

# PIDS POLICY PAPER - POWER SECTOR REFORMS IN THE PHILIPPINES

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# MERITS IN LOOKING BACK

## Pre-EPIRA System:

- Highly centralized
- Vertically integrated
- Predominantly large RE (hydro & geothermal)





# CRITICAL ROLE OF TRANSMISSION IN THE ENERGY TRANSITION

- Timescale Misalignment (CREZ Report)
- Project Siting-Transmission Misalignment
- Flexibility & Load-sited Options

**\*\*Redesigning of the Grid**



# REVISITING THE PBR METHODOLOGY

- Regulating a monopoly - what's our scorecard of success?
- “As spent”, project delays and optimization
- The promise of a hybrid design (PBR - Philippine version)
- A call for more institutional set of reforms





# URGENCY IN ADOPTING TRANSMISSION REFORMS

- RE-transmission build-outs
- Increasing need for system requirements (flexibility, storage, balancing) for reliability
- Cyber-security and AI adoption
- Concession Agreement-related items for consideration (ROW issue, SO-TP split, capex alignment and approvals)

# THANK YOU

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