



Republic of the Philippines

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. DC2023-DS-0011 

GUIDELINES ON THE ACCREDITATION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS PROVIDERS AND REGISTRATION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS PURSUANT TO THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT ACT

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 7638 or the Department of Energy (DOE) Act of 1992 declares as a policy of the State, among others, to ensure 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, production, management, and development of the country's indigenous energy sources;

WHEREAS, Sections 5 (e) and (h) of RA 7638 authorizes the DOE to regulate private sector activities as provided under existing laws, providing therein an environment conducive to free and active private sector participation and investment in all energy activities, as well as to formulate and implement a program for the accelerated development of non-conventional energy systems and the promotion and commercialization on its applications;

WHEREAS, RA 11285 or the Energy Efficiency and Conservation (EEC) Act declares that it is the policy of the Government to promote a judicious conservation and efficient utilization of energy resources including its use in the transport sector being one of the energy consuming sector;

WHEREAS, Section 3 of the EEC Act provides for the establishment of a framework for introducing and institutionalizing fundamental policies on EEC, including the promotion of efficient and judicious utilization of energy, increase in the utilization of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies, and the delineation of responsibilities among various government agencies and private entities;

WHEREAS, RA 11697 or the Electric Vehicle Industry Development Act (EVIDA) declares that it is the policy of the Government to provide an enabling environment for the development of electric vehicles (EVs) including options for micromobility, and light EVs (LEVs) as an attractive and feasible mode of transportation to reduce dependence on fossil fuels;

WHEREAS, Rule II, Section 8 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the EVIDA (EVIDA-IRR) provides that EV Charging Station Providers refer to a natural or juridical person, duly accredited by the DOE, who sells, constructs, installs, maintains, owns, or operates charging stations (EVCS) or any of its components for a fee that are commercial use charging stations (CUCS) and battery swapping stations (BSS) and are permitted to impose and collect fees, which shall be unbundled;

WHEREAS, Rule IV, Section 11(a) of the EVIDA-IRR mandates the DOE to promulgate uniform and streamlined rules, regulations, and standards on the use, operations, and maintenance of EVCS and related equipment, in coordination with other concerned agencies, to include the accreditation of EVCS Providers and requirements imposed by distribution utilities (DUs) on charging stations and EVCS Providers;

WHEREAS, Rule IX, Sections 37 and 38 of the EVIDA-IRR provide for the prohibited acts deemed as violations, and the corresponding penalties, respectively under the EVIDA; and

WHEREAS, consistent with Rule III, Section 9 of the EVIDA-IRR, the following guidelines are being issued in coordination with the relevant government agencies, and after public consultation with the stakeholders conducted on 20-22 March 2023 and 20 April 2023 in the National Capital Region, Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of all the foregoing, the DOE hereby issues, adopts and promulgates the following:

RULE I GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Title. This Department Circular (DC) shall be known as "EVCS Providers Accreditation and EVCS Registration Guidelines".

Section 2. Scope. This DC shall establish the guidelines in the accreditation of EVCS Providers with the goal of creating an enabling environment to support and accelerate the adoption of EVs with extensive EVCS.

Section 3. Definition of Terms. In addition to the terms provided under Section 4, Rule I of the EVIDA-IRR, the following terms used in this DC shall apply:

- 3.1 **Applicant** refers to natural or juridical person or entity who applies to be accredited by the DOE as EVCS Provider;
- 3.2 **EUMB** refers to Energy Utilization Management Bureau of the DOE;
- 3.3 **EV Battery** refers to battery packs used for the propulsion in EVs. For the purpose of this DC, this shall also mean rechargeable energy storage system (RESS) that refers to rechargeable system that stores energy for delivery of electric energy for the electric drive in EV;
- 3.4 **EVCS** refers to a facility with equipment for the delivery of electrical energy to EVs or its battery, installed in an enclosure with special control functions and communications, and may be located off the vehicle with reference to Section 6 of the EVIDA-IRR. For the purpose of this DC, BSS is also an EVCS;
- 3.5 **EVCS Provider** refers to a natural or juridical person, duly accredited by the DOE, who sells, constructs, installs, maintains, owns, or operates EVCS or any of its components for a fee;
- 3.6 **Fee** refers to amounts collected in relation to the activities provided for by EVCS Providers including charging fees;
- 3.7 **Minimum Energy Performance (MEP)** refers to a prescribed minimum level of energy performance for electrical equipment that must be met or exceeded before they can be offered for sale or used for residential, commercial, transport, and industrial purposes; and
- 3.8 **Philippine National Standards (PNS)** refers to a standard developed/adopted, established by consensus, and published by the Bureau of Philippine Standards of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI-BPS) that contains rules, guidelines or characteristics for products or related processes and production methods.

