

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 224, July 16, 1987]

**VESTING ON THE NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION THE
COMPLETE JURISDICTION, CONTROL AND REGULATION OVER
WATERSHED AREAS AND RESERVATIONS SURROUNDING ITS
POWER GENERATING PLANTS AND PROPERTIES OF SAID
CORPORATION.**

WHEREAS, Watershed areas are critical and essential to the life span of water-based projects including flood control and other environmental programs;

WHEREAS, the sustained operational capability of hydro and geothermal plants depend on the productive condition of the watersheds;

WHEREAS, due to its importance to the over-all economic undertaking, it has become imperative that its inalienable and non-disposable character be assured, and therefore, more stringent measures be adopted for its protection, development, management and rehabilitation;

WHEREAS, the National Power Corporation pursuant to its mandated responsibility for developing and generating cheap, reliable electricity for national development has developed and administered watersheds in its geothermal and hydro-electric power plants;

WHEREAS, with its mandated functions, the National Power Corporation is in a better position and has the manpower and resources to exercise the desired protection, development, management and rehabilitation of watershed areas supporting operational water-based power plants;

WHEREAS, the National Power Corporation is vested by law with the power to exercise complete jurisdiction and control over watersheds surrounding the reservoir of plants and/or projects constructed or proposed to be constructed pursuant to the provisions of Section 3, paragraph (N), R.A. 6395;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. The National Power Corporation shall have complete jurisdiction, control and regulation over the following watershed areas and reservations.

1. Upper Agno Watershed Reservation as covered by Proclamation No. 548;
2. Angat Watershed Reservation as covered by Proclamation Nos. 505 and 599;