



MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Directors**
Legal Affairs Service
Policy and Planning Service
Climate Change Service

The Bureau Directors
Environmental Management Bureau
Biodiversity Management Bureau
Ecosystems Research Development Bureau

FROM : **The Director**
Legislative Liaison Office

SUBJECT : **INVITATION TO THE 2ND TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) MEETING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON DRAFT SUBSTITUTE BILL ON AMENDMENT TO BIOFUELS ACT MEASURES FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

DATE : 11 May 2023

The Committee on Energy of the House of Representatives will conduct its 2nd Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting on **May 17, 2023 (Wednesday) at 1:30 P.M. at the Speaker Nograles Hall, South Wing Annex Building** for the deliberation on the Amendment to Biofuels Act measures, as follows:

1. HB No. 2180 - AN ACT REDUCING THE PRICE OF FUEL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 5 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9367, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'BIOFUELS ACT OF 2006', authored by Representative Ralph G. Recto
2. HB No. 7059 - AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 5 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9367, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "BIOFUELS ACT OF 2006", authored by Representatives VELASCO, LORD ALLAN JAY Q. and SINGSON-MEEHAN, KRISTINE
3. HB No. 7328 - AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 5 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9367, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "BIOFUELS ACT OF 2006", authored by Representative COLADA, LEX ANTHONY CRIS A.

In this regard, we would like to **request comments/recommendations** on the Draft Substitute Bill in the matrix. Kindly submit it **on or before May 15, 2023, at 5 PM** via email at denrilo@denr.gov.ph. Further, kindly inform us of the name/s of the representative/s from your office who will participate in the meeting so we may include him/her/them as resource person/s.

Attached herewith are the Invitation, Agenda, Matrix of the Draft Substitute Bill, Highlights of the 1st TWG meeting, and copies of the House Bills for your reference. The comments of the different agencies may be accessed through this link <https://bit.ly/42LzXAp>.

Your attendance is highly encouraged.

ROMIROSE B. PADIN

cc: Undersecretary Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City
19th Congress

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

INVITATION TO THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) MEETING

May 08, 2023

To the **Concerned Stakeholders (Government and Private Sectors)**

Sir/Madam,

Please be informed that the Committee on Energy will hold a Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting on the date, time and venue indicated hereunder:

DATE/TIME/VENUE	May 17, 2023 (Wednesday) 1:30 P.M. Speaker Nograles Hall, South Wing Annex Building
AGENDA	➤ 2 nd TWG deliberation on House Bills Numbered 2180, 7059 and 7328 – Amendments to Biofuels Act measures

Attached are the Agenda, documents requested during the previous meeting, for your reference.

Your active participation on the said meeting is highly appreciated.

The Committee Secretariat appreciates your **confirmation of attendance on or before May 12, 2023**, through email address: committee.energy@house.gov.ph or at telephone number 8931-3593. You may also contact our Committee Staff, Mr. Lorenzo Nestor G. Cortes – 09189193698 or Ms. Joy Mariano – 09176265190 for the confirmation of your attendees.

In compliance to the House Protocol for visitors, may we request for a photo of Antigen test result, if already have (24 hours prior to the date and time of visit). If attendee/s does not have an Antigen test result yet, please inform the Committee. We will request and submit to the Office of the Secretary General the list of those who will avail of the free antigen test.

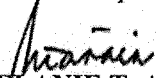
Attached is the HDF for your perusal. Attached also is the Visitor Pass Form (<https://forms.gle/hkeAtpa8EiswwQLv5>) to be filled-up by your attendee/s and to be sent back to the Committee at least two (2) days prior to the scheduled Committee hearing.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO
Chairperson

For the Chairperson:


MELANIE T. AÑAIN
Committee Secretary



COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) MEETING

May 17, 2023 (Wednesday), 1:30 P.M.
Speaker Nograles Hall, South Wing Annex

A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call
- II. Remarks of TWG Chairperson Kristine D. Singson-Meehan
- III. Acknowledgment of TWG Members and Resource Persons/Guests
- IV. 2nd TWG deliberation on House Bills Numbered 2180, 7059 and 7328 – Amendments to Biofuels Act measures, authored by Representatives Ralph G. Recto, Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco, Kristine Singson-Meehan and Lex Anthony Cris A. Colada
- V. Other Matters
- VI. Adjournment

Invited Resource Persons/Guests:

1. Department of Energy (DOE)
2. Department of Agriculture (DA)
3. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
4. Department of Science and Technology (DOST)
5. Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)
6. DA- Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA)
7. DA- Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA)
8. National Biofuels Board (NBB)
9. Landbank of the Philippines (LBP)
10. Land Transportation Office (LTO)
11. Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU)
12. Ethanol Producers Association of the Philippines (EPAP)
13. Philippine Sugar Millers Association (PSMA)
14. Philippine Institute of Petroleum (PIP)
15. Independent Philippine Petroleum Companies Association (IPPCA)
16. Chambers of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines, Inc. (CAMPI)



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1ST TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) MEETING ON HOUSE BILLS NO. 2180 AND 7059, AMENDING SECTION 5 OF THE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9367, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "BIOFUELS ACT OF 2006" CONDUCTED ON MARCH 01, 2023 at 10:00 A.M., SPEAKERS AQUINO-MAKALINTAL HALL, SOUTH WING ANNEX

Members:

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| 1. HON. LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO | - | Chairperson |
| 2. HON. KRISTINE SINGSON-MEHAN | - | Deputy Speaker/TWG
Chairperson |

Resource Persons:

Department of Energy

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| ATTY. FIEL C. AMOR | - | Attorney III, Renewable Energy Legal Services
Division |
| MR. JOSELITO E. CALIP | - | Senior Supervising Research Specialist,
Renewable Energy Management Bureau-
Biomass Energy Management Division (REMB) |
| MR. RAMON O. JAURIGUE | - | Senior Supervising Research Specialist REMB-
BEMD |
| MS. CELINE ROSE JIMENEZ | - | Supervising Research Specialist II, Biomass
Energy Management Division |

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

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| ENGR. WYONA RATIVO | - | Engr. II, Environmental Management Bureau
(EMB) |
| ENGR. ROLAND TAMANI | - | Engr. II, EMB |
| MS. ANGELIQUE PEARL MIRANDA | - | Public Relations Strategist, DENR-LLO |

Department of Trade and Industry

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| MS. ROMALYN MANALO | - | Investment Specialist, Energy Division, BOI |
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Department of Science and Technology

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| DR. IAN DOMINIC TABAÑAG | - | Fellow, DOST-Philippine Council for Industry
Energy and Emerging Technology Research
and Development |
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Philippine Coconut Authority

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| MR. ROEL ROSALES | - | Deputy Administrator for Operations |
| MS. MA. CELIA M. RAQUEPO | - | Division Chief III, Laboratory Services Division |

Sugar Regulatory Administration

ATTY. IGNACIO SANTILLANA - Deputy Administrator for Research,
Development and Extension Department

Mariano Marcos State University

DR. SHIRLEY AGRUPIS - President
DR. ROQUE ULEP - Faculty

Ethanol Producers Association of the Philippines

MS. QUEENIE ROJO - Executive Director

Philippine Sugar Millers Association

MR. OSCAR CORTES - Deputy Director for Programs
MS. JANINA VICENTE - Policy Advocacy Specialist

Confederation of Sugar Producers

MS. ROSEMARIE GUMERA - Executive Assistant on Industry Affairs

The Philippine Biodiesel Association

MR. RAFAEL DIAZ, JR. - Adviser/Consultant
MR. DEAN LAO - President

Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation

MS. MYLINE CAMERO - Fuels Excellence Lead
MR. STEPHEN MICHAEL CRUZ - Global Fuels Product Management Excellence
Lead
MR. PAOLO GAVINO - Corporate Relations
MR. TIMOTHY JAMES LAUREL - Corporate Relations