RULE II EVCS PROVIDER ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS

Section 4. Accreditation of EVCS Providers. To contribute to the attainment of the goals under the Comprehensive Roadmap for the EV Industry (CREVI), the EVCS Providers will be accredited as follows:

- 4.1 **EVCS Provider – Operator** refers to entity engaged in the operation of EVCS who are collecting fees from EV users in exchange for the use of facilities of EVCS to charge EVs.
- 4.2 **EVCS Provider – Service** refers to entity engaged in the construction, installation, data and payment management, and maintenance of EVCS who are collecting fees for the said service.
- 4.3 **EVCS Provider – Supplier** refers to entity engaged in the selling of EVCS, or any of its parts/components for a fee.

Section 5. EVCS Provider Application Requirements. The submission of the following will be required for the issuance of the accreditation and shall be treated separately per EVCS Provider application:

- 5.1 Application Requirements for EVCS Provider – Operator
 - a. Duly accomplished application form (*Annex A*);
 - b. Registration Certificate from the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) or Cooperative Development Authority (CDA); and
 - c. Detailed information of the office (*Annex B*):
 1. Office address;
 2. Contact number and email address; and
 3. Organizational chart including the name and position of officers.
- 5.2 Application Requirements for EVCS Provider – Service
 - a. Duly accomplished application form with Undertaking/Warranty, minimum warranty of twelve (12) months (*Annex A*);
 - b. Registration Certificate from SEC, DTI or CDA;
 - c. Detailed information of the office (*Annex B*):
 1. Office address;
 2. Contact number and email address;
 3. Organizational chart including the name and position of officers;
 4. List of employees/technicians and position directly involved in providing services to EVCS (attach certificates of trainings);
 - d. Certificates attended by the employees in the construction, installation, and maintenance of EVCS; and
 - e. List of services offered and estimated fees (*Annex C*).

5.3 Application Requirements for EVCS Provider – Supplier

- a. Duly accomplished application form with Undertaking/Warranty, minimum warranty of twelve (12) months (*Annex A*);
- b. Registration Certificate from SEC, DTI or CDA;
- c. Detailed information of the office (*Annex B*):
 1. Office address;
 2. Contact number and email address;
 3. Organizational chart including the name and position of officers;
 4. List of employees and position; and
- d. List of all EVCS and its components, sale retail price, manuals, specifications, and other reference materials required for validation (*Annex D*).

Government agency/ies, office/s, government-owned and controlled corporation/s (GOCC), local government unit/s (LGU), and state university/ies and college/s (SUCs) operating as EVCS Provider – Operator, – Service, and – Supplier shall be exempted in providing Registration Certificate from SEC, DTI, or CDA, all fees for EVCS Provider Accreditation, and EVCS registration: *Provided That*, operation shall solely be operated by government agency/ies, office/s, GOCCs, LGUs or SUCs. In the event that the operation is operated by third party entity/entities, it shall comply with the requirements provided in this Section.

Other entities operating as EVCS Provider for the purpose of research, development and other initiatives that will be identified in the CREVI may be exempted from all fees for EVCS Provider Accreditation and EVCS registration.

