## ORDINANCE NO. 2014-044

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE CITY OF NAGA POWER COMMISSION CREATED UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2014-008, EXPANDING ITS MEMBERSHIP, DEFINING ITS AUTHORITY AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR ITS OPERATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:-

Sponsors: Hon. City Councilor Gabriel H. Bordado Jr. Hon. City Councilor Maria Elizabeth Q. Lavadia Hon. City Councilor Mila S.D. Raquid Arroyo

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Ordinance institutionalizes the initiative of the Honorable City Mayor John G. Bongat in creating the City of Naga Power Commission through Executive Order No. 2014-008 and founded on certain compelling reasons;

WHEREAS, under the imperatives of the General Welfare Clause of the Local Government Code, local government units are called upon to address the urgent challenges of change and uncertainty in the electric\_power industry through the development of energy systems that promote a strong economy and healthy environment;

WHEREAS, in order to respond to the aforementioned imperative, there is a need for the City to carry out an overall energy sector planning and policy implementation, promote the optimal utilization of existing electric power sources, and encourage private sector participation in the development of renewable energy resources like Hydro, Solar, Wind, and Biomass Energy to ensure sustainable supply and affordable electric power costs;

**WHEREAS**, the City is a stakeholder of the local electric cooperative and is duty bound to ensure that power supply is reliable and sustainable and that power rates are competitive and affordable to consumers, pioneering investors and business expansions in line with the City's economic development initiatives;

WHEREAS, on November 26, 2013, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Naga passed Resolution No. 2013-307 entitled "RESOLUTION DECLARING THE DIRECTION OF THE CITY OF NAGA TOWARDS ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLY SUFFICIENCY, SUSTAINABILITY AND SERVICE DELIVERY EFFICIENCY, CREATING THE RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (REDC) TO UNDERTAKE AND RECOMMEND ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THIS DECLARED DIRECTION;

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2014, the Honorable City Mayor John G. Bongat, promulgated Executive Order No. 2014-008 Creating the City of Naga Power Commission fully cognizant that a multi-sectoral formulation and implementation of a Comprehensive Energy Plan for the City of Naga is indespenable in the City's goal of taking a leadership role in optimizing the

benefits of clean, non-depletable energy sources as an engine for economic growth and human development now and in the years to come;

WHEREAS, in order to effectively carry out the intents and purposes of the aforementioned responsive actions from both the Executive and the Legislative Offices of the City Government, the structures and mechanisms therein created must be institutionalized to ensure greater doability and sustainability of solutions and actions.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** on joint and collective motion, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Naga, in session assembled, ordains, as it hereby ordained:

**SECTION 1. Creation, Nature and Purpose**- The City of Naga Power Commission (hereinafter referred to as the Power Commission) is hereby created as the multi-sectoral consultative policy and planning body that shall provide the City of Naga with comprehensive and effective strategies for the provision of electric energy required to sustain the City's economic growth and development.

**SECTION 2. Composition**- The Power Commission shall be composed of the following:

- Chairperson, SP Committee on Environment and Energy
- Chairperson, SP Committee on Public Utilities
- Chairperson, SP Committee on Consumers Protection
- Chairman, SP Committee on People empowerment and Participation
- Department Head, City Planning and Development Office;
- Chief of Office, City Environment and Natural Resources Office
- Executive Director, Jesse M. Robredo Center for Good Governance;
- Executive Director, Metro Naga Development Council;
- Manager, Camarines Sur II Electric Cooperative (CASURECO II)
- CASURECO II BOD Members representing Naga North and Naga South
- Chairperson, Naga City People's Council;
- President, Metro Naga Chamber of Commerce and Industry;
- Representative, Institute of Integrated Electrical Engineers of the Philippines;
- Representative, CASURECO II Consumers Group;
- Representative, Metro Naga Water District;
- Representative, Academe
- Representative, Naga City Liga ng mga Barangay
- Head, CNPC-TWG

The membership of the representatives coming from the private sector and offices outside of the City Government shall commence upon their acceptance of the invitation from the City Mayor.

Once constituted, the members shall elect from among themselves a Chairperson who shall come from the private sector. The Head of the City Planning and Development Office shall serve as the Vice-Chairperson.

