

Republic of the Philippines
ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Pasig City

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION FOR
AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP,
OWN AND/OR OPERATE
DEDICATED POINT-TO-
POINT LIMITED
TRANSMISSION
FACILITIES TO CONNECT
THE 351.436 MWp/244.200
MWac WITH AN
INTEGRATED 91.000
MWac/337.000 MWh
BATTERY ENERGY
STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS)
CURRIMAO SOLAR POWER
PROJECT TO THE LUZON
GRID VIA THE 230kV PINILI
SUBSTATION OF THE
NATIONAL GRID
CORPORATION OF THE
PHILIPPINES, WITH
MOTION FOR
CONFIDENTIAL
TREATMENT OF
INFORMATION**

ERC CASE NO. 2026-003 MC

**NORTHER SUN POWER,
INC. (NSPI),**

Applicant.

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Promulgated:

February 13, 2026

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that on 13 January 2026, Northern Sun Power Inc (NSPI) filed, through the Energy Virtual One-Stop Shop (EVOSS) portal, an *Application* dated dated 08 January 2026, seeking the Commission's approval of its authority to develop, own, and/or operate dedicated point-to-point limited transmission facilities to

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connect the 351.436 MWp/244.200 MWac with an integrated 91.000 MWac/337.000 MWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Currimaos Solar Power Project to the Luzon Grid via the 230kV Pinili Substation of the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP), with motion for confidential treatment of information.

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

The Commission has set the instant *Application* for hearing for the determination of compliance with the jurisdictional requirements, expository presentation, and Pre-trial Conference¹ on **23 March 2026 (Monday) at two o’clock in the afternoon (2:00 p.m.)** via **MS Teams Application** as the online platform for the conduct thereof, pursuant to pertinent rules of the Commission.

Any interested stakeholder may submit its comments and/or clarifications at least **one (1) calendar day** prior to the scheduled virtual hearing, via electronic mail (e-mail) at docket@erc.ph, and copy furnish the Legal Service through legal@erc.ph. The Commission shall give priority to the stakeholders who have duly submitted their respective comments and/or clarifications, to discuss the same and propound questions during the course of the expository presentation.

Moreover, all person who has an interest in the subject matter of the instant case may become a party by filing with the Commission via e-mail at docket@erc.ph, and copy furnishing the Legal Service through legal@erc.ph, a verified Petition to Intervene at least **five (5) calendar days** prior to the date of the scheduled virtual hearing. The verified Petition to Intervene must follow the requirements under Rule 9 of the ERC Revised Rules of Practice and Procedure, indicating therein the docket number and title of the case, and state the following:

- 1) The petitioner’s name, mailing address, and e-mail address;
- 2) The nature of petitioner’s interest in the subject matter of the proceeding and the way and manner in which such interest is affected by the issues involved in the proceeding; and
- 3) A statement of the relief desired.

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

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Likewise, all other persons who may want their views known to the Commission with respect to the subject matter of the case may file through e-mail at docket@erc.ph, copy furnish the Legal Service through legal@erc.ph, their Opposition or Comment thereon **at least five (5) calendar days** prior to the scheduled virtual hearing. Rule 9 of the ERC Revised Rules of Practice and Procedure shall govern. No particular form of Opposition or Comment is required, but the document, letter, or writing should contain the following:

- 1) The name, mailing address, and e-mail address of the person;
- 2) A concise statement of the Opposition or Comment; and
- 3) The grounds relied upon.

All interested parties filing their Petition to Intervene, Opposition or Comment are required to submit the hard copies thereof through personal service, registered mail or ordinary mail/private courier, **within five (5) working days** from the date that the same were electronically submitted, as reflected in the acknowledgement receipt e-mail sent by the Commission.

Any of the persons mentioned in the preceding paragraphs may access the copy of the Application on the Commission's official website at www.erc.gov.ph.

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Finally, all interested persons may be allowed to join the scheduled virtual hearing by providing the Commission, through legal.virtualhearings@erc.ph, their respective e-mail addresses, indicating therein the case number of the instant *Application*. The Commission will send the access link/s to the aforementioned hearing platform within five (5) working days prior to the scheduled hearing.