Section 6. Processing of EVCS Provider Applications. The procedure for EVCS Provider accreditation shall be as follows:

- 6.1 Upon submission of complete application documents by the Applicant through the EUMB's official online platform, the EUMB shall determine the completeness of the application documents to proceed for payment. Incomplete requirements shall be returned to the Applicant with corresponding assessment from the EUMB.
- 6.2 The Applicant, upon determination of the completeness of the submitted application documents by EUMB, shall pay the non-refundable application fee per accreditation level as indicated in Annex K of this DC.
- 6.3 The EUMB shall assess and evaluate the documents submitted by the Applicant. The EUMB and/or its authorized representative may schedule and conduct an inspection and verification, as necessary, to further assess the Applicant's operation.
- 6.4 A report shall be prepared by EUMB that shall contain the findings of the conducted assessment and recommendation for Accreditation.
- 6.5 The EUMB shall either issue the EVCS Provider Accreditation Certificate or issue a one-time notice to rectify within a reasonable curing period of twenty (20) calendar days the specified deficiencies in the EVCS Provider accreditation application with a validity of payment for forty (40) days. Failure

of applicant to rectify within the reasonable curing period shall cause the EUMB to issue a disapproval notice. Applications that are not favorably considered shall be returned and the Applicant shall be notified in writing of the reason for denial.

- 6.6 All applicants must submit application documents through EUMB's official online platform for EVCS Accreditation.

Section 7. Issuance of EVCS Provider Accreditation Certificate. The EVCS Provider Accreditation Certificate shall be issued to the Applicant within seven (7) working days upon the complete submission of the of application documents: *Provided, That* the Applicant have complied with the requirements provided in Section 5 of this DC.

Section 8. Validity and Appropriateness of an EVCS Provider Accreditation Certificate. The validity of an EVCS Provider Accreditation Certificate shall be for three (3) years from the date of issuance, unless earlier suspended, revoked, cancelled or blacklisted on the grounds specified in Section 26 of this DC. The EVCS Provider Accreditation Certificate shall be dependent on the classification of EVCS Provider specified under Section 4 of this DC. The EVCS Provider Accreditation Certificate shall be posted and displayed prominently and in conspicuous location for easy viewing/inspection by the public. The failure to post the EVCS Provider Accreditation Certificate shall constitute as a Prohibited Act under Section 26 (d) of this DC.

EVCS providers shall submit to the EUMB the certified true copy of a valid permit to operate business issued by the LGU having jurisdiction of the area where the EVCS Provider operates related EVCS activities. This shall be provided annually to EUMB to ensure the compliance of EVCS providers to operate business where the EVCS is located.

Section 9. Renewal of EVCS Provider Accreditation. The application for EVCS Provider Accreditation shall be filed at least thirty (30) days prior to its expiration. The procedure outlined in Section 6 of this DC shall be observed in processing the application for renewal of EVCS Provider Accreditation Certificate and shall pay a renewal application fee per accreditation level as indicated in Annex K of this DC. After the expiration of the EVCS Provider Accreditation Certificate, any application shall be treated as a new application.

Section 10. Obligations of EVCS Providers. All EVCS Providers are required to comply with the following:

- 10.1 Secure a valid and appropriate EVCS Provider Accreditation Certificate pursuant to Sections 4 and 8 of this DC;
- 10.2 Compliance with pertinent government rules and regulations including but not limited to data privacy, safety and health, environmental protection, waste disposals, payment of tariffs relative to its operation, minimum building standards (e.g., National Building Code, Philippine Electrical Code, Fire Code of the Philippines), other relevant standards and coordinate with the distribution utilities (DUs) on the safe electrical network for EVCS;
- 10.3 Annually submit to EUMB a certified true copy of a valid permit to operate business issued by the LGU having jurisdiction of the place where the EVCS is located;
- 10.4 Secure third-party liability insurance for their CUCS charger/s including its components and parts;

