

# Xiaomi's RedmiBook 15 now available in PHL

XIAOMI last week announced that the RedmiBook 15 is will be available in the Philippines by July 1.

The company said in a statement that its new laptop, which has two models, will be priced at P26,999 for the i3 variant and P37,999 for the i5 model. The RedmiBook 15 is the first Xiaomi laptop that will be available in the country.

The laptop's i3 256GB model is powered by an 11th Generation Intel Core i3-1115G4 processor, while the i5 512GB model come with an 11th Generation Intel Core i5-11300H processor.

Both have 8GB DDR4 RAM (up to 3,200MHz) and Intel UHD Graphics in the i3 model and Intel Iris Xe Graphics in the i5 model. The i5

variant features 512GB SSD internal storage with an NVMe PCIe interface for fast data transfers.

The laptop comes in a Charcoal Gray color and has a 15.6-inch panel with a 1,920 x 1,080p FHD anti-glare display, as well as a 126 mm by 82.6 mm touchpad. It is powered by a 46Whr battery for up to 10 hours of working time.

The RedmiBook 15 features dual-band WiFi and Bluetooth accessibility, as well as multiple ports, including USB 3.0, HDMI 1.4, a Realtek RTS5176 Card Reader and an audio jack.

The device also has 2W stereo speakers with DTS tuning for video calls and a built-in HD 720p camera.

Both RedmiBook 15 variants will be available in Authorized Xiaomi stores in the Philippines and online on its official Lazada and Shopee stores.

They can be purchased at a special early-bird price of P25,999 for the RedmiBook 15 i3 and P35,999 for RedmiBook 15 i5.

Customers who will buy the laptop from Xiaomi's official Lazada and Shopee stores on July 1-2 will also receive a free Mi Casual Backpack and free MS Office 365 worth P3,499, while those who will purchase from Authorized Xiaomi stores and Silicon Valley stores can get the same freebies from July 1-10.



# POCO launches two new smartphones

SMARTPHONE brand POCO last week launched two new devices, the F4 and the X4 GT, and announced their availability and pricing in the Philippines.

The X4 GT is already available via POCO's Shopee page for P18,990 (8GB RAM + 128GB storage) and P19,990 (8GB+256GB), while the F4 can be purchased via its Lazada store starting June 30 for P20,990 (6GB+128GB) and P22,990 (8GB+256GB).

The POCO F4 offers flagship-level performance as it is powered by the Snapdragon 870 processor. Meanwhile, the POCO X4 GT is equipped with the MediaTek Dimensity 8100 chipset.

"POCO's flagship products have always required best-in-class performance on all fronts, and as we present the POCO F4 and POCO X4 GT, we're confident that we've achieved just that. We are excited to venture forward with the Snapdragon® 870 and MediaTek Dimensity 8100 chipsets," Angus Ng, head of Product Marketing at POCO Global, was quoted as saying in a statement.

The F4's processing power offers shortened app loading times, supporting high-graphic games and smooth scrolling experience on web pages and apps.

It is the thinnest among POCO smartphones to date and has a 6.67-inch E4 AMOLED screen and an ultra-tiny 2.76mm DotDisplay with a 120Hz refresh rate and 360Hz touch sampling rate and screen peak brightness of 1,300 nits for better detail and contrast.

The phone also has dual speakers, verified with Dolby Atmos for an immersive listening experience.



The POCO F4's triple rear camera setup features a 64MP main camera with optical image stabilization. It also has 8MP ultra-wide camera and 2MP macro lens.

The device comes with a 4,500mAh battery that supports 67W turbo charging.

It comes in three colors: Night Black, Moonlight Silver, and Nebula Green.

Meanwhile, the POCO G4 XT has a 20.5:9 LCD display ratio and LCD True Display for allowing comfortable viewing. It also has Dolby Atmos stereo speakers.

It likewise features a 64MP main camera, 8MP ultra-wide lens and 2MP macro camera for its rear setup and a 16MP front camera.

The phone has a 5,080mAh battery that also supports 67W turbo charging.

The X4 GT comes in three colors: Silver, Black, and Blue.



# Sony accelerates PC gaming push with Inzone gear

TOKYO — Sony Group Corp. said on Wednesday it's launching a new line of headphones and monitors targeting the growing personal computer (PC) market for video games as the Japanese conglomerate looks beyond its core PlayStation console gaming audience.

Sony, whose PlayStation 5 console has been affected by supply chain snarls, last month announced a pivot towards releasing more titles on PC and mobile devices as subscription services and tech advances open up gaming to a wider audience.

The Inzone line, developed by a unit outside Sony's main gaming business, aims to leverage Sony's audio and display

technology, areas where Sony is seen as retaining an edge even as the company has transformed itself into an entertainment behemoth spanning movies, music and games.

