

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 655, August 22, 2007 ]**

**CREATING THE PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE ON THE SECURITY OF ENERGY FACILITIES AND ENFORCEMENT OF ENERGY LAWS AND STANDARDS**

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act (RA) No. 7638 creating the Department of Energy (DOE) provides in Section 2 thereof a State policy that ensures 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, management, and development of the country's indigenous energy resources, and through the judicious conservation, renewal and efficient utilization of energy to keep pace with the country's growth and economic development and taking into consideration the active participation of the private sector in various areas of energy resource development;

**WHEREAS**, the rationalization, integration, and coordination of various programs of the government towards self-sufficiency and enhanced productivity in power and energy without sacrificing ecological considerations is also provided in RA No. 7638;

**WHEREAS**, the DOE is mandated to exercise supervision and control over all government activities relative to energy projects, and regulate private sector activities as provided under existing laws;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to ensure the security and protection of energy and power related facilities and associated infrastructure, and enforcement of energy and related laws and standards, to safeguard the welfare of the consumers against violators of energy rules and regulations, such as in liquefied petroleum gases and smuggling of petroleum products, amongst others;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to have a comprehensive plan and national coordinating mechanism on the protection of energy facilities and enforcement of energy and related laws and standards, to ensure efficiency and effectiveness in the management of energy resources relative to their exploration, development, utilization, distribution, and conservation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

**Section 1. The Presidential Task Force on the Security of Energy Facilities and Enforcement of Energy Laws and Standards.** - The Presidential Task Force on the Security of Energy Facilities and Enforcement of Energy Laws and Standards, hereinafter referred to as the PTF-SEFEELS, is hereby created under the Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Commission (PAOCC), to be headed by the Department of Energy (DOE). The PTF-SEFEELS shall act with resolve and urgency to ensure the security and protection of energy and power-related facilities and associated