- 10.5 Allow authorized DOE personnel through EUMB, at all reasonable times, full access to its facilities, and other pertinent records relative to its business operation related to EVCS;
- 10.6 Maintain records of activities for a period of three (3) years which shall be made available during inspection and/or reproduction upon request by the EUMB (*Annex G*). Records required to be maintained shall include copies of the following:
 - a. For EVCS Provider – Operator, the Monthly EVCS energy consumption of EVCS being operated;
 - b. For EVCS Provider – Service, the number of provided services that include the specific EVCS location and scope of services provided; and
 - c. For EVCS Provider – Supplier, the list of EVCS and parts/components monthly sales and inventory.
- 10.7 Submit an annual written report on the following circumstances related to the administration, operation, and management as EVCS Provider, but not limited to:
 - a. Change of Ownership;
 - b. Change of Business Name;
 - c. Change of Address;
 - d. Change of personnel (e.g., owner, contact person, liaison officer, personnel directly involved in the administration, operation and maintenance of EVCS);
 - e. Change of equipment (i.e., upgrading/downgrading EVCS capacity); and
 - f. Bankruptcy.
- 10.8 Provide sufficient information and guides to EV users on the proper use of EVCS and shall have information available for safety personnel and/or emergency responders with regard to dealing with accidents involving EVCS;
- 10.9 Submit annual reportorial requirements covering 12 months as required by EUMB which are due on the twenty-eighth (28th) day of February of the succeeding year as provided in Section 15 of this DC. The monthly breakdown of the report must be available upon inspection by EUMB or its authorized representatives; and
- 10.10 Provide accurate information as may be identified and required by EUMB.

The DOE, through EUMB, shall issue implementing guidelines for the effective administration of the obligations of EVCS Providers including the detailed procedure for the monitoring, verification and enforcement including its effectivity and timelines: *Provided*, That the implementing guidelines shall only be issued after public consultation.

RULE III
EVCS REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Section 11. Electric Vehicle Charging Station. Pursuant to Section 6 of the EVIDA-IRR, EVCS utilization and operation may be determined as follows:

- 11.1 CUCS are EVCS whose utilization are open or shared to the general public or a defined group of individuals, which impose and collect charging fees on EV users; or
- 11.2 Own use charging stations (OUCS) are EVCS whose utilization are for the exclusive use by an individual, or group (cooperative, corporation, and/or other entity) and shall not be allowed to impose and collect charging fees: *Provided, That* OUCS that are exclusively used by groups consisting of at least two (2) different cooperatives, corporations and/or other entities shall be considered as CUCS.

Section 12. Registration of EVCS. The procedure and requirements for the issuance of EVCS Registration Certificate for CUCS shall be as follows:

- 12.1 No EVCS shall operate without first securing a valid EVCS Registration Certificate from EUMB.
- 12.2 All EVCS prior to its operation and utilization shall be registered per location to the EUMB and shall submit the following documents in securing EVCS Registration Certificate:
 - a. Attached EVCS Provider – Operator Accreditation Certificate;
 - b. Location map and photos of the EVCS facility/ies to operate (*Annex E*); and
 - c. Duly accomplished EVCS specifications Form (*Annex F*).
- 12.3 The EUMB shall issue an EVCS Registration Certificate for each EVCS location seven (7) working days upon the complete submission of and full compliance with the requirements provided in this DC and shall pay a non-refundable registration fee of Five Thousand Four Hundred Pesos (PHP5,400.00) as indicated in Annex K of this DC. Incomplete requirements shall be returned to the Applicant with corresponding assessment from the EUMB.
- 12.4 The EUMB shall have the authority to verify, validate, authenticate and inspect all documents and information required from, given by or obtained from the EVCS registration application for compliance with all laws, rules and regulations. The EUMB may conduct field validation to a new EVCS prior to the issuance of the EVCS Registration Certificate.
- 12.5 A report shall be prepared by EUMB, which shall contain the findings of the conducted assessment and recommendation for the issuance of EVCS Registration Certificate or disapproval of the application.
- 12.6 The EUMB shall either issue the EVCS Registration Certificate or disapproval of the application based on the findings. Further, applications that are not favorably considered shall be returned and the Applicant shall be notified in writing of the reason for denial.

Section 13. Validity of the EVCS Registration Certificate. The EVCS Registration Certificate shall have a validity of three (3) years from the date of its effectivity and shall be in full force and effect unless sooner revoked or suspended pursuant to the provisions of this DC. The valid EVCS Registration Certificate shall be posted and displayed prominently in conspicuous location for easy viewing/inspection by the public. Failure to post the EVCS Registration Certificate shall constitute as a Prohibited Act under Section 26 of this DC.

Section 14. Renewal of EVCS Registration Certificate. The EVCS Provider – Operator shall file at least thirty (30) days prior to its expiration the application for the renewal of the EVCS Registration and shall submit the same documents as provided in Section 12 of this DC. The procedure outlined in Section 12 of this DC shall be observed in processing the application for renewal of EVCS Registration Certificate and shall pay a non-refundable renewal fee of Two Thousand Nine Hundred Pesos (PHP2,900.00) indicated in Annex K of this DC. After the expiration of the EVCS Registration Certificate, any application shall be treated as new application.