I. Call to Order/Acknowledgement of Guests

TWG Chairperson Deputy Speaker Kristine Singson-Meehan called the meeting to order at 10:09A.M. She instructed Energy Committee Secretary Melanie T. Añain to acknowledge and welcome the resource persons and guests from the Department of Energy (DOE), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA), Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA), Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU), Ethanol Producers Association of the Philippines (EPAP), Philippine Sugar Millers Association (PSMA), Confederation of Sugar Producers (CONFED), The Philippine Biodiesel Association (TPBA), and Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation.

II. Meeting Proper

Energy Chairperson Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco, member of the TWG, stated that the objective of the meeting is to initiate improvements to the Biofuels Act that will ultimately decrease fuel prices. He recommended to the DOE and other stakeholders to expand ethanol production by looking at the possibility of using other feedstocks.

Representatives from the SRA, PCA, MMSU, EPAP, PSMA, CONFED, and TPBA expressed their apprehension towards the passage of the measures specifically on the provision suspending the use of biofuel blend for gasoline and diesel.

MMSU President Dr. Shirley Agrupis, expressed her disappointment with the suspension of Section 5 of the Biofuels Act as proposed in the bills. She presented MMSU's research on the viability of producing ethanol using nipa as feedstock. She said that nipa has the potential to become a feedstock for bioethanol production. She disputed claims that nipa produces small amounts of bioethanol and stated that unlike sugar, processing time of nipa to produce ethanol is shorter. She stated that nipa as a source of fuel can fill the deficit in ethanol requirement and can augment ethanol importation.

EPAP Executive Director, Ms. Queenie Rojo, expressed the organization's opposition to the proposed measure. She recommended for the DOE to review the pricing mechanisms and to diversify the feedstock to regulate the price and supply of molasses. She said that the biofuels production from sugar became an added income stream for sugar farmers. She opined that there should be ways to balance the interest of the industry and the interest of the public without suspending biofuels production. She informed the Committee that the biofuel production has been supporting the SRA's research initiatives by allotting ten (10) centavos per liter for research purposes. She added that a joint administrative order was issued pertaining to the use of molasses for biofuel production.

Chairperson Velasco assured the stakeholders that the measures being deliberated on does not intend to kill their livelihood. He said that it is still the task of National Biofuels Board (NBB) to review whether it is necessary to suspend biofuels production as stated in the proposed measure. He clarified that the purpose of the measure is to lower the prices of fuel and find other sources of feedstock.

PSMA Deputy Director for Programs, Mr. Oscar Cortes, requested the authors to reconsider the implementation of the proposed amendments to the Biofuels Act. He said that there is no need to suspend Section 5 of the Act, instead the government should look into the development of biofuel production.

CONFED Industry Affairs Assistant, Ms. Rosemarie Gumera stated that due to the advent of clean energy the value of molasses increased. She suggested the development of other feedstock sources. She commented that the NBB lacks private sector representation.

TPBA President, Mr. Dean Lao, Jr., said that the suspension of biofuel production will significantly have an effect to the economy and environment. He stated that the use of biofuels has improved mileage by two (2) to ten (10) percent. He remarked that the proposed measures should consider the other benefits of the Biofuels Act.

PCA Deputy Administrator for Operations, Mr. Roel Rosales reiterated their opposition to the passage of the measure. He said that the PCA has a firm funding commitment for more coconut production.

SRA Deputy Administrator for Research, Atty. Ignacio Santillana said that sugar is now considered as an energy crop. He stated that local research is being enhanced to increase production of feedstock. He informed the Body that the price of molasses is set by the buyers through a bidding process. He explained that only locally sourced molasses is used for ethanol production.