WITNESS, the Honorable Chairperson and CEO **FRANCIS SATURNINO C. JUAN** and the Honorable Commissioners **FLORESINDA G. BALDO-DIGAL**, **MARKO ROMEO L. FUENTES**, **AMANTE A. LIBERATO** and **PARIS G. REAL**, Energy Regulatory Commission, in Pasig City.

FOR AND BY AUTHORITY
OF THE COMMISSION:

Maria Corazon C. Gines

ATTY. MARIA CORAZON C. GINES*
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* Authority granted during Commission Meeting on 20 August 2025.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP, OWN AND/OR OPERATE DEDICATED POINT-TO-POINT LIMITED TRANSMISSION FACILITIES TO CONNECT THE 351.436 MWp/ 244.200 MWac WITH AN INTEGRATED 91.000 MWac/337.000 MWh BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) CURRIMAO SOLAR POWER PROJECT TO THE LUZON GRID VIA THE 230kV PINILI SUBSTATION OF THE NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES, WITH MOTION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF INFORMATION,

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January 13, 2026

**NORTHERN SUN POWER, INC.
(NSPI)**

Applicant.

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APPLICATION
WITH PRAYER FOR PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY OR
INTERIM RELIEF AND MOTION FOR CONFIDENTIAL
TREATMENT OF INFORMATION

Applicant, **NORTHERN SUN POWER, INC. (NSPI)**, through the undersigned counsel, unto this Honorable Commission, respectfully states:

THE APPLICANT

1. NSPI is a private corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office at NAC Tower, 32nd Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City. It may be served with orders, notices, and other processes of this Honorable Commission through the undersigned counsel.

NATURE OF THE APPLICATION

2. The instant Application is being filed pursuant to Section 9 of the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001 (“EPIRA”), which states that:

“xxx A generation company may develop and own or operate dedicated point-to-point limited transmission line facilities that are consistent with the TDP; Provided, That such facilities are required only for the purpose of connecting to the transmission system, and are used solely for the purpose of connecting to the transmission system, and are used solely by the generating facilities, subject to prior authorization by the ERC xxx”

3. Similarly, this instant Application is being filed pursuant to Section 5 (a) of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the EPIRA, which states that:

“Section 5. Dedicated Point-to-Point Limited Transmission Facility of a Generation Company. (a) Subject to prior authorization from ERC, TRANSCO, or its Buyer or Concessionaire may allow a Generation Company to develop, own and/or operate dedicated point-to-point limited transmission facilities: Provided, That:

- 1) Such dedicated point-to-point limited transmission facilities are required only for the purpose of connecting to the Grid which will be used solely by the Generation Facility, and are not used to serve End-users or Suppliers directly;

x x x”

4. NSPI proposes to develop, own, and/or operate interconnection facilities (Dedicated Facility Project) to connect its 351.436 MWp/244.200 MWac with an integrated 91.000 MWac/337.000 MWh battery energy storage system (BESS) Currimao Solar Power Project (Currimao SPP) to the Luzon Grid via the 230 kV Pinili Substation of the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP).

STATEMENT OF FACTS

5. NSPI is duly registered to, among others, carry on the business of exploring, owning, developing, constructing, operating, repairing, maintaining, managing, investing, or otherwise engaging in the business of power plant systems, including solar power generation plants.

6. On 12 January 2024, NSPI and the Department of Energy (DOE) entered into a Solar Energy Operating Contract (SEOC) for NSPI's development and utilization of solar energy resources within the Municipalities of Currimao and Paoay, Province of Ilocos Norte.

7. In accordance with its SEOC, and to connect the Currimao SPP to the Luzon Grid, NSPI shall develop and construct the Dedicated Facility Project, a dedicated point-to-point limited connection facility to be used solely by the Currimao SPP for its dispatch and direct connection to the 230kV Pinili Substation owned and operated by NGCP. Said Dedicated Facility Project is necessary to test, commission, and dispatch the capacity of the Currimao SPP and shall be exclusively utilized by NSPI.