Section 15. Reportorial Requirements. All registered EVCS shall annually submit to EUMB the duly accomplished *Annex G* of this DC covering twelve (12) months which is due on February 28 of the succeeding year. The monthly breakdown of the report must be available upon inspection by EUMB or its authorized representatives.

RULE IV EVCS CLASSIFICATION AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 16. Electric Vehicle Charging Station Classification. EVCS shall be defined and classified in accordance with Section 6 of the EVIDA-IRR: *Provided Further, That* CUCS and Own-Use Charging Station (OUCS) shall be classified as follows:

- 16.1 **EVCS Mode 1** refers to EVCS that has a method for the connection of an EV to a standard socket-outlet of an AC supply network.
- 16.2 **EVCS Mode 2** refers to EVCS that has a method for the connection of an EV to a standard socket-outlet of an AC supply network with a control system for the protection against electric shock placed between the plug and the EV.
- 16.3 **EVCS Mode 3** refers to EVCS that has a method for the connection of an EV to an AC EVCS permanently connected to an AC supply network with a control system that extends from the AC EVCS to the EV.
- 16.4 **EVCS Mode 4** refers to EVCS that has a method for the connection of an EV to an AC or DC supply network utilizing DC EVCS with a control system that extends from the DC EVCS to the EV.
- 16.5 **Battery Swapping Station (BSS)** refers to EVCS facility which allows EV users to exchange a near empty discharged battery with a fully charged battery which also includes any replacement made for a charged battery.
- 16.6 **Other EVCS Mode** refers to EVCS that has a method for the connection of an EV that are unclassified under the aforementioned modes. This includes modes for emerging technologies such as bi-directional charging, among others.

For the purpose of technology advances and innovation, the DOE through EUMB shall determine other EVCS classifications through an implementing guideline: *Provided, That* the implementing guidelines shall be issued after public consultation.

Section 17. EVCS Specification and Installation Requirements. To provide a harmonized charging protocol and common understanding among the EVCS Providers, the following requirements shall be observed and adopted:

- 17.1 EVCS Mode 1 shall have rated values for current and voltage that shall not exceed 16 A and 250 V AC single-phase, 16 A and 480 V AC three-phase, and rated frequency must be at 60Hz, with a tolerance of +/- 0.3Hz. Further, EVCS Mode 1 shall adopt the minimum specification of 6-15R/30R and 6-15P/30P plugs and socket specified in PNS 2117 and shall be provided with protective earthing.
- 17.2 EVCS Mode 2 shall have rated values for current and voltage that shall not exceed 32 A and 250 V AC single-phase; and 32 A and 480 V AC three-phase, and rated frequency must be at 60Hz, with a tolerance of +/- 0.3Hz. Further, EVCS Mode 2 shall adopt the minimum specification of classified Type 2 connector as specified in PNS IEC 62196-2 and shall adopt the minimum specification of 6-15R/30R and 6-15P/30P plugs and socket specified in PNS 2117.

EVCS Mode 2 shall be provided with protective earthing and shall further comply with the requirements of its in-cable control and protection to IEC 62752.
- 17.3 EVCS Mode 3 shall adopt the minimum specification of classified Type 2 connector as specified in PNS IEC 62196-2. Further, it shall be provided with protective earthing and rated frequency must be at 60Hz, with a tolerance of +/- 0.3Hz.
- 17.4 EVCS Mode 4 shall adopt the minimum specification of classified configuration FF connector (CCS Combo 2) as specified in PNS IEC 62196-3 and shall only be installed and used outdoor. Further, it shall be provided with protective earthing and rated frequency must be at 60Hz, with a tolerance of +/- 0.3Hz.
- 17.5 BSS shall be designed and constructed that in normal use its performance is reliable and minimizes the risk of danger to the human individuals, equipment and surroundings. The BSS equipment shall have an immediate access to emergency stop buttons to stop the operation in case of emergency and which shall be accessible to drivers and/or system operators.

