



IEMOP

INDEPENDENT ELECTRICITY MARKET OPERATOR OF THE PHILIPPINES INC.

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ADVISORY

IEMOP Implementation of DOE Department Circular No. DC2026-01-0002– Promulgating the Revised Rules and Guidelines Governing the Implementation of the Green Energy Option Program

BACKGROUND

The Department of Energy (DOE) promulgated Department Circular (DC) No. DC2026-01-0002, entitled “Promulgating the Revised Rules and Guidelines Governing the Implementation of the Green Energy Option Program”, otherwise known as the “Revised GEOP Rules”, which became effective on 21 February 2026.

In its letter dated 14 May 2026, IEMOP requested clarification on the implementation of DOE Department Circular No. DC2026-01-0002, particularly on the following sections:

- (a) Section 6 – Eligible End-users (Lowering of threshold and aggregation);
- (b) Section 7 – Upholding End-user Choice (Reversion to the captive market);
- (c) Section 12 – Billing Mechanisms (Allowing dual or single billing arrangements); and
- (d) Section 15.4(iii) – Automatic registration of registered Retail Metering Service Providers (RMSPs) for Retail Competition and Open Access (RCOA) as RMSPs for GEOP.

Through its letter dated 17 August 2026, the DOE provided clarification and directed IEMOP to continue implementing the provisions of the GEOP Revised Rules in accordance with the existing procedures and regulations set forth in ERC Resolution No. 13, Series of 2024, entitled “A Resolution Adopting the Omnibus Rules for Customer Choice Programs in the Retail Market.”



PURPOSE AND APPLICATION

This Advisory is being issued to apprise all WESM Participants of the changes to IEMOP's processes in compliance with DOE DC No. DC2026-01-0002.

This Advisory, including any that may hereafter be issued by IEMOP, is provided solely for guidance and pertains only to matters concerning the processes of the Market Operator. The Market Participants are highly encouraged to refer to the subject Department Circular, as well as the related provisions of all applicable issuances, the WESM Rules, and the Market Manuals.

All existing requirements and procedures, including those which relate to registration, aggregation, switching, metering, billing, and settlement, shall remain valid and effective unless otherwise provided in this Advisory.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. LOWERING OF THRESHOLD

Pursuant to Section 6 of the Revised GEOP Rules, the minimum eligibility requirement for participation in the Green Energy Option Program (GEOP) was lowered to 50kW. Accordingly, any (i) existing End-Users with a recorded monthly average peak demand of 50 kW and above for the past twelve (12) months; and (ii) new End-Users with a projected monthly average peak demand of 50kW and above who choose their RE Supplier and apply for a Distribution Wheeling Services with their host DU, may opt to participate in the GEOP.

2. GEOP AGGREGATION

End-Users within a Contiguous Area, whose demand do not meet the 50kW minimum eligibility requirement, may likewise form an GEOP Aggregated Group¹.

Contiguous Areas refer to areas located within geographical boundaries in which the aggregated supply of electricity of similarly situated End-Users can be measured through metering devices. Such areas shall be within the same franchise area of a DU, including subdivisions, villages, business districts, economic zones, condominium buildings, commercial establishments, mixed-use development complexes, and others as may be determined by the DOE and ERC.

¹ Subject to Section 6.3 of DC2026-01-0002



In case of GEOP Aggregation, the RE Supplier shall act as the aggregator and facilitate the switching of the GEOP Aggregated Group. For this purpose, the Central Registration Body (CRB) shall recognize the RE Supplier as the authorized representative of the GEOP Aggregated Group, without requiring written proof of authority from its individual members. For proper identification, the acronym "GAG" for GEOP Aggregated Group shall be indicated in the name of the GEOP Aggregated Group (e.g., GAG_XYZ Condominium).

Requirements and Procedures

All Market Participants are highly encouraged to refer to IEMOP Bulletin Nos. 2024-01, 2024-02, and 2024-03. The processes and requirements prescribed therein shall, unless inconsistent with this Advisory, likewise apply to GEOP Aggregation. Accordingly, references to Retail Aggregation in such procedures shall be deemed applicable to GEOP Aggregation for purposes of implementation.

