

[ **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 359, August 16, 1996** ]

**ADJUSTING THE DIVIDEND RATES OF SELECTED GOVERNMENT OWNED AND/OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS ON THEIR 1995 NET EARNINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION 5 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7656**

**WHEREAS**, Section 1 of Republic Act No. 7656 provides that;

“Section 1. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared the policy of the State that in order for the National Government to realize additional revenues, government owned and/or controlled corporations, without impairing their viability and the purposes for which they have been established, shall share a substantial amount of their net earnings to the National Government.”

**WHEREAS**, to support the viability and mandate of the government owned and/or controlled corporations (GOCCs), the liquidity, retained earnings position and medium-term plans and programs of these GOCCs were considered in the determination of the reasonable dividend rates of such corporations on their 1995 net earnings;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 5 of RA 7656, the Secretary of Finance recommended the adjustment on the percentage of annual net earnings that shall be declared by various government owned and/or controlled corporations in the interest of national economy and general welfare.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

**SECTION 1.** The percentage of net earnings to be declared and remitted by the following government owned and/or controlled corporations as dividends to the National Government as provided for under Section 3 of Republic Act No. 7656 is adjusted from at least fifty percent (50%) to the rates specified hereunder:

1. Land Bank of the Philippines	30% (cash)
2. Manila International Airport Authority	25% (cash)
3. Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System	20% (cash)
4. National Electrification Administration	15% (cash)
5. Philippine Center for Economic Development	25% (cash)
6. Philippine Ports Authority	50% (cash)
7. Phividec Industrial Authority	20% (cash)
8. Public Estates Authority	20% (cash)

**Sec. 2.** The adjusted dividend rates provided for under Section 1 are only applicable on 1995 net earnings of the concerned government owned and/or controlled corporations.

**Sec. 3.** This supersedes all other issuances on this same subject matter.

**Sec. 4.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.