Rapid isolation or transfer of the EV battery in case of emergency shall be ensured, including the following equipment:

- a. fire detection and/or extinguishing equipment in the EV battery storage/bin area. The fire detection system should be connected to the control system of the BSS, if applicable; and
- b. isolated observation facility, such as fire bunker, in order to isolate abnormal batteries or automatic internal and external monitoring systems. There should be a designated isolation area to store errant EV battery packs. Area should not have flammable material or load bearing structures nearby. If the local facility does not have this space available, there must be a designated space in a different facility where EV battery packs can be sent to for the same purpose.

EVCS Provider/s that will operate BSS shall train personnel in the operation and maintenance of the BSS equipment to ensure the compliance and safe operation of BSS provided in this Section.

- 17.6 Other EVCS Mode identified under Section 16 of this Department Circular shall adopt the minimum specification and applicable PNS or any international standards.

Provided Further, That a minimum ingress protection (IP) for EVCS used indoor shall be at least IP41 and for outdoor shall be at least IP54, to provide protection against solid foreign objects/dusts and water that may cause electric shock and abnormal operation of the EVCS. The EVCS service area shall provide full and ease of access to senior citizens and persons with disabilities consistent with the applicable provision of RA No. 7432, as amended, or the Senior Citizens Act, and RA 7277, as amended, or the Magna Carta for Persons with Disability.

EVCS classified as BSS and CUCS shall be installed with separate meter or sub-meter that is isolated from the rest of a building or structure's energy usage for the purpose of monitoring its energy consumption with the minimum electrical design specified in *Annex H* of this DC. EVCS classified as OUCS is encouraged to be installed with separate meter or sub-meter for said purpose.

EVCS Providers have the option to install and provide other connectors, in addition to the Type 2 and/or configuration FF (CCS Combo 2) and shall comply with the requirements of this DC.

The DOE through EUMB may issue separate or supplemental rules and guidelines governing non-stationary or mobile EVCS.

Section 18. EVCS Network System Requirements. To provide a centralized data, all CUCS classified as Mode 3, Mode 4 and BSS facilities shall have a network system available for connection to a centralized network of the DOE that will consolidate data related to EVCS. The centralized data shall provide the following information which shall be accessible to the public:

- a. Registered EVCS;
- b. Online mapping of EVCS including its operation, charging fee rates, charging connector/s;
- c. EVCS classification; and
- d. EVCS status of availability for charging.

The network system of the EVCS shall be able to provide to the centralized network of the following data and information:

- a. Location (longitude and latitude location);
- b. EVCS Provider – Operator Name;
- c. EVCS identification (i.e., serial number, model);
- d. EVCS connector;

- e. EVCS classification;
- f. Status and properties of the charging station;
- g. Rated power capacity (kW), voltage (V) and current (A);
- h. Information on maximum supply current from the electric system to the charging station; and
- i. Information about the number of EV charger with the EVCS.

The DOE, through the EUMB, shall issue implementing guidelines for the effective implementation and interconnectivity of all EVCS through a network for the monitoring and centralization of data for reporting, billing and charge point management system with due regard to data protection, including the detailed procedure for the monitoring, verification and enforcement including its effectivity and timelines: *Provided, That* the implementing guidelines shall only be issued after public consultation.

Section 19. Labeling and Marking Requirements. An EVCS energy label and markings shall contain the following information marked in a durable manner and located in place such that they are visible and legible during installation and maintenance:

- a. EVCS manufacturer's name, initials, trademark, or distinctive marking;
- b. Type designation of identification number or any other means of identification, making it possible to obtain relevant information from the EVCS manufacturer;
- c. "Indoor Use Only", or the equivalent, if intended or indoor use only;
- d. Date of manufacture;
- e. Type of current (i.e., AC and/or DC);
- f. Frequency and number of phases in case of alternating current;
- g. Rated voltage (input and output if different);
- h. Rated current (input and output if different) and the ambient temperature used to determine the rated current; and
- i. Degree of protection.

Section 20. Posting Signages and Labels. To provide immediate determination of EV compatibility to the EVCS and its location by the EV users, all EVCS should have posted or displayed prominently and conspicuously the following signages and labels:

- a. Updated EVCS charging price display board;
- b. EVCS kWh capacity;
- c. EVCS charging connector; and
- d. EVCS signpost as specified in Annex H of this DC.