Its headphones offer sound that helps players locate enemies in-game, with a wired model retailing for \$99.99 in the United States and a wireless, noise-canceling model priced at \$299.99. Inzone monitors, which promise crisp visuals and a high refresh rate, cost \$529.99 and \$899.99 for a 4K version.

The gear echoes the design of the PlayStation 5 range and is interoperable with the console.— Reuters

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROJECTS FOR 2022 TO 2024 WITH PRAYER FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY

ERC CASE NO. 2022-037 RC

PAMPANGA I ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (PELCO I), Applicant.  
Promulgated: June 08, 2022

**NOTICE OF VIRTUAL HEARING**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that on 25 May 2022, Pampanga I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (PELCO I) filed an Application dated 03 May 2022, for approval of its capital expenditure projects for 2022 to 2024, with prayer for issuance of provisional authority.

The pertinent allegations in the said Application are hereunder quoted, as follows:

- PELCO I is a non-stock, non-profit electric cooperative duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office in Sto. Domingo, Mexico, Pampanga, where it may be served with summons and other legal processes, represented in this instance by its OIC-General Manager, ENGR. ALLAN E. DAVID, of legal age, Filipino, and with office address at PELCO I main office.
- PELCO I is the exclusive holder of a franchise issued by the National Electrification Administration (NEA) to operate an electric light and power services in the Municipality of Arayat, Candaba, Magalang, Mexico, Sta. Ana and San Luis, all in the Province of Pampanga. Copy of PELCO I's Certificate of Franchise is hereto attached and duly marked as Annex "A".

**LEGAL BASIS FOR THE APPLICATION**

- PELCO I's proposed Capital Expenditure Projects ("Capex Projects") for the years 2022-2024 are in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 9136 also known as "Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001" and the implementing guidelines adopted by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) under Resolution No. 26, series of 2009, more specifically the Amended Rules for the Approval of Regulated Entities' Capital Expenditure Projects.
- In compliance with the ERC Resolution No. 28 series of 2009, PELCO I prepared the description of each project and attached the relevant documents to support the following requirements: (a) Project Code; (b) Project Type; (c) Project Category; (d) Project Title; (e) Project Cost; (f) Project Duration; (g) Project Description; (h) Project Justification; (i) Technical Analysis; and (j) Economic Analysis.

The following is the summary of the Capex Projects:

A. NETWORK PROJECTS				
Code	Year	Project Title	Project Type	Cost
NP01	2022	Rehabilitation of Sto. Domingo Substation	Safety	4,304,800.00
NP02	2023	Rehabilitation of Pandacaqui Substation	Safety	9,112,082.22
NP03	2022	Relocation of Plaza Luma Substation	Safety	20,321,754.90
NP04	2024	Relocation of Sta. Monica Substation	Safety	12,516,471.70
NP05	2022	Relocation of San Pablo Substation 69kV Metering Facility	Safety	6,780,753.61
NP06	2022	Replacement of Power Transformer in San Isidro Substation	Safety	33,600,000.00
NP07	2022-2024	Rehabilitation of Subtransmission and Distribution Lines	Safety	131,771,346.61
NP08	2022-2024	Extension of 69kV Subtransmission Line	Capacity	57,408,695.23
NP09	2022	Uprating of 5MVA Capacity in Sto. Domingo Substation	Capacity	33,600,000.00
NP10	2022	Uprating of 10MVA Capacity in Plaza Luma Substation	Capacity	33,600,000.00
NP11	2023	Uprating of 10MVA Capacity in Pandacaqui Substation	Capacity	33,600,000.00
NP12	2022	Uprating of 5MVA Capacity in Candaba Substation	Capacity	21,800,000.00
NP13	2022	Construction of San Miguel Metering Facility	Capacity	14,075,639.22
NP14	2023	Acquisition of Back-up Protections	Reliability	52,784,000.00
Subtotal				<b>465,275,543.49</b>

**B. OTHER NETWORK PROJECTS**

ONP1	2022-2024	Distribution Transformers (DTs) for Community Use	Capacity	109,052,182.30
ONP2	2022-2024	Service Drops for New Consumer Connections	Capacity	9,500,465.09
ONP3	2022-2024	Electronic kWh Meters and Base for New Customer Connections	Capacity	32,738,601.14
Subtotal				<b>151,291,248.53</b>

