

**RESOLUTION NO. 003-0804**  
**August 13, 2004 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Reconstituted Board**  
**RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE PROCESSING OF WATER PERMIT**  
**APPLICATION OF ENTITIES WITH ACCOUNTS PAYABLES WITH NWRB**

WHEREAS, the Management during the 22<sup>nd</sup> NWRB Board Meeting proposed to defer the processing of water permit applications (WPAs) of entities with unpaid obligations;

WHEREAS, the proposal will serve as a means to obligate delinquent water permit grantees particularly government owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs), namely MWSS, NIA and NPC, to settle their financial obligations with NWRB or at least submit a schedule of payment.

WHEREAS, based on records, NPC has arrears in the amount of One Hundred Twenty Six Million Eight Hundred Fifteen Thousand Twenty Six Pesos (P126,815,026.00) and 38 pending water permit applications. MWSS has arrears in the amount of Six Million One Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand One Hundred Sixty Two Pesos and 3/100 (P6,177,162.03) and 15 pending water permit applications. NIA has arrears in the amount of Seventy Million One Hundred Fifty Three Thousand and Twenty Pesos and 43/100 (P70,153,020.43) and 29 pending water permit applications.

WHEREAS, the Board during the 22<sup>nd</sup> NWRB Board Meeting approved in principle the suspension of the processing of WPAs of entities/persons with accounts payables and instructed the Secretariat to draft the resolution for Board's review and comments as well as to present the computation of payables starting from the time the exemption was lifted up to the present. The Staff was likewise instructed to send follow-up letters to all concerned agencies/persons with accounts payables and inform the Board of Directors of NIA, NPC and MWSS of the said proposal.

WHEREAS, the Board during the September 7, 2004 Special Board Meeting, the Executive Director informed the Board that letters were sent to NIA, MWSS and NPC soliciting their respective comments on the proposed policy of suspending the processing of water permit applications (WPAs) of entities with payables to NWRB. In response, MWSS requested for copies of their approved water permits for validation purposes. NPC responded by saying that they are just a "secondary user" of water allocated to irrigation and/or domestic water supply. NIA, on the other hand, has not replied.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to authorize the Executive Director to adopt such measures as may be necessary to enforce payment against entities/persons with accounts payables including suspension of processing of WPAs until such time that the concerned entities have settled their unpaid obligations with NWRB or at least submit a schedule of payment.