Section 21. EVCS Energy Source. To ensure the country's energy security and independence by reducing reliance on imported fuels for the power and transportation sectors, all CUCS shall be powered and/or assisted through the utilization of renewable energy source/s. The DOE will issue guidelines and timeline for the effective implementation of this Section consistent with the CREVI.

RULE V PROCESS STREAMLINING AND PROMOTION

Section 22. Process Streamlining. The documentary requirements and the timelines for processing the permits for the operation of EVCS by other national government agencies, LGUs, and DUs shall strictly conform with Section 9 of the EVIDA-IRR. The EUMB shall allocate funds to establish and maintain an online platform to facilitate processes under this DC.

Section 23. EVCS Provider Registry. Pursuant to Section 11(f) of the EVIDA-IRR, the DOE, through EUMB, shall provide an annual report and make available to the public through its website an annual inventory of all accredited EVCS Providers and registered EVCS in the country.

Section 24. Deputization of Inspection for EVCS and EVCS Providers. The DOE, through EUMB, may deputize other government agencies to hasten processing of application documents. A separate issuance on this matter shall be issued by the DOE.

Section 25. Information, Education and Communication Activities. Pursuant to Section 11(e) of the EVIDA-IRR, the DOE, together with the DOTr and DTI, shall develop and undertake a national awareness and advocacy program covering EV and EVCS adoption, programs, and initiatives, and pursue partnerships with relevant stakeholders for the appreciation of this DC.

RULE VI PROHIBITED ACTS AND PENALTIES

Section 26. Prohibited Acts. Pursuant to Section 28 of the EVIDA, any person both natural or juridical, (the EVCS Provider and its responsible officers and personnel), shall be subject to the imposition of penalties which may include suspension or revocation of EVCS Provider Accreditation issued under this DC for violation of the following:

- a. Failure to provide accurate information or provision of false or misleading information as required (Sections 5 and 10);
- b. Non-posting of EVCS Provider Accreditation Certificate (Section 8);
- c. Operating as EVCS Providers without a Valid and Appropriate Accreditation Certificate (Section 8);
- d. Refusal to submit to on-site inspections and monitoring (Section 10);
- e. Non-submission of reportorial requirements (Sections 10 and 15);
- f. Operating an EVCS without Registration Certificate (Section 12);
- g. Non-posting of EVCS Registration Certificate (Section 13); and
- h. Non-posting of EVCS charging price, capacity and charging connector (Section 20).

Section 27. Penalties. Upon the determination that any EVCS Provider, Owner, person or entity has committed any of the prohibited acts in Section 26 of this DC, a fine ranging from a minimum of Fifty Thousand Pesos (PHP50,000.00) to a maximum of Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (PHP500,000.00) specified in *Annex 1* of this DC, and may include suspension or revocation of permits issued, if applicable be imposed upon any EVCS Provider, owner, person, or entity both natural and juridical.

The imposition of the fines is without prejudice to the penalties provided under existing laws, rules, and regulations prescribed by other concerned agencies.

RULE VII FINAL PROVISIONS

Section 28. Transitory Clause. All existing EVCS Providers are given one hundred eighty (180) days from the effectivity of this DC to comply with the provisions hereof.

Section 29. Review Clause. In light of the dynamic nature of the industry, the DOE shall periodically review, update and issue the necessary rules relative to the operation of the EVCS every two (2) years from the date of issuance, or earlier as the need arises.

Section 30. Separability Clause. If for any reason, any section or provision of this DC is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts or provision hereof which are not affected hereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 31. Repealing Clause. The provisions of other circulars, specifically DOE DC No. DC2017-11-0011 and DC No. DC2021-07-0023, and other orders, issuances, rules, and regulations, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this DC are hereby repealed, amended, modified, or superseded accordingly.

Section 32. Effectivity. This DC shall take effect immediately within fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation. A copy of this DC shall be filed with the University of the Philippines Law Center - Office of the National Administrative Register.

Issued on ___ May 2023 at the DOE, Energy Center, Rizal Drive cor. 34th Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City.


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