8. The Currimao SPP will be connected through an 11km 795 MCM ASCR, double circuit, 230kV dedicated point-to-point line to the 230kV Pinili Substation that will be developed by NGCP¹. The connection of the Dedicated Facility Project to the 230kV Pinili Substation will allow delivery of power from the Currimao SPP to the Luzon Grid.

9. The estimated cost of the construction of the Dedicated Facility Project is **Seven Hundred Sixty Two Million Six Hundred Ninety Five Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Eight and 99/100 Pesos (Php762,695,398.99)** with the following components:

Components	Cost (PhP)
Substation and its associated accessories	195,535,378.64
Dedicated Point-to-Point Lines and its associated accessories	567,160,020.35
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	762,695,398.99

The estimated cost will still vary depending on the final cost from the Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) contractor.

¹ This project was approved by the Commission pursuant to the Order dated 30 April 2025 in ERC Case No. 2022-083RC, with a directive to complete the 230kV Pinili Substation Project on or before 31 August 2027.

10. In June 2024, NGCP issued its System Impact Study (“SIS”) dated June 2024 for the proposed connection of NSPI’s 345.829 MWp/244.200 MWac Currimao SPP to the Luzon Grid via the 230kV Pinili Substation.

11. Based on the SIS and SIS Final Review Report dated 4 July 2024 that were prepared by NGCP to determine the technical feasibility of the Dedicated Facility Project and the impact of connecting the Currimao SPP to the Luzon Grid, the connection of the Currimao SPP to the Luzon Grid was found to be technically feasible, subject to certain conditions, including the completion of the 230kV Pinili Substation Project as the connection point.

12. In March 2025, relative to the SIS and SIS Final Review Report, NSPI informed NGCP on the proposed increase of the Currimao SPP’s DC capacity, change in commercial operations date (COD), the integration of BESS, and the update on transformer design, thus:

	Approved SIS	NSPI Proposal
Year of Entry	2028	2029
Project Capacity	345.829 MWp/ (244.200 MWac)	351.436 MWp/ (244.200 MWac) Integrated with a Battery Energy Storage System having a capacity of 91.000 MWac/ 337.000 MWh
Transformer Capacity	147 MVA and 155 MVA, 34.5/ 230 kV step-up transformers	140 MVA and 145 MVA, 34.5/ 230 kV step-up transformers

13. Through a letter dated 28 September 2025, NGCP confirmed that since the proposed changes “do not result in a higher power output capacity, an SIS re-run is not currently necessary”, and further noted the project’s new COD.²

14. NSPI likewise informed the DOE of the foregoing changes, which the DOE approved through a Letter dated 28 April 2025.³

15. Thereafter, NSPI conducted the Facilities Study (“FS”) to determine the technical feasibility of connecting the Currimao SPP to the Luzon Grid in compliance with the Philippine Grid Code (PGC)

² See Annex T-1.

³ See Annex N-1.

and Open Access Transmission Service (OATS). The findings are contained in the Facilities Study for 351.436 MWp/244.200 MWac Currimao SPP dated October 2025, which was further reviewed and evaluated by NGCP through its FS Report dated 4 December 2025.

16. NGCP and NSPI are currently in the process of finalizing the terms of their Connection Agreement for the interconnection of the Currimao SPP to the Luzon Grid through the Dedicated Facility Project.

17. Upon completion of the Dedicated Facility Project and the commercial operation of the Currimao SPP, NSPI intends to operate and maintain the Dedicated Facility Project.

18. As of date, NSPI has secured or is in the process of securing the necessary permits, licenses, and authority from the appropriate regulatory agencies for the Dedicated Facility Project.

19. In light of the foregoing, NSPI respectfully seeks the confirmation and approval of the Honorable Commission that the Dedicated Facility Project is the most viable option for the connection of the Currimao SPP to the Luzon Grid.