For avoidance of doubt, pursuant to Section 6.3 of the subject Department Circular, in relation to Section D.4.1 of ERC Resolution No. 13, series of 2024, GEOP Aggregation shall follow the timeline and procedures for the RCOA. The specific requirements for switching to GEOP under the GEOP Aggregation are contained in the updated GEOP Switch Request Form, a copy of which is hereto attached as **Annex "A"**.

In line with Section 6.3 of the Revised GEOP Rules, only End-Users whose demand does not meet the 50kW minimum eligibility requirement may form an GEOP Aggregated Group. On this matter, the CRB shall **solely** rely on the attestations submitted by the Retail Supplier acting as aggregator, the Distribution Utility (DU), and the Metering Service Provider (MSP) in support of the switch request. The updated Attestation – Retail Supplier as Aggregator, Attestation – DU or NSP for RAP and GEOP Aggregation, and Attestation – MSP for RAP and GEOP Aggregation forms are hereto attached as **Annexes "B", "C", and "D"** respectively.

3. SECTION 12 – BILLING MECHANISMS

In its letter dated 17 August 2026 to IEMOP, the DOE directed the implementation of the single billing arrangement in the interim to ensure consistency with the existing market practice and to avoid disruption to current market operations pending the issuance of the supplemental policy.

4. **SECTION 15.4 – REGISTRATION OF METERING SERVICE PROVIDERS**

Section 15.4 outlines the responsibilities of MSPs. In particular, item (iii) thereof provides that MSPs shall register as GEOP MSP with the CRB; provided, that all DUs registered as Retail MSP in the Retail Market shall be automatically registered as GEOP MSP in the CRB without need for any supplementing requirement.

To this end, all DUs duly registered as Retail MSP in the Retail Market shall be deemed registered as GEOP MSP in the CRB. Such registration, however, shall be subject to the submission of the following post-registration requirements, which shall form part of the continuing compliance obligations of the GEOP MSP:

CRSS Application via Post-Registration Participant Information Update	Electronic (CRSS)
Supplemental Market Participation Agreement for GEOP Participation	Notarized original copy
Secretary's Certificate authorizing participation in the GEOP as Retail MSP and designating signatories and main contact	Notarized original copy

The same shall be submitted within thirty (30) days from issuance of this Advisory. Non-submission thereof shall cause the suspension and/or de-registration of the MSP as GEOP MSP.

5. **RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATES**

Pursuant to Section 17.3 of the Revised GEOP Rules, the Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) generated from the energy supplied to the End-Users under the GEOP are classified as Voluntary RECs and shall be allocated to the relevant End-User as a party to the GEOP Supply Contract. To this end, all GEOP End-Users are encouraged to register under the Renewable Energy Market (REM).

At present, enhancements to the Philippine Renewable Energy Market System (PREMS) are necessary to enable the registration of GEOP End-Users. In addition, there is a need to amend the REM Rules to include a participant category under which GEOP End-Users may register.



Pending the completion of the necessary system enhancements and the approval of the corresponding rules amendment, the issuance of RECs corresponding to energy supplied under the GEOP shall be held in abeyance. IEMOP shall issue a separate advisory confirming the completion of the requirement system enhancements and the approval of the corresponding rules amendment.

Upon completion of the PREMS enhancement and approval of the REM Rules amendment, all RECs that accrued shall thereafter be issued to the relevant GEOP End-Users, regardless of whether such End-Users have registered under the REM. Notwithstanding such issuance, GEOP End-users shall only be able to transact the corresponding RECs through the REM upon successful registration. In all cases, the validity period of such RECs shall expire three (3) years from the date of issuance, consistent with Clause 3.3.2.2. of the REM Rules.

The trading and treatment of voluntary RECs shall be governed by the relevant issuance of the Department of Energy.

REFERENCE AND INQUIRIES

1. REFERENCE

A copy of DOE DC2026-01-0002 is hereto attached to this Advisory

2. DATA PRIVACY POLICY

IEMOP processes relevant personal information in accordance with its data privacy policy. IEMOP's Privacy Notice may be viewed or downloaded via <https://www.iemop.ph/about/legal-and-privacy/>.

3. INQUIRIES

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