**SECTION 3. Functions**- The Power Commission shall have the following functions:

- a. Formulate the Naga City Comprehensive Plan for Electric Power Sufficiency and Sustainability, both for the short, medium and long terms, with focus on renewable energy and monitor its implementation. The Plan as formulated shall be validated in a Stakeholder's Forum called for the purpose and thereafter adopted by Resolution of the Sangguniang Panlungsod;
- b. Monitor the performance of electric energy sector players within the City of Naga to ensure compliance and consistency with all laws governing electric energy and recommend possible solutions to problems that may arise in the implementation of any policy or program relating thereto;
- c. Protect the people and encourage citizen action through promotion of public awareness on matters and issues concerning electric energy development, utilization, and supply, particularly on the provisions of Republic Act No. 9513, otherwise known as the "Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA) of 2001;
- d. Facilitate active stakeholders' participation in promoting efficiency and sustainability of the operations of the Electric Cooperative serving the Naga District to ensure consumer affordability of electric power costs through undertaking the following actions, among others:
  - d.1. Timely review of Power Supply Agreements or Contracts of the Electric Cooperative;
  - d.2. Review the Electric Cooperative's Operations and Budget to assist in ensuring compliance with Section 23 of the EPIRA which requires electric distribution utilities to supply power in the least cost manner:
  - d.3. Recommend strategies and measures that will ensure transparency in the affairs of the electric cooperative;

For the purpose of the above, the CNPC shall facilitate the electric cooperative members- consumers' exercise of the authority granted them under the By-Laws of the electric cooperative to access its records.

- e. Initiate actions and make strong representation before government agencies regulating the electric power industry to effectively promote and protect the welfare of the consumers;
- f. Provide all tiers of the energy sector with timely information on electric power energy research and development funding, production and distribution.
- g. Submit periodic report of accomplishment or status of implementation of the Naga City Comprehensive Plan for Electric Power Sufficiency and Sustainability and recommend necessary executive or legislative actions in furtherance thereof.

In the performance of its functions, the Power Commission may request the assistance of any other offices of the City Government and seek out wider stakeholders' participation to accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Ordinance.

- **SECTION 4. Internal Rules of Procedure**. The Power Commission may adopt its own internal rules of procedure as it may deem necessary for the orderly conduct of its operations and the effective performance of its functions.
- **SECTION 5. Secretariat.** Consistent with its planning function, the City Planning and Development Office (CPDO) shall serve as the Secretariat of the Power Commission. For this purpose, the Head of the CPDO shall designate a specific personnel who shall devote at least one (1) day per work week to focus on the task as herein assigned.
- **SECTION 6. Technical Working Group.** In pursuit of the above purposes and the performance of its functions, the Power Commission shall be provided with technical assistance and advise by a Technical Working Group (CNPC-TWG) which is hereby constituted and is composed of the following,
  - a. Electrical Engineering Section Chief, City Engineer's Office;
  - b. Chief, Building Maintenance Office
  - c. Upon invitation from and appointment by the City Mayor, one (1) Representative from the Camarines Sur Electric Cooperative (CASURECO) II and one (1) Representative from the private sector with technical knowledge on energy research, development, production and distribution.

In the performance of the functions as herein defined, the CNPC-TWG shall receive direction from and report to the Power Commission.

Upon recommendation of the CNPC-TWG, the Power Commission may invite other individuals or entities to render technical assistance to the Commission.

The City Mayor shall designate the head of the TWG who shall sit as an ex-officio member of the Power Commission.

- **SECTION 7. Contracts and Agreements.** Any contract or agreement entered into in pursuit of the objectives of this Ordinance and binding upon the City Government of Naga shall be signed by the City Mayor and authorized and ratified by the Sangguniang Panlungsod.
- **SECTION 8. Appropriation**. The amount of Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00) is hereby appropriated chargeable against the Special Purpose Appropriation for the current year. Budgetary release from this fund shall be based on a work program submitted by the Power Commission and approved by the City Mayor. Thereafter, the annual appropriation for the Power Commission shall be based on a work program submitted by it for inclusion in the Annual Budget of the City Government.

**SECTION 9. Separability Clause**. Any provision or portion of this Ordinance found to be in violation of the Constitution or declared invalid by a competent court, shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

**SECTION 10. Repealing Clause**. All ordinances, executive issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 11. Effectivity-** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: July 22, 2014.

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WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

GIL A. DE LA TORRE

Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

**NELSON S. LEGACION** 

City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

**APPROVED:** 

JOHN G. BONGAT City Mayor