

**[ PPA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 02-2018,  
February 23, 2018 ]**

**REVISED METHODOLOGY AND FORMULA FOR ADJUSTMENT OF  
CARGO HANDLING (CH) TARIFF**

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**1. AUTHORITY**

- 1.1 Article IV, Section 6, b (iv), (ix) of P.D. No. 587
- 1.2 Article VII, Sections 19 and 20 of PD 857
- 1.3 Board Resolution No. 2675 dated January 29, 2018

**2. SCOPE**

This Administrative Order shall cover requests for adjustment in CH tariff.

**3. OBJECTIVES**

- 3.1 To prescribe a standard and uniform formula as well as procedures in CH tariff adjustment.
- 3.2 To adopt a real time assessment of the adjustment of CH tariff.
- 3.3 To ensure integrity and accuracy in the application of adjustment of CH tariff.
- 3.4 To define explicit roles of concerned parties in the evaluation of CH tariff adjustment.
- 3.5 To establish time line in processing the petitions for CH tariff adjustment.
- 3.6 To ensure transparency and comprehensive deliberation during the conduct of public hearing for adjustment in CH tariff.
- 3.7 To encourage active participation of port users and other government agencies concerned during public hearings.
- 3.8 To provide the PPA Board of Directors with complete report and appropriate recommendation on requests for adjustment in CH tariff.

**4. HEARING PANEL**

A Hearing panel is hereby created which shall be composed of the Technical Assistants of the Members of the PPA Board of Directors representing NEDA, DOTr, DTI, DOF, MARINA, DPWH, DENR, OGCC and the Private Sector.

**5. PROCEDURE**

5.1 The CH/Terminal Operator may opt to apply for a CH tariff adjustment provided that the CPI has increased by at least five percent (5%) within a three (3) year period.

5.2 To be eligible for adjustment in CH tariff, the following shall have been fulfilled by the CH/Terminal Operator:

5.2.1 Full compliance of contractual commitments;

5.2.2 No outstanding obligation due to the Authority;

5.2.3 Full compliance of the CH Compliance Report; and

5.2.4 Complete and timely submission of the engineering, operational and audited financial reports as required in the contract.

The required audited financial reports shall cover only the subject port where adjustment in CH tariff is requested.

5.3 The service provider who applies for adjustment in CH tariff shall file the petition to the Port Management Office (PMO). Each application must be supported with basis and justification.

5.4 The PMO after validating the petition shall set the date for the conduct of the public hearing and convene the Hearing Panel.

5.5 The PMO shall create the Secretariat who will:

5.5.1 Prepare the Notices of Invitation

5.5.2 Record all deliberations of the hearings and prepare and certify the Minutes thereto.

5.6 No public hearing for CH tariff adjustment shall be conducted without the proper Notice sent by the PMO Secretariat concerned at least 10 calendar days prior to the scheduled hearing. The Notice shall be accompanied by an agenda covering the subject matter of said public hearing together with a copy of the Application for CH Tariff or Adjustment duly certified by the Port Manager concerned as complete.

5.7 The Notice of Invitation shall be served by the PMO Secretariat on all affected sectors, such as the shipper's council, port users, stakeholders, relevant industry sectors and association, passenger groups, local government units, non-governmental units, and other interested parties. The PMO may invite other affected sectors not mentioned herein.

5.8 Notices shall be delivered directly to all concerned who shall duly acknowledge receipt of the same.

5.9 The Port Manager of the port where the application for CH tariff adjustment has been filed shall act as the Moderator during the conduct