DOE Senior Supervising Research Specialist, Mr. Ramon O. Jaurigue explained that forty (40%) percent of ethanol in the country is imported which costs ₱47/liter compared to ₱83/liter price of locally produced ethanol. He revealed that imported ethanol is produced from corn. On the use

of nipa as biofuel source, he stated that nipa produces hydrous ethanol which is not accepted based on DOE regulations and standards.

Chairperson Velasco recommended the review of the DOE standards and to look into the utilization of hydrous ethanol and its compatibility to motor vehicles in the country. He opined that the DOE should consider controlling the price of molasses and other feedstocks.

Ms. Gumera said that vehicles with modified engines that are compatible with hydrous ethanol are now being produced in the Asian region.

Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation Fuels Excellence Lead, Ms. Myline Camero expressed Pilipinas Shell's support to the initiative to lower pump prices. She said that the passage of the measure will have an impact to the retail prices of fuel and commented that the measure should consider operational and technical concerns.

DOST-Philippine Council for Industry Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development Fellow, Dr. Ian Dominic Tabañag commented that the suspension of biofuels use should have a basis. He said that studies have shown the direct effect of the use of biofuels to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. He explained that the increase in the biofuels blend decreases GHG emissions. He recommended to look into the environmental factors that may be impacted by the suspension of the biofuels use such as the amount of carbon dioxide emission. He stated that a three (3) year suspension of biofuels use can emit 2,700 tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

TWG Chairperson Singson-Meehan requested the DENR to provide data on air quality and greenhouse gases that will be affected by the suspension of biofuels use. She explained that the passage of House Bill No. 7059 will not automatically suspend the use of biofuels. The suspension may be done when there is a detrimental rise in fuel prices and will still be based on the recommendation of the NBB.

The TWG suspended the discussions on the measures pending submissions of the following:

1. Data on the molasses the sugar industry uses and the prices of those being imported from the SRA;
2. Data on the viability of hydrous ethanol production and ethanol blend and use for local vehicles from the MMSU;
3. Data on the effects of the suspension of biofuels use to the environment such as air quality from the DENR; and
4. Copy of the Joint Administrative Order (JAO) pertaining to the exclusive use of molasses for ethanol production from EPAP.

TWG Chairperson Singson-Meehan instructed the Committee Secretariat to invite in the next meeting the local car distributors and manufacturers.


III. Adjournment

There being no other matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:31 P.M.

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Reviewed and Attested by:


MELANIE T. AÑAIN
Committee Secretary

Noted by:


DEPUTY SPEAKER KRISTINE SINGSON-MEEHAN
TWG Chairperson

DRAFT SUBSTITUTE BILL	PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF THE STAKEHOLDERS	REMARKS/COMMENTS
<p align="center">AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 5 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9367, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "BIOFUELS ACT OF 2006"</p>		
<p>Section 1. <i>Short Title.</i> – This Act shall be known as the "<i>Murang Langis</i>" Act.</p>	<p>TPBA proposed language: Section 1. <i>Short Title.</i> – This Act shall be known as "Affordable Fuel".</p>	<p>Comments: The word "murang langis" is baffling without any reference amount that makes it mura. On the other hand, the word "Affordable Fuel" simply means modest and reasonable without need for any reference amount.</p>
<p>Sec. 2. <i>Declaration of Policy.</i> – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect public interest by providing reasonably-priced petroleum products to consumers. Towards, this end, the State shall implement policies and programs to ensure the delivery of affordable fuel to the public.</p>	<p>TPBA proposed amendments: SEC.2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect public interest by providing reasonably-priced petroleum products to consumers as may be determined appropriate by NBB and DOE. Toward s this end, the State shall implement policies and programs to ensure the delivery of affordable clean and PNS-compliant fuel to the public.</p>	<p>Comments: The point of contention is the definition of what is a reasonably-priced fuel? Last year, diesel import had run away sky high to unreasonable level yet CME being cheaper then is the one being suspended. Only NBB/DOE can determine the reasonableness of the cost of the fuel blend</p>
<p>Sec. 3. Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9367, otherwise known as the "Biofuels Act of 2006" is hereby amended to read as follows: "Sec. 5. Mandatory Use of Biofuels. – Pursuant to the above policy, it is hereby mandated that all liquid fuels for motors and engines sold in the Philippines shall contain locally-sourced biofuels components as follows: "5.1 Within two years from the effectivity of this Act, at least five percent (5%) bioethanol shall comprise the annual total volume of gasoline fuel actually sold and distributed by each and every oil company in the country, subject to the</p>	<p>TPBA proposed amendments: 5.1 ... Replace the word "Act" with RA 9367 in order not to confuse it with House Bill 7059.</p>	<p>DOE supports the present wordings of Section 3. TPBA comment: Biodiesel conforms to the European Diesel Specification EN 14214. Increasing the CME blend from B2 to B5 instead of pushing for suspension means complying with the standard European Diesel Specification endorsing B5 blend in Euro 4 to replace the lubricity loss from</p>

