

Republic of the Philippines
ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Exquadra Tower, Jade Drive, Ortigas Center, 1600 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 175.287MW
BAROTAC VIEJO SOLAR
POWER PLANT TO THE
BAROTAC VIEJO 138 KV
SUBSTATION, WITH PRAYER
FOR PROVISIONAL
AUTHORITY**

ERC Case No. 2026-001 MC

January 08, 2026

MAGALLANES SOLAR ENERGY CORP.,
Applicant.

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**APPLICATION
WITH PRAYER FOR PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY**

Applicant **MAGALLANES SOLAR ENERGY CORP.** ("MSC"), by counsel, respectfully states:

**I.
APPLICANT**

1. MSC is a corporation duly organized and existing by virtue of and under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with principal office address at Prestige Tower Office Condominium Unit No. 1705, Emerald Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Metro Manila.¹

¹ Copies of MSC's Certificate of Incorporation dated 4 October 2022, Certificate of Filing of Amended Articles of Incorporation dated 30 September 2025 with attached Amended Articles of Incorporation dated 01 July 2025 and By-Laws dated 17 March 2023, and latest General Information Sheet dated 16 October 2025 are attached hereto and made integral parts hereof as **Annexes "A"** and **"B"**, respectively.

2. MSC may be served orders, notices, and other processes through the undersigned counsel at its address indicated below.

II. **NATURE OF APPLICATION**

3. This Application is submitted to this Honorable Commission pursuant to Section 9 of Republic Act No. 9136, otherwise known as the Electric Power Industry Reform Act ("EPIRA"),² for its consideration and approval of MSC's proposed development, ownership, and operation of interconnection facilities, which shall connect the 175.287MWac photovoltaic solar power plant located at Barangays Sto. Tomas, Vista Alegre, and San Roque, Municipality of Barotac Viejo, Province of Iloilo ("**Solar Power Plant**") to the Visayas Grid through a direct connection to the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines' ("**NGCP**") Barotac Viejo 138 kV Substation via a 2.33 kilometer 1-795 MCM ACSR Double Circuit 138 kV transmission line ("**Dedicated Facility Project**").³

III. **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

4. MSC is a duly registered Renewable Energy Developer of Solar Energy Resources and the holder of Solar Energy Operating Contract No. 2023-06-671 ("**SEOC**") dated 26 July 2023, executed between the Republic of the Philippines, through The Department of Energy ("**DOE**"), and MSC, by virtue of which MSC was granted the right to explore, develop, and utilize Solar Energy Resources within the designated Contract Area located in the Barangays Sto. Tomas, Vista Alegre, and San Roque, Municipality of Barotac Viejo, Province of Iloilo.⁴

5. Pursuant to the SEOC, MSC is developing the Solar Power Plant, which is targeted to commence commercial operations by 01 March 2027.⁵

² Section 9. Function and Responsibilities.

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(f) **XXX**

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

³ A copy of the Secretary's Certificate dated 26 November 2025 on the resolutions adopted by MSC's Board of Directors, authorizing the filing of the instant Application and appointing the authorized representative, therefore, is attached hereto and made an integral part hereof as **Annex "C"**.

⁴ Copies of the Certificate of Registration issued by the DOE and the SEOC, both dated 26 July 2023, are attached hereto and made integral parts hereof as **Annexes "D"** and **"E"**, respectively.

⁵ Copies of the Summary of Relevant Dates indicating the dates of start and completion of construction, testing and commissioning, and commercial operations of both the Solar Power Plant and Dedicated Facility Project, and the and the Environmental Compliance Certificate No. ECC-Ro6-25-0009 issued

6. In order to test, commission, and dispatch the electricity generated from the Solar Power Plant, MSC needs to develop, construct, and operate the Dedicated Facility Project.

6.1. The Dedicated Facility Project involves the construction of a 1-795 MCM ACSR Double Circuit 138 kV transmission line extending from the Solar Power Plant to the NGCP Barotac Viejo 138 kV Substation, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo. The power generated from the generator unit will be stepped up from 34.5 kV to 138 kV utilizing 2x100 MVA transformers.⁶

6.2. The estimated cost of the construction of the Dedicated Facility Project is Six Hundred Five Million Six Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Thirty and 42/100 Pesos (PhP 605,665,030.42). This estimate is preliminary and will change based on final detailed engineering design, procurement, and construction.⁷

6.3. The Dedicated Facility Project will be exclusively funded by MSC and will, therefore, not impact any regulated charges.