**C. NON-NETWORK PROJECTS**

NNP01	2022	Renovation of PELCO I Main Gate, Guardhouse, and Front Fence	Customer Service Efficiency	4,746,612.44
NNP02	2022	Renovation of Three (3) Area Offices, Warehouse, and Community Clinic <td>Customer Service Efficiency <td>14,390,240.03</td> </td>	Customer Service Efficiency <td>14,390,240.03</td>	14,390,240.03
NNP03	2023	Construction of Covered Vehicle Parking inside the Main Office <td>Customer Service Efficiency <td>3,165,806.70</td> </td>	Customer Service Efficiency <td>3,165,806.70</td>	3,165,806.70
NNP04	2023	Construction of Carpentry Area, Welding Area, and Stock/Field Room inside the Main Office Compound <td>Customer Service Efficiency <td>2,745,986.25</td> </td>	Customer Service Efficiency <td>2,745,986.25</td>	2,745,986.25
NNP05	2022-2024	Procurement of Testing Equipment <td>Customer Service Efficiency <td>9,490,000.00</td> </td>	Customer Service Efficiency <td>9,490,000.00</td>	9,490,000.00
NNP06	2023	Procurement of Smart Fault Indicators <td>Customer Service Efficiency <td>3,600,000.00</td> </td>	Customer Service Efficiency <td>3,600,000.00</td>	3,600,000.00
NNP07	2024	Procurement of Oil Regeneration Equipment <td>Customer Service Efficiency <td>5,000,000.00</td> </td>	Customer Service Efficiency <td>5,000,000.00</td>	5,000,000.00
NNP08	2022-2024	Procurement of Transportation and Service Vehicles <td>Customer Service Efficiency <td>84,300,000.00</td> </td>	Customer Service Efficiency <td>84,300,000.00</td>	84,300,000.00
NNP09	2023	Acquisition of Right-of-Way of Lagundi Substation <td>Customer Service Efficiency <td>5,000,000.00</td> </td>	Customer Service Efficiency <td>5,000,000.00</td>	5,000,000.00
NNP10	2022	Fiber Optic Network Communication System <td>Customer Service Efficiency <td>27,000,000.00</td> </td>	Customer Service Efficiency <td>27,000,000.00</td>	27,000,000.00
NNP11	2022	Installation of 73kWp Solar Power System at PELCO I Main Office Building <td>Customer Service Efficiency <td>3,457,126.40</td> </td>	Customer Service Efficiency <td>3,457,126.40</td>	3,457,126.40
NNP12	2023	Acquisition of Substation Lot of Sta. Ana Substation <td>Customer Service Efficiency <td>5,000,000.00</td> </td>	Customer Service Efficiency <td>5,000,000.00</td>	5,000,000.00
Subtotal				<b>167,895,771.82</b>

**Summary of Capex Projects and Costs**

PROJECT	2022	2023	2024	TOTAL
Network	311,232,699.45	78,408,532.97	75,634,311.07	<b>465,275,543.49</b>
Other Network	86,538,978.87	50,086,792.95	31,270,000.00	<b>167,895,771.82</b>
Non-Network	45,582,641.76	50,272,991.70	55,435,615.07	<b>151,291,248.53</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>443,354,320.08</b>	<b>178,768,317.62</b>	<b>162,339,926.14</b>	<b>784,462,563.84</b>

- These Capex Projects are necessary for the operation and maintenance of the distribution system of PELCO I in order to extend dependable and quality electric service to consumers.
- The Capex Projects are in compliance with the requirements of the Philippine Grid Code (PGC), the Philippine Distribution Code (PDC), specific provisions of Republic Act No. 9136, and the implementing guidelines on capital projects, and the latest edition of the Philippine Electrical Code (PEC);
- The Capex Projects are consistent with PELCO I's Distribution Development Plan (DDP) that was submitted to the Department of Energy (DOE);

**PROJECT JUSTIFICATION OR BENEFITS TO BE DERIVED**

- With the prevailing situation in the electric power industry vis-a-vis the consumers' demand, PELCO I deems it appropriate to embark on asset development and expansion in order to meet the consumers' growing demands.
- The procurement and implementation of the Capex Projects are of great necessity in the schedules herein provided, otherwise service decline is eminent, to the prejudice of the consumers.

**PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY**

- Under Rule 14 of the Revised ERC Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Honorable Commission is authorized to issue provisional authority or interim relief prior to a final decision, provided the facts and circumstances alleged warrant such remedy. Thus, applicant most respectfully for immediate relief and/or approval of this application in order to avoid irreparable losses which will ultimately result in the deterioration of its services, to the damage and prejudice of the public, in general, and its members/consumers, in particular. To support the Motion for Provisional Authority, the Affidavit of Engr. Allan E. David is attached herewith as Annex "B" of this application.

**PROJECT FINANCING PLAN**

- The cost of the Capex Projects for the years 2022-2024 is Seven Hundred Eighty Four Million Four Hundred Sixty Two Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Three Pesos and Eighty Four Centavos (P784,462,563.84).

