AMENDMENT ON THE EXTENSION OF VALIDITY OF PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE DURING THE STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

The NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES BOARD (NWRB), a government institution created and existing under Presidential Decree No. 424 and Presidential Decree No. 1067, with office address at 8th Floor NIA Building, EDSA, Quezon City, states:

At the meeting of the Board held at the NWRB Conference Room, 8th Floor NIA Building, EDSA, Quezon City on September 25, 2020, the following resolution was unanimously approved and confirmed, to wit:

WHEREAS, the country has been plagued with the outbreak of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) that has posed a threat to the lives of the Filipino people and the Philippine economy as well;

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, President Rodrigo Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922, declaring the country under a State of Public Health Emergency;

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, President Duterte issued Proclamation No. 929, declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines for a period of six (6) months due to Corona Virus Disease 2019, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant;

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2020, President Duterte issued Proclamation No. 1021, extending the period of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines for a period of one (1) year, effective September 13, 2020, to September 12, 2021, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant;

WHEREAS, NWRB Resolution No. 02-0320 was approved during the Special Meeting of the Board on March 5, 2020, that provided for the issuance of Provisional Authority and Provisional Water Rates for Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) and other related applications;

WHEREAS, the validity of the Provisional Authority is six (6) months from the date of issuance/approval and is extendable for a maximum of three (3) months only, unless otherwise cancelled or revoked for any justifiable grounds;

WHEREAS, the extension period of the validity of the Provisional Authority under the above-mentioned Resolution is hereby amended in consideration of the State of Public Health Emergency prevailing in the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the validity of the Provisional Authority is six (6) months from the date of issuance/approval and is extendable for a maximum of six (6) months unless otherwise cancelled or revoked for any justifiable grounds;
RESOLVED FURTHER, that this resolution shall be effective until September 30, 2021, unless earlier revoked by another NWRB Resolution upon a declaration by the government of the lifting of the State of Public Health Emergency in the Philippines.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 25th day of September 2020, in Quezon City, Philippines.

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