20. The following documents are herewith submitted in support of the instant Application:

Annex	Documents
A	NSPI's Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws
B	NSPI's Latest General Information Sheet
C	Currimao SPP: Project Description, Grid Connection, Project Rationale, Project Timeline, Project Cost, Contractor, and Technical Documentation
D	Single Line Diagram of the Dedicated Facility Project for Currimao SPP
E*	Conceptual Engineering Design and Drawings (Confidential)*
F	NSPI Currimao SPP Relevant Dates
G and series)	Contractors' Profile: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sumec Complete Equipment & Engineering Co. Ltd (SUMEC-CEEC) ● Jiangsu Power Design Institute Co., Ltd. (JSPDI)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● China Machinery Engineering Corporation (CMEC) ● China Energy Engineering Group Guangdong Electric Power Design Institute Co., Ltd. (GEDI) ● China Energy Engineering Group Zhejiang Electric Power Design Institute Co., Ltd. (ZEPDI) ● Powerchina Huadong Engineering Corporation Limited (HDEC)
H	Demand-Supply Scenario (Power Development Plan 2023-2050)
I	NGCP Certification dated 20 October 2025 Re: Status of the Connection Agreement for the Currimao SPP
J	NSPI's Secretary's Certificate dated 20 October 2025
K	Sworn Statement dated 22 October 2025 Re: Filing of applications with concerned agencies
L	Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) No. ECC-OL-R01-2025-0330, issued by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources
M	DOE Certificate of Registration No. SEOC 2023-12-802
N	Solar Energy Operating Contract (SEOC No. 2023-12-802)
N-1	DOE Letter dated 28 April 2025 Re: Amendment to the Contract Area and Indicative Capacity with Integration of Energy Storage System
O	DOE Certificate of Energy Project of National Significance (CEPNS No. 2025-03-0239)
P	DOE Certificate of Endorsement DOE-EPIMB-ERC-P2P No. 2025-07-015
Q	Affidavit of Compliance with the Philippine Grid Code and Philippine Distribution Code dated 22 October 2025
R	NGCP Certification Re: Inclusion of the Currimao SPP in the formulation of the Transmission Development Plan of NGCP dated 20 October 2025
S*	System Impact Study dated June 2024 (Confidential)*

T	System Impact Study Final Review Report dated 04 July 2024
T-1	NGCP Letter Re: Increase in DC Capacity, Change in COD, and Integration of BESS dated 28 September 2025
U*	Facilities Study dated October 2025 (Confidential)*
V	NGCP Facilities Study Report dated 4 December 2025

**Subject to a Motion for Confidential Treatment of Information*

ALLEGATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF INFORMATION

21. Under Rule 4 of the Honorable Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, a party to any proceeding before the Honorable Commission may request that certain information not be disclosed and be treated as confidential. In this regard, NSPI prays for the confidential treatment of **Annexes “E”, “S”, and “U”**, and the information contained therein and to not disclose the same except to the officers and staff of the Honorable Commission.

22. NSPI respectfully manifests that **Annexes “E”, “S”, and “U”**, of the instant *Application* contain valuable, non-public information, data and insight,⁴ that should be treated as confidential. These confidential documents contain privileged and sensitive information that, if unduly disclosed, will seriously prejudice NSPI’s competitiveness.

22.1. **Annex “E”** refer to conceptual engineering design and drawings having proprietary value and constitute trade secrets of NSPI; and

22.2. **Annexes “S”, and “U”** refer to commissioned studies with study assumptions and related reports, including study assumptions, models, and assessments used in arriving at the study’s results, that have proprietary value and constitute trade secrets of NSPI.

23. Considering that NSPI has actual and valuable proprietary interest to protect with respect to such information, **Annexes “E”, “S”, and “U”** fall within the bounds of “trade secrets”, which are entitled to protection under the Constitution, statutes, and rules and regulations of this Honorable Commission.

