

## PHILIPPINE COMPETITION COMMISSION

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## COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 20-2017

## APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2017 RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE PHILIPPINE COMPETITION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, on 21 July 2015, the Philippine Competition Act ("PCA") was signed into law, which provides for a national competition policy prohibiting anti-competitive agreements, abuse of dominant position, and anti-competitive mergers and acquisition, and which creates the Philippine Competition Commission (PCC" or the "Commission") to attain the PCA's objectives and purposes;

WHEREAS, to effectively implement the competition policy and attain the objectives of the PCA, there is a need for the Commission to promulgate the 2017 Rules of Procedure of the PCC ("Rules") which would govern the procedure of the investigations, hearings, and proceedings of the Commission except to matters involving mergers and acquisitions unless otherwise provided in the issuances and guidelines governing the same;

WHEREAS, upon completion of the draft Rules on 19 July 2017, the Commission published said draft in its website and invited comments from the public;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission held public consultations on the draft Rules on the following dates and places:

21 June 2017	Davao City
23 June 2017	Pasig City
29 June 2017	Cebu City

wherein stakeholders such as various business sectors, sector regulators, government departments and agencies, the judiciary, local government units, non-government organizations, the academe, law firms, and other stakeholders were invited to provide comments and ask clarificatory questions on the draft Rules;

**WHEREAS**, the draft Rules, as revised for key comments and questions raised during the various public consultations, was presented for approval of the Commission in its meeting on 11 September 2017;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Commission has **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, that:

1. The Commission hereby approves and adopts the Rules, as presented to the Commission during its meeting on 11 September 2017;

- 2. The Rules shall supersede the Interim Rules on Preliminary Inquiry and Full Administrative Investigation issued on 07 August 2017; and
- 3. The Rules shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

**DONE** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017 in the City of Pasig, Philippines.

ARSENIO M. BALISACAN Chairman

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