6.4. The construction of the Dedicated Facility Project is estimated to commence on 01 March 2026. MSC is currently on its contractor selection process for Facility Construction.⁸

6.5. The construction of the Dedicated Facility Project is estimated to be completed on 01 January 2027.⁹

7. MSC respectfully submits that the Dedicated Facility Project is the most viable option for connecting the Solar Power Plant in view of its proximity to the NGCP Barotac Viejo 138 kV Substation, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo.¹⁰

by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources on 15 December 2025 for the Solar Power Plant including the Dedicated Facility Project are hereto attached and made integral parts hereof as **Annexes "F" and "G"**.

⁶ Copies of the Project Description and the Single Line Diagram of the Dedicated Facility Project are hereto attached and made integral parts hereof as **Annexes "H" and "I"**, respectively.

⁷ Copies of the detailed breakdown of the Dedicated Facility Project Cost Estimate, as well as the bill of materials for the project components, and an overview of the Philippine power demand-supply scenario are attached hereto and made integral parts hereof as **Annexes "J" and "K"**.

⁸ The company profiles of the potential Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) contractors are attached hereto and made integral part hereof as **Annex "L"**.

⁹ Copies of the Conceptual Engineering Design and Drawings, and the Gantt Charts are attached hereto and made integral parts hereof as **Annexes "M" and "N"**, respectively.

¹⁰ A summary of options considered for the connection facility is hereto attached and made an integral part hereof as **Annex "O"**.

7.1. To evaluate the technical feasibility of the Dedicated Facility Project, a System Impact Study ("SIS") was conducted by NGCP in April 2024, wherein the interconnection of the Solar Power Plant to the Visayas Grid through the Dedicated Facility Project was found to be technically feasible. It is worth noting that the SIS shows that the Dedicated Facility Project was the only option considered for the interconnection of the Solar Power Plant to the grid.¹¹

7.2. A Facilities Study ("FS") was also undertaken to ensure that the equipment to be installed will satisfy the recommendations in the SIS, and that the Dedicated Facility Project complies with the Philippine Grid Code.¹²

7.3. The connection of the Solar Power Plant through the Dedicated Facility Project has also been considered in NGCP's Transmission Development Plan.¹³

8. MSC has entered into a Connection Agreement with NGCP on 06 December 2024 for the interconnection of the Solar Power Plant to the Visayas Grid through a direct connection to the Barotac Viejo 138 kV Substation.¹⁴

9. The provision of operation and maintenance services for the Dedicated Facility Project upon completion thereof and commencement of the commercial operations of the Solar Power Plant shall be conducted by the awarded EPC contractor.

10. As of date, MSC has secured or is in the process of securing all other necessary permits, licenses, and authority from the appropriate regulatory agencies for the Dedicated Facility Project. MSC hereby further undertakes to file an application for the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance with this Honorable Commission for the Solar Power Plant in

¹¹ Copies of the NGCP letter on the SIS Final Review Report dated 30 April 2024 and the SIS dated April 2024 are attached hereto and made integral parts hereof as **Annexes "P"** and **"Q"**, respectively.

¹² Copies of the FS dated July 2024 and the corresponding NGCP letter dated 16 August 2024 on its review of the FS are hereto attached and made integral parts hereof as **Annexes "R"** and **"S"**, respectively.

¹³ A copy of the excerpts from NGCP's Transmission Development Plan for 2024 to 2050 reflecting the Solar Power Plant among the Proposed Generation Facilities included in the projection for the Visayas Generation Capacity Addition is attached hereto and made an integral part hereof as **Annex "T"**.

¹⁴ A copy of the Connection Agreement between MSC and NGCP is hereto attached and made an integral part hereof as **Annex "U"**.

accordance with ERC Resolution No. 16, Series of 2014 in due course.¹⁵

11. In light of the foregoing, MSC respectfully seeks the confirmation and approval of the Honorable Commission that the connection of the Solar Power Plant to the Barotac Viejo 138 kV Substation through the Dedicated Facility Project is the most viable option for the interconnection of the Solar Power Plant to the Visayas Grid.

