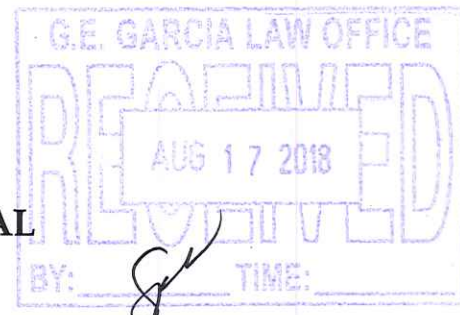


REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL
Manila



FERDINAND "BONGBONG" R.
MARCOS,

Protestant,

-versus -

PET Case No. 005
For: Election Protest
Vice-President

MARIA LEONOR "LENI DAANG
MATUWID" G