

TransCo's Statement on the appointment of Atty. Melvin A. Matibag as Cabinet Secretary



The National Transmission Corporation (TransCo) expresses its sincerest gratitude to its former President and CEO, **Atty. Melvin A. Matibag**, for his dedicated and passionate service and strong commitment to the corporation for over five years.

On 9 March, Atty. Matibag took his oath as the Acting Cabinet Secretary before Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea. Atty. Matibag replaces Atty. Karlo Nograles who was appointed as the new chairperson of the Civil Service Commission (CSC).

Fighter for consumers' rights and national interest

Atty. Matibag was appointed as the TransCo President in January 2017. Immediately, he became TransCo's voice and raised critical issues in the national consciousness including national security issues concerning the grid operator.

Despite vicious attacks against him in the media, he remained steadfast and courageous in exposing the dangers of having no government control in system operations. He was strong-willed, bold and brave, and never ran out of energy to fight for our nation's interest and the rights of electricity consumers.

During Atty. Matibag's term, TransCo was able to innovate and implement projects that provide solutions for the country's persistent energy problems, including the Small Island Grid System Operations (SIGSO) that will soon improve the power quality and reliability in islands not connected to the main power grid. It was also during his watch when TransCo developed its Geographical Information System (GIS) and partnered with the Land Registration Authority (LRA) to significantly expedite the processing of right-of-way claims.

At the beginning of the pandemic in 2020, TransCo was among the first government agencies that gave all out support to the national government in its fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, notably the provision of personal protective equipment, transportation, and temporary housing to frontline medical workers. In 2021, TransCo topped that year's list of government-owned-and-controlled-corporations (GOCCs) in dividend remittance to the national treasury.

With a grateful heart, the entire TransCo family congratulates Atty. Matibag on his new appointment and wishes him all the best in his latest challenge. The foundations he has laid will guide the corporation in achieving its goals and fulfilling its vision to become a leading innovator and solutions provider in the energy sector.



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