

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 223, July 16, 1987]

**VESTING ON THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL OIL COMPANY (PNOC)
THE JURISDICTION, CONTROL, MANAGEMENT, PROTECTION,
DEVELOPMENT AND REHABILITATION OVER THE WATERSHED
AREAS OF GEOTHERMAL RESERVATIONS WHERE PNOC HAS
GEOTHERMAL PROJECTS, PLANTS, AND PROPERTIES.**

WHEREAS, indigenous geothermal resource is an energy alternative that can provide a principal energy supply to boost the country's economy;

WHEREAS, the Government has declared some geothermal reservations under the jurisdiction and control of the Office of Energy Affairs (OEA) through the National Power Corporation (NPC) pursuant to Presidential Decrees 1515 and 1749;

WHEREAS, PNOC has substantially invested in the development of the Tongonan, Palinpinon and Bacon-Manito geothermal fields and presently supplies geothermal steam to the geothermal power plants in Tongonan and Palinpinon;

WHEREAS, being a major developer of this vital energy alternative, it is the inherent responsibility of PNOC to protect and manage the watershed areas surrounding the geothermal resource to ensure the sustained steam supply to government power plants;

WHEREAS, PNOC was deputized by OEA under MOE Order 83-06-15 in conjunction with P.D. 1749 to undertake the management, protection, development and rehabilitation of the watershed areas to Tongonan, Palinpinon, and Bacon-Manito Geothermal Reservations;

WHEREAS, PNOC has in place an efficient logistics network and an established and qualified watershed management body currently undertaking the protection, rehabilitation, and development of these reservations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines do hereby direct:

SECTION 1. PNOC shall have jurisdiction, control and management, and shall be responsible for the protection, development and rehabilitation of the watershed areas surrounding the following geothermal reservations:

- (a) Tongonan Geothermal Reservation pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 112;
- (b) Palinpinon Geothermal Reservation pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 1413;