12. In support of the instant Application, USC hereby submits the following documents:

Annex	Document
"A"	MSC's Certificate of Incorporation dated 4 October 2022, Certificate of Filing of Amended Articles of Incorporation dated 30 September 2025 with attached Amended Articles of Incorporation dated 01 July 2025 and By-Laws
"B"	General Information Sheet dated 16 October 2025
"C"	Secretary Certificate on Authorized Representative dated 26 November 2025
"D"	DOE Certificate of Registration
"E"	DOE Solar Energy Operating Contract
"F"	Summary of Relevant Dates
"G"	Environmental Compliance Certificate No. ECC-Ro6-25-0009
"H"	Project Description
"I"	Single Line Diagram
"J"	Estimated Equipment Cost
"K"	Actual Historical and Forecasted Demand-Supply Scenario
"L"	Company Profiles of Potential Construction Companies
"M"	Conceptual Engineering Design and Drawings
"N"	Gantt Chart Schedule
"O"	Project Alternatives
"P"	System Impact Study
"Q"	System Impact Study Review Report
"R"	Facilities Study from Consultant

¹⁵ The Sworn Statement of MSC's President, Aristotle D. Natividad dated 26 November 2025 attesting to the fact that MSC has filed or shall file applications for necessary permits, licenses, and authority with all the regulatory agencies that may have an interest in the Dedicated Facility Project is hereto attached and made an integral part hereof as **Annex "V"**.

"S"	Facilities Study from NGCP
"T"	Excerpts from NGCP's Transmission Development Plan for 2024 to 2050 reflecting the Solar Power Plant among the Indicative Power Plant
"U"	Connection Agreement
"V"	Sworn Statement dated 26 November 2025 attesting to the fact that MSC has file applications for necessary permits, licenses, and authority with all regulatory agencies that may have an interest in the Dedicated Facility Project
"W"	Affidavit executed by Aristotle D. Natividad on 22 December 2025 in support of the prayer for issuance of provisional authority

IV.
ALLEGATIONS IN SUPPORT OF
PRAYER FOR PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY

13. As Republic Act No. 9513, otherwise known as the Renewable Energy ("RE") Act of 2008 ("RE Act"), aims to accelerate the development of the country's renewable energy resources and increase the utilization of renewable energy, it is in the interest of the government to help RE developers such as MSC to achieve commerciality and commence operations at the soonest practicable time. Needless to state, the construction of the Dedicated Facility Project is a pre-requisite for the testing and commissioning, and ultimately, the commercial operations of the Solar Power Plant. A provisional authority is thus urgently needed to enable MSC to achieve the target commercial operations date of the Solar Power Plant by 01 March 2027 and avoid adverse consequences to MSC.

14. After all, the RE Act has declared it the policy of the State to "[a]ccelerate the exploration and development of renewable energy resources such as, but not limited to, biomass, *solar*, wind, hydro, geothermal and ocean energy sources, including hybrid systems, to achieve energy self-reliance, through the adoption of sustainable energy development strategies to reduce the country's dependence on fossil fuels and thereby minimize the country's exposure to price fluctuations in the international markets, the effects of which spiral down to almost all sectors of the economy [*Emphasis supplied*]." ¹⁶ It is in support of this policy that MSC was established to generate, transmit, and distribute power derived from solar energy resources. ¹⁷

15. Considering the foregoing, MSC submits that there is clear and sufficient basis for the grant of a provisional authority for the development, ownership, and operation of the Dedicated Facility Project by MSC to connect the Solar Power Plant to the Visayas Grid, pending the Honorable Commission's issuance of a final decision on the instant Application.

¹⁶ Section 2 (a), Republic Act 9513.

¹⁷ A copy of the Affidavit executed by Aristotle D. Natividad on 22 December 2025 in support of the prayer for issuance of provisional authority is hereto attached and made an integral part hereof as **Annex "W"**.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, premises considered, Applicant **Magallanes Solar Energy Corp.** respectfully prays of this Honorable Commission to:

1. **GRANT** MSC provisional authority to develop, own, and operate the Dedicated Facility Project to connect the Solar Power Plant to the Visayas Grid; and
2. **APPROVE** the instant Application to develop, own, and operate the Dedicated Facility Project to connect the Solar Power Plant to the Visayas Grid, after hearing on the merits.

Other just and equitable reliefs are likewise prayed for.

Makati City for Pasig City, December 30, 2025.

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