MALACAÑANG MANILA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 32

CONSTITUTING THE COUNCIL OF ADVISERS ON ENERGY AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, under Section 2 of Republic Act No. 7638 "THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ACT OF 1992", it is declared the policy of the state, among other things, "to ensure a continuous, adequate and economic supply of energy with the end in view of ultimately achieving self-reliance in the country's energy requirements, through the integrated and intensive exploration, production, management and development of the country's indigenous energy reficient utilization of energy to keep pace with the country's active participation of the private sector in the various areas of energy resource development."

WHEREAS, in implementation of this state policy particularly the active participation of the private sector in the various areas of energy resources and development, the aforesaid law under Section 14 thereof provides:

"SEC. 14. - Council of Advisers on Energy Affairs. - A Council of Advisers on Energy Affairs, consisting of five (5) members, and appointed from the industry, labor and consumer sectors, shall advise the President on the over-all energy program, especially on private sector initiatives and proposals.

The President shall convene the Council within thirty (30) days upon approval of this Act."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law do hereby constitute the COUNCIL OF ADVISERS ON ENERGY AFFAIRS whose composition, task, term of office and other administrative matters relative thereto are hereunder set forth:

SECTION 1. Composition and Term of Office. - The Council shall be composed of five (5) representatives from the industry, labor and consumer sectors to be appointed by the President for a term of one (1) year beginning from the date of their appointment.

SECTION 2. Task. - The Council shall advise the President on the government's overall energy program, especially on private sector initiatives and proposals.

SECTION 3. Coordination with the Department of Energy and other Agencies. - In formulating such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the effective discharge of its task and responsibilities, the Department of Energy is directed to provide for effective coordination and consultation mechanisms with the council.

As it may deem necessary, the Council is hereby authorized to coordinate with and seek the assistance of concerned government as well as private entities in the lawful pursuit of its task.

All government units are directed to provide assistance and support to the Council.

SECTION 4. Secretariat. - The Planning Unit of the Department of Energy shall act as the Secretariat of the Council.

SECTION 5. Budget. - The Council shall be provided an initial budget to be determined and approved by the President upon the recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Energy. Subsequent appropriations shall be included in the request for budget of the said Department.

SECTION 6. Effectivity. - This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this A day of January in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Three.

By the President:

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