



## PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (PDC EXECOM) HELD ON JANUARY 29, 2024 AT THE PROVINCIAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, PROVINCIAL CAPITOL BUILDING, TAGBILARAN CITY, BOHOL, PHILIPPINES

In Attendance:

Gov. Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado......Chairman, Presiding Officer

and

Majority of the Members of the PDC Executive Committee

## PDC EXECOM RESOLUTION NO. 10 - 2024

A RESOLUTION FAVORABLY ENDORSING TO THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN (SP) OF BOHOL THE PROPOSED 45 MEGAWATT (MW) SOLAR POWER GENERATION FARM PROJECT IN THE ADJACENT BARANGAYS OF CAN-AGONG AND BAHAYBAHAY, SIKATUNA, BOHOL OF THE BOHOL SOLAR ENERGY, INC. (BSEI) FOR FURTHER ENDORSEMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) AND OTHER CONCERNED AGENCIES

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9513, otherwise known as the Renewable Energy Act of 2008, provides that it is the policy of the State to accelerate the exploration and development of renewable energy resources such as but not limited to solar energy 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;

**WHEREAS,** the development and utilization of renewable energy resources will be one of the tools to effectively prevent or reduce harmful emissions and thereby balance the goals of economic growth and development with protection of health and the environment;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) of Bohol passed Provincial Ordinance No. 2018-005, prohibiting the construction of any coal power plant in Bohol and recognizes the importance of renewable energy as a means to a more sustainable and reliable source of electricity;

WHEREAS, BOHOL SOLAR ENERGY, INC. (BSEI) proposed for the establishment of a 45 MW Solar Power Generation Farm to be located in Barangays Can-agong and Bahay-bahay, Sikatuna, Bohol;

WHEREAS, the Barangay Council of Can-agong, Sikatuna, Bohol through Barangay Resolution No. 03 Series of 2023 dated December 18, 2023, granted permission and conveyed support for the construction of a 20 MW Solar Power Generation Farm of the Bohol Solar Energy, Inc. (BSEI) in Barangay Can-agong, Sikatuna, Bohol covering an area of 21 Hectares more or less;

WHEREAS, the Barangay Council of Bahaybahay, Sikatuna, Bohol through Barangay Resolution No. 14 Series of 2023 dated December 18, 2023, granted permission and conveyed support for the construction of a 25 MW Solar Power Generation Farm of the Bohol Solar Energy, Inc. (BSEI) in Barangay Bahaybahay, Sikatuna, Bohol covering an area of 25 Hectares more or less;

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of Sikatuna, through Resolution No. 20 Series of 2023 dated January 9, 2024, endorsed and interposed no objection on the construction of a 45 MW Solar Power Generation Farm of the Bohol Solar Energy, Inc. (BSEI) in the adjacent Barangays of Can-agong and Bahaybahay, Sikatuna, Bohol covering a total area of 45 Hectares more or less;

WHEREAS, the Bohol Investment Board (BIB) passed Resolution No. 09-2023 dated September 21, 2023 favorably endorsing to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan the proposal of the Bohol Solar Energy, Inc. (BSEI) for the construction and eventual operation of a 45 MW Solar Power Generation Farm in the aforementioned Barangays;

WHEREAS, the Joint Committees on Public Utilities and Franchises and Tourism of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan submitted Report No. 2023-01 dated November 28, 2023 to the Honorable Presiding Officer and Honorable Members of the same Body of its findings and recommendations with regard to the proposed 45 MW Solar Power Generation Farm Project;

WHEREAS, the construction and eventual operation of the proposed 45 MW Solar Power Generation Farm Project of the Bohol Solar Energy, Inc. (BSEI) will redound to the socio-economic development of the adjacent Barangays of Can-agong and Bahaybahay and the Municipality of Sikatuna in particular and even the entire Province of Bohol in general, as host barangays, municipality, and province, respectively, through financial benefits warranted under Republic Act 9513, Republic Act No. 7638 (Department of Energy Act of 1992) in conjunction with Rule 29(A), Section 66 of Republic Act No. 9136 (Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001) and provisions on corporate social responsibility projects, and the generation of job opportunities for the local residents;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code of 1991 mandates the Provincial Development Councils (PDC) to, among others, appraise, prioritize and coordinate the implementation of socio-economic programs and projects within its territorial coverage;

WHEREFORE, upon proper motion duly seconded, be it resolved by this Body in a meeting duly convened —

To favorably endorse to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) of Bohol the Proposed 45 Megawatt (MW) Solar Power Generation Farm Project in the adjacent Barangays of Canagong and Bahaybahay, Sikatuna, Bohol of the Bohol Solar Energy, Inc. (BSEI) for further endorsement to the Department of Energy (DoE) and Other Concerned Agencies

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

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I hereby certify the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.

ATTY. JOHN TITUS J. VISTAI

Head, PDC Secretariat

APPROVED:

ERICO AR STOTLE C. AUMIO

Chairman, PDC-Bohol