated venue for the conduct thereof, and ensure that the same is

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

open to the public. Moreover, Applicant shall guarantee that, during the conduct of the expository presentation, the participation of the public shall not be impaired.

RELATIVE THERETO, Applicant 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, the date of publication to be made not later than 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 Mayor, and the Local Government Unit (LGU) legislative bodies within TEI’s franchise area, for the appropriate posting thereof on their respective bulletin boards;
- 3) Inform the consumers within Applicant’s franchise area, by any other means available and appropriate, of the filing of the *Application*, its reasons therefor, and of the scheduled virtual hearing thereon;
- 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, all those making requests therefor, subject to reimbursement of reasonable photocopying costs.

Within five (5) calendar days prior the date of the scheduled virtual hearing, TEI 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 the 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, Mayor 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 its franchise area of the filing of the *Application*, its 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* 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, by all those making requests therefor, if any; and
- 6) Such other proof of compliance with the requirements of the Commission.

Moreover, Applicant is hereby required to post on its bulletin boards, 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 therefor, which should also be attached to the Pre-Trial Brief; and
- 4) The number and names of the witnesses, with their written testimonies in a Judicial Affidavit form attached to the Pre-Trial Brief.

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. TEI shall also be required, upon the request of any stakeholder, to provide an advance copy of its expository presentation, **at least five (5) calendar days** prior to the scheduled virtual hearing.

Applicant and interest 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 acknowledgment receipt e-mail sent by the Commission.

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Finally, Applicant, including its authorized representatives and witnesses, and interested parties who wish to attend the scheduled virtual hearing 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/s 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:

Maria Corazon C. Gines

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Director III, Legal Service


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² Authority granted pursuant to Office Order No. 71, Series of 2025.

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