requirement that all bioethanol blended gasoline shall contain a minimum of five percent (5%) bioethanol fuel by volume: Provided, That the ethanol blend conforms to PNS.

“5.2 Within four years from the effectivity of this Act, the NBB created under this Act is empowered to determine the feasibility and thereafter recommend to DOE to mandate a minimum of ten percent (10%) blend of bioethanol by volume into all gasoline fuel distributed and sold by each and every oil company in the country.

“In the event of supply shortage of locally-produced bioethanol during the four-year period, oil companies shall be allowed to import bioethanol but only to the extent of the shortage as may be determined by the NBB.

“5.3 Within three months from the effectivity of this Act, a minimum of one percent (1%) biodiesel by volume shall be blended into all diesel engine fuels sold in the country: Provided, That the biodiesel blend conforms to PNS for biodiesel.

“Within two years from the effectivity of this Act, the NBB created under this Act is empowered to determine the feasibility and thereafter recommend to DOE to mandate a minimum of two percent (2%) blend of biodiesel by volume which may be increased taking into account considerations including but not limited to domestic supply and availability of locally-sourced biodiesel component.

“PROVIDED, THAT THE PRESIDENT, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE NBB AND THE DOE, MAY SUSPEND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION, OR ANY PART THEREOF, THROUGH AN EXECUTIVE ORDER, FOR A PERIOD NOT LONGER THAN ONE (1) YEAR, IF, AS A RESULT OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION, THE PRICE OF BLENDED GASOLINE AND/OR DIESEL ENGINE FUELS WILL BE HIGHER BY AT LEAST FIVE PERCENT (5%)

5.2 ... Replace the word “Act” with RA 9367 in order not to confuse it with House Bill 7059.

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... Within two years from the effectivity of RA 9367, the NBB created under RA 9367 is empowered to determine the feasibility and thereafter recommend to DOE to mandate a minimum of two percent (2%) blend of biodiesel by volume which may be increased thereafter by NBB taking into consideration the Philippine Energy Plan (PEP) of 2015 proposing higher CME blend not exceeding 5% .

“ PROVIDED, THAT THE PRESIDENT UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE NBB AND DOE WITH CONCURRENCE OF DENR AND DOH , MAY SUSPEND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION OR ANY PART THEREOF IN THE EVENT OF ABNORMAL INFLATION OF FUEL PUMP PRICES, THROUGH AN EXECUTIVE ORDER, FOR A TRANSITION PERIOD DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY NBB WHICH SHALL THEN BE RESPONSIBLE FOR

the sulfur reduction in Euro 4. Sulfur provides “boundary” lubrication in diesel fuel.

TPBA recommendations:

TPBA supports the Philippine Energy Plan (PEP) crafted in 2015 which proposed B5 blend 8 years ago and hereby recommends to the TWG to look into pursuing a B5 mandate rather than pursuing CME suspension beneficial only to diesel importers-traders in terms of earning higher trade margins in diesel imports, instead of motorists and the country.

