

**[ DOE DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. DC 2005-07-006, July 05, 2005 ]**

**DIRECTING THE ENHANCED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATURAL GAS VEHICLE PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT (NGVPPT) AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG) SUPPLY AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 290 (EO 290), issued on February 24, 2004, provides the framework for implementation of the Natural Gas Vehicle Program for Public Transport (NGVPPT);

WHEREAS, Section 2 of EO 290 identifies the key components of the NGVPPT including, among others: (a) the natural gas supplied as Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) to the transport sector through the use of indigenous gas resource including, among others, the Malampaya gas produced pursuant to Service Contract 38: (b) the development of necessary infrastructure for CNG refueling stations; and (c) the adoption of existing NGV technology in other areas of the world for refueling systems and transport vehicles;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 6 of EO 290, a Pilot Project was established and now consists of 400 CNG buses for public transport to ply the Batangas-Metro Manila route using indigenous natural gas from the Malampaya Onshore Gas Plant (MOGP);

WHEREAS, to provide the necessary support and ensure the timely implementation of the NGVPPT, there is a need to set out the policy direction to guide all stakeholders particularly as regards securing access to the supply of indigenous natural gas and establishment of CNG distribution infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Technical Working Group (TWG) within the DOE is necessary for the active and constant coordination of efforts among the various stakeholders and members of the NGVPPT Executive Forum constituted pursuant to EO 290;

NOW, THEREFORE, premises considered, this Department Circular is hereby promulgated.

*SECTION 1. Objective* - The objective of this Department Circular is to accelerate the implementation of the NGVPPT and its medium-term expansion, particularly the enhancement of supply of natural gas for processing and the development of CNG supply infrastructure that will provide the public transport sector with meaningful access to the supply of CNG.

*SECTION 2. Policies and Principles on the Supply of Natural Gas* -

- a. To secure the availability of supply of indigenous natural gas, the DOE hereby adopts a policy of open access to natural gas sourced from or produced