

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 254, June 30, 1995 ]**

**CREATING THE PHILIPPINE GAS PROJECT TASK FORCE**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to ensure a continuous, adequate and economic supply of energy;

WHEREAS, natural gas deposits of at least 2.5 trillion cubic feet discovered in offshore Malampaya/Camago by Service Contractors under Service Contract No. 38 (Shell Exploration B. V. and Occidental Philippines, Inc.) potentially represent the country's largest indigenous source of fossil fuel;

WHEREAS, the Government is committed to pursue the development and utilization of the Malampaya/Camago gas reserves for power generation through a Philippine Gas Project with the end in view of providing a long-term market for the gas, which potential resource level is projected to supply 400 million standard cubic feet of gas per day equivalent to 3,000 megawatts of baseload generating capacity;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Gas Project (PGP) shall involve operations consisting of the development of the Malampaya/Camago gas field, and the development and constitution of offshore production pipeline systems from the offshore production area to onshore gas-fired power plants and other target markets;

WHEREAS, the critical nature of the PGP necessitates the creation of an ad hoc, multi-agency body that will ensure a unified and coordinated effort towards achieving the goals of the PGP;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the creation of the Philippine Gas Project Task Force, hereinafter referred to as the Gas Task Force:

*SECTION 1. Composition* - The Gas Task Force shall be composed of the Secretary of Energy, as Chairman, and as members, the heads of the following agencies or their duly designated alternates with the rank of Undersecretary or its equivalent rank:

- a. Department of Environment and Natural Resources;
- b. Department of Finance;
- c. Department of Interior and Local Government;
- d. Energy Regulatory Board;
- e. Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council;
- f. National Economic and Development Authority;
- g. National Power Corporation;
- h. Office of the President;
- i. PNOC Exploration Corporation;
- j. Two (2) representatives from relevant private sector entities, to be appointed by the President.