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MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARY

TO : **THE UNDERSECRETARIES**
THE BUREAU DIRECTORS
THE ADMINISTRATOR
National Mapping Resource and Information Authority
THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
National Water Resources Board
THE GENERAL MANAGER
Laguna Lake Development Authority
THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE
Natural Resources Development Corporation

SUBJECT : **DENR COORDINATION MECHANISM ON OFFSHORE WIND DEVELOPMENT**

DATE : 22 February 2023

This refers to offshore wind (OSW) development as one of the renewable energy (RE) sources to meet the future energy demands and RE target of the country. Under the National Renewable Energy Program (NREP) for 2020 to 2040, RE share in the power generation mix is targeted to be at least 35% by 2030 and 50% by 2040. Wind RE is targeted to contribute 9% by 2030 and 13% by 2040 in the overall power generation mix.

Presently, the Department of Energy (DOE) has identified six (6) potential OSW development zones and has granted fifty-five (55) OSW service contracts mainly for wind data gathering, application for endorsements, and request for System Impact Studies.

Since OSW is in the early stages of development and science of RE is new to the DENR, science clearance through active consultation with DOE, for policy development and support is imperative. Further, guidelines must be set to curtail environmental hazards and mitigate environmental impacts associated with it. Insofar as the Department is concerned, the following matters must be considered: effects on biodiversity and marine life, lack of centralized database of protected areas, overlap with restricted zones, issuance of proper tenurial instruments, permits, and clearances including imposition of fees, stability of seabed, and infrastructure resilience.

To address existing and potential issues on OSW development, there should be proper coordination with the Department of Energy (DOE) and other agencies such as the DA-BFAR, DILG-Maritime Group, DoTr-MARINA, Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP), Philippine Coast Guard, Philippine Navy and Philippine Air Force (PAF).

Hence, the Department shall designate Point of Contact (PoC) who shall serve as clearing house for the DOE RE planning and implementation and tasked to coordinate all DENR matters relative to OSW development. Undersecretary Analiza Rebueta-Teh shall serve as the PoC. All Bureaus and Attached Agencies shall clear all interface with DOE and coordinate all communication with DOE through and with the knowledge of the PoC.

The PoC shall ensure that clearing house function and process where communications and all matters are properly reviewed, coordinated and cleared with Undersecretary Carlos Primo David and Undersecretary Jonas Leones to ensure science and policy intersection.

Any and all matters relating to the Department's involvement on RE development should be brought to the attention of the Office of the Secretary.

For strict compliance.


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