TPBA further recommends for the House Bill 7059 to treat CME in the same way the high cost of diesel import was excluded in the Recto bill because of catastrophic trade off in terms of diesel fuel supply run out. In the same token, the trade off in suspending CME is catastrophic and immeasurable in terms of economic and environmental destruction.

Honorable Chairman Velasco and TWG Chairperson Honorable Deputy Speaker Kristine Singson-Meehan, TPBA believes it is best for House Bill 7059 to **shelve the suspension component** since the increase or decrease of biofuel blend based on market and supply conditions is already contained in the mandate of NBB created under RA 9367. House Bill 7059 could simply focus on enhancing the function and authority of NBB and to mandate NBB to quickly decide what best action to pursue when pump prices again experience runaway prices, rather than inaction as highlighted in item 1-b above.

<p>COMPARED TO PURE GASOLINE AND/OR DIESEL ENGINE FUELS.”</p>	<p>THE IMMEDIATE LIFTING OF SUSPENSION WHEN PRICES NORMALIZE .</p>	<p>EPAP comments:</p> <p>Does not support the move to suspend the implementation of Section 5 of the Biofuels Act of 2006 for the following reasons:</p> <p>A. The law has already encouraged, albeit only a few, investments in the production, distribution and use of locally-produced biofuels. Thus, suspending the law will be confiscatory for its result is to eventually take from the owner his property, his investment, without just compensation.</p> <p>B. The suspension of the law will defeat the declared State policy to reduce dependence on imported fuels with due regard to the protection of public health, the environment, and natural ecosystems consistent with the country’s sustainable economic growth that would expand opportunities for livelihood by mandating the use of biofuels as a measure to: (1) develop and utilize indigenous renewable and sustainably-sourced clean energy sources to reduce dependence on imported oil; (2) mitigate toxic and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions; (3) increase rural employment and income; and (4) ensure the availability of alternative and renewable clean energy without any detriment to the natural ecosystem, biodiversity and food reserves of the country. mitigate toxic and greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>C. Instead of suspension, the DOE should conduct a review of the current pricing mechanism under the implementing rules and circular to ensure proper protection of consumers</p>
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		<p>and industry players in the biofuel industry. A revision of the current pricing mechanism that will allow importation of molasses will meet the objective of the Explanatory Note of HB No. 2180, which provides that the proposed amendment to Section 5 of the Biofuels Act of 2006 seeks to reduce the retail pump price of fuel, since the suspension will reduce the price of gasoline by Php1.00 to Php1.50 per liter and local diesel by Php0.75 to Php0.90 per liter.</p> <p>D. To reduce the price of bioethanol that will consequently reduce the price of gasoline, the DOE should allow bioethanol producer-members of EPAP to legally import molasses to be used in bioethanol production. Section 5 of Biofuels Act of 2006 does not prohibit importation of molasses for local bioethanol production.</p> <p>MMSU comment:</p> <p>Reiterate position to validate and utilize the output of science in addressing the challenges of the Biofuel Act of 2006 so as not to deviate from the very purpose of the law.</p> <p>Supports the implementation of the delayed transition of E-10 to E15 even as high as E-20 as envisioned by the Biofuel's Act, and strongly recommend that the use of 95% hydrous ethanol be allowed in gasoline blends.</p>
<p>Sec. 4. <i>Implementing Rules and Regulations.</i> – The Department of Energy, in consultation with the National Biofuels Board, the stakeholders and other agencies concerned, shall, within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of</p>		

<p>this Act, promulgate the rules and regulations to effectively implement the provisions of this Act.</p>		
<p>Sec. 5. <i>Separability Clause.</i> - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.</p>		
<p>Sec. 6. <i>Repealing Clause.</i> - All laws, decrees, ordinances, rules, regulations, other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.</p>		
<p>Sec. 7. <i>Effectivity.</i> - This Act shall take fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.</p>		



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