- The Capex Projects will be funded by PELCO I's Reinvestment Fund for Sustainable Capital (RFSC) and General Fund (GF) and there will be no increase in the existing ERC approved RFSC rate of 0.2804 Php/kWh. Part of the General Fund that will be used to fund the Capex Projects 2022-2024 will be coming from the accumulated discounts from the power supplier, and the income derived from the leased properties and disposal of scrap materials, along with the interests earned from the deposited RFSC funds.

**Summary of Funding**

Fund Type	Amount (Php)
RFSC	353,888,172.59
GF	430,574,391.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>784,462,563.84</b>

- The approval of these proposed Capex Projects is necessary to maintain efficient, reliable, and safety delivery of power to PELCO I's existing and future consumers.

**PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, premises considered, Applicant respectfully prays to this Honorable Commission that, pending hearing, a provisional approval be issued ex-parte, and after due notice and hearing, the PELCO I's Application for Capital Expenditure Projects for 2022-2024 be approved accordingly.

Other reliefs, just and equitable under the premises, are likewise prayed for.

The Commission has set the Application for determination of compliance with the jurisdictional requirements, expository presentation, pre-trial conference, and presentation of evidence on the following dates and online platform for the conduct thereof, pursuant to Resolution No. 09, Series of 2020, dated 24 September 2020, and Resolution No. 01, Series of 2021, dated 17 December 2020 (ERC Revised Rules of Practice and Procedure):<sup>2</sup>

Date	Platform	Activitiy
02 August 2022 (Tuesday) at nine o'clock in the morning (9:00 A.M.)	Microsoft Teams Application	Determination of compliance with jurisdictional requirements and Expository Presentation
09 August 2022 (Tuesday) at nine o'clock in the morning (9:00 A.M.)		Pre-trial Conference and Presentation of Evidence

Any interested stakeholder may submit its comments and/or clarifications at least one (1) calendar day prior to the scheduled virtual hearing, via electronic mail (e-mail) at [docket@erc.ph](mailto:docket@erc.ph), copy furnish the Legal Service through [legal@erc.ph](mailto:legal@erc.ph). The Commission shall give priority to the stakeholders who have duly submitted their respective comments and/or clarifications, to discuss the same and propound questions during the course of the expository presentation.

Moreover, any person who has interest in the subject matter of the instant case may become a party by filing with the Commission via e-mail at [docket@erc.ph](mailto:docket@erc.ph), copy furnish the Legal Service through [legal@erc.ph](mailto:legal@erc.ph), a verified Petition to Intervene at least five (5) calendar days prior to the date of the initial virtual hearing and subject to the requirements under Rule 9 of the ERC Revised Rules of Practice and Procedure, indicating therein the docket number and title of the case and stating the following:

- The petitioner's name, mailing address, and e-mail address;
- The nature of petitioner's interest in the subject matter of the proceeding and the way and manner in which such interest is affected by the issues involved in the proceeding; and
- A statement of the relief desired.

Likewise, all other persons who may want their views known to the Commission with respect to the subject matter of the case may file through e-mail at [docket@erc.ph](mailto:docket@erc.ph), copy furnish the Legal Service through [legal@erc.ph](mailto:legal@erc.ph), their Opposition or Comment thereon at least five (5) calendar days prior to the initial virtual hearing and subject to the requirements under Rule 9 of the ERC Revised Rules of Practice and Procedure. No particular form of Opposition or Comment is required, but the document, letter, or writing should contain the following:

- The name, mailing address, and e-mail address of such person;
- A concise statement of the Opposition or Comment; and
- The grounds relied upon.

Any of the persons mentioned in the preceding paragraphs may access the copy of the Application on the Commission's official website at [www.erc.gov.ph](http://www.erc.gov.ph).

Finally, all interested persons may be allowed to join the scheduled virtual hearings by providing the Commission, thru [virtualhearings@erc.ph](mailto:virtualhearings@erc.ph), with their respective e-mail addresses and indicating therein the case number of the instant Application. The Commission will send the access link/s to the aforementioned hearing platform within five (5) working days prior to the scheduled hearings.

WITNESS, the Honorable Commissioners ALEXIS M. LUMBATAN, CATHERINE P. MACEDA, FLORESINDA G. BALDO-DIGAL and MARKO ROMEO L. FUENTES, Energy Regulatory Commission, this 30th day of May 2022 in Pasig City.

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<sup>1</sup> A Resolution Adopting the Guidelines Governing Electronic Applications, Filings and Virtual Hearings Before the Energy Regulatory Commission.  
<sup>2</sup> A Resolution Adopting the Revised Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Energy Regulatory Commission.