

Republic of the Philippines  
**AURORA PACIFIC ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREEPORT AUTHORITY**

**FURTHER AMENDMENTS TO THE APECO  
INTERACTIVE/ONLINE GAMING RULES AND REGULATIONS**

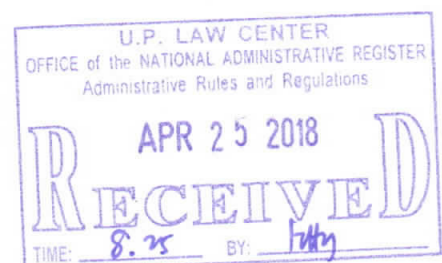
**RULE I  
POLICY GUIDELINES**

**Section 1. APPLICABILITY.** – Pursuant to the rule making powers of APECO under Section 12, subparagraphs (u) and (v) of RA 9490, as amended by RA 10083, the 2016 APECO Interactive/Online Gaming Rules and Regulations (hereafter, 2016 APECO Rules) is hereby further amended to be consistent with and in support of the provisions of Executive Order No. 13, series of 2017, entitled, “*STRENGTHENING THE FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL GAMBLING AND CLARIFYING THE JURISDICTION AND AUTHORITY OF CONCERNED AGENCIES IN THE REGULATION AND LICENSING OF GAMBLING AND ONLINE GAMING FACILITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES*”, with the end in view of ensuring that APECO fully cooperates and lend assistance to the Office of the President by way of APECO’s own rules and regulations.

**Section 2. APECO’S AUTHORITY TO REGULATE CASINOS AND ONLINE GAMING FACILITIES BASED ON ITS OWN PRIORITIES AND STANDARDS –**

Pursuant to Republic Act 9490, as amended by Republic Act 10083, Charter of Aurora Pacific Economic Zone and Freeport Authority (APECO), the following priorities and standards on online gaming operation are hereby established:

- a.) APECO shall exert efforts in curbing illegal gambling through measures that strengthen cooperation and coordination with law enforcement agencies;
- b.) The regulatory fees collected from the online gaming operators and its technical service providers may be utilized by APECO to finance its operation in regulating its online gaming licensees and its accredited technical service providers, and support the Presidential Socio-Civic Programs as well as the infrastructure development programs of APECO;
- c.) Out of the total regulatory fees to be collected from online gaming operators and accredited technical service providers, APECO shall prioritize not more than fifty percent (50%) thereof to be remitted to the Office of the President as contribution to the Presidential Socio-Civic Fund;
- d.) The amount to be remitted shall be as may be determined by the Office of the President, upon prior consultation with all online gaming regulatory agencies that similarly contribute to the Presidential Socio-Civic Fund;



- e.) The remaining regulatory fees collected shall be deposited in a Special Trust Fund under the name of APECO to be used to finance APECO's operation in regulating its online gaming operators and accredited technical service providers, and its infrastructure development programs.

**Section 3. CONTRIBUTION TO PRESIDENTIAL SOCIO-CIVIC FUND** - For purposes of determining the total "Regulatory Fees" mentioned in Section 2 paragraph (c) hereof, "Regulatory Fees" shall include filing fees in the processing of APECO Basic Online Gaming License (BOGL), APECO Supplemental Online Gaming License (SOGL), APECO's Authority to Operate, Accreditation Certificate of Technical Service Providers, and Hosting Fees to be paid by Online Gaming Operators and Accredited Technical Service Providers, exclusive of fines and penalties imposed by APECO pursuant to its Interactive/ Online Gaming Rules and Regulations, as amended.

**Section 4. ANNUAL REMITTANCE.** - APECO shall annually remit to the Office of the President its contribution to the Presidential Socio-Civic Fund. Remittance to the Office of the President shall be done on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April of every year after consultation with all online gaming regulatory agencies that similarly contribute to the Presidential Socio-Civic Fund.

The Annual Remittance shall be accompanied by the Semi-Annual Consolidated Report on the progress of the government's effort against illegal gambling activities within the territorial jurisdiction of APECO and areas where APECO online gaming licensees are allowed by law to operate, pursuant to Paragraph 2, Section 3 of Executive Order No. 13, series of 2017 and Sections 4(c) and 12(g) of RA 9490, as amended.

**Section 5. ALTERNATE SIGNATORY.** The Deputy Administrator shall be the duly authorized alternate signatory of the APECO President/CEO in all Interactive-Online Gaming licenses and Certificates of Accreditation.

**Section 6. EFFECTIVITY.** These amendments shall take effect immediately upon its publication.

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Approved as per APECO Board Resolution No. 01 series of 2018.

  
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