

## REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES PHILIPPINE COMPETITION COMMISSION

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## COMMISSION DECISION No. 24-M-031/2017 Acquisition by Global Business Power Corporation of shares in Alsons Thermal Energy Corporation M-031/2017

The Commission,

Having regard to the acquisition by Global Business Power Corporation of shares in Alsons Thermal Energy Corporation,

Having regard to Sections 16 and 20 of Republic Act No. 10667 and Section 1, Rule 4 of the Rules and Regulations to Implement the Provisions of Republic Act No. 10667,

Has adopted this Decision:

In view of the recommendation from the Mergers & Acquisitions Office that, on the basis of information obtained from the parties and other sources to date, the acquisition by Global Business Power Corporation of shares in Alsons Thermal Energy Corporation (the "Transaction") does not result in a substantial lessening of competition in the relevant market, since

- a. Loss of competition is not likely to result from the Transaction;
- b. There appears to be neither increased ability nor incentive to engage in foreclosure, post-acquisition, in the power generation market; and
- There appear to be sufficient post-acquisition competitive constraints from competitors in the power generation market;

the Commission hereby resolves that it will take no further action with respect to the Transaction.

This Decision is rendered based solely on the facts and circumstances of the Transaction disclosed by Global Business Power Corporation and Alsons Thermal Energy Corporation.

**DONE,** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017, in the City of Pasig, Philippines.

ARSENIO M. BALISACAN

Chairman

JOHANNES BENJAMIN R. BERNABE

Commissioner

STELLA LUZ A. QUIMBO

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