

[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 258, July 10, 1995 ]

**ESTABLISHING AND DELINEATING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OVER WATERSHEDS AND RESERVATIONS UNDER THE FORMER'S JURISDICTION AND CONTROL, AND RESTORING TO THE NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION JURISDICTION AND CONTROL OVER THE ANGAT WATERSHED RESERVATION**

**WHEREAS**, Section 3(n) of Republic Act No. 6395 vests in the National Power Corporation (NPC) *"complete jurisdiction and control over watershed areas surrounding the reservoirs of plants and/or projects constructed or proposed to be constructed by"* the NPC;

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 192 (1987) declares the Department of Environment and Natural Resources as the "sole agency responsible for the conservation, management, development and proper use of the country's natural resources within forest lands including watershed reservations;"

**WHEREAS**, NPC continues to have jurisdiction over watershed areas adverted to in Section 3(n) of Republic Act No. 6395 as Executive Order No. 192 is a general law while the former is a special law;

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 224 (1987) recognizes NPC's jurisdiction over said watershed areas; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to establish and delineate the respective responsibilities of the NPC and DENR over watersheds/reservations under the former's jurisdiction and control, for purposes of effective and closer policy and program coordination between said entities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, hereby order as follows:

**Section 1.** Without limiting NPC's jurisdiction and control over watersheds and reservations as adverted to in Sec. 3(n) of Republic Act No. 6395, as amended, and Executive Order No. 224 (1987), the responsibilities of NPC and DENR with respect to said watersheds and reservations are hereby established, in order to assure effective and closer policy and program coordination:

NPC shall:

1. Prepare, in consultation with the DENR and other concerned agencies, comprehensive management, protection, development and rehabilitation plans and programs for said watersheds and reservations which shall include the resettlement and/or relocation of occupants/settlers thereof;