⁴ Republic Act No. 10173

24. In the case of *Air Philippines Corporation vs. Pennswell, Inc.*,⁵ the Supreme Court defined “trade secrets” and explained as follows:

“A trade secret is defined as a plan or process, tool, mechanism or compound known only to its owner and those of his employees to whom it is necessary to confide it. The definition also extends to a secret formula or process not patented, but known only to certain individuals using it in compounding some article of trade having a commercial value. A trade secret may consist of any **formula, pattern, device, or compilation of information that: (1) is used in one's business; and (2) gives the employer an opportunity to obtain an advantage over competitors who do not possess the information.** Generally, a trade secret is a process or device intended for continuous use in the operation of the business, for example, a machine or formula, but can be a price list or catalogue or specialized customer list. **It is indubitable that trade secrets constitute proprietary rights.**” (*Emphasis supplied.*)

25. Clearly, the Honorable Commission recognizes the importance of treating trade secrets as confidential in order to ensure the competitiveness of the generation sector. The information in **Annexes “E”, “S”, and “U”**, therefore falls within the definition of a trade secret as defined by jurisprudence, and merits the confidential treatment provided for under Rule 4 of the ERC Rules of Practice and Procedure.

26. Further, the treatment of the information contained in **Annexes “E”, “S”, and “U”**, as confidential information is consistent with the Honorable Commission’s *Updated Matrix of Confidential and Non-Confidential Document and Information (as of 16 October 2024)* (Matrix).

26.1. In the Matrix, the Honorable Commission considers conceptual engineering designs and drawings (**Annex “E”**) as information with proprietary value that must be treated with confidentiality.

26.2. Furthermore, the Matrix also considers commissioned studies such as the System Impact Study that includes study assumptions (**Annex “S”**) and the Facilities Study (**Annex “U”**) as confidential documents because they have proprietary value that constitute trade secrets.

⁵ 564 Phil. 774 (2007), G.R. No. 172835.

27. In view of the foregoing, NSPI respectfully requests that the documents attached as **Annexes “E”, “S”, and “U”** be marked and treated as confidential and privileged, and not be disclosed to persons other than the necessary officers and staff of this Honorable Commission.

28. Accordingly, NSPI respectfully submits the instant Application for the Honorable Commission’s urgent and utmost consideration.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, premises considered, Applicant **NORTHERN SUN POWER, INC. (NSPI)** respectfully prays that the Honorable Commission:

1. Issue an Order treating **Annexes “E”, “S”, and “U”** and the information contained therein as confidential information within the purview of Rule 4 of the ERC Rules of Practice and Procedure and prescribing the guidelines for the protection thereof; and
2. After hearing on the merits, a Decision be rendered approving the instant Application.

Other just and equitable relief are likewise prayed for.

Makati City for Pasig City, 8 January 2026.

<Signature Page Follows.>

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**VERIFICATION AND
CERTIFICATION OF NON-FORUM SHOPPING**

I, **ROWENA ROMERO**, of legal age, Filipino and with office address at Ayala Triangle Gardens Tower 2, Paseo de Roxas cor. Makati Ave., Makati City, after having been duly sworn in accordance with law, hereby depose and state that:

1. I am the duly authorized representative of **NORTHERN SUN POWER, INC. ("NSPI")**, Applicant in this case, as per attached Secretary Certificate;

2. I caused the preparation and filing of this *Application* and have read the contents thereof;

3. I have read the Application and based on my own personal knowledge and on authentic records of NSPI, all the allegations contained therein are true and correct;

4. The Application is not filed to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation;

5. The factual allegations herein have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likewise have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for discovery; and

6. NSPI has not commenced any action or filed any claim involving the same issues in any court, tribunal or quasi-judicial agency and, to the best of my knowledge, no such other action or claim is pending therein. However, should I thereafter learn that the same or similar action or claim has been filed or is pending, I shall report that fact within five (5) calendar days therefrom to the ERC.

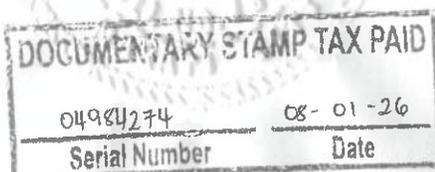
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this

08 JANUARY 2026 in MAKATI CITY Philippines.

ROWENA ROMERO
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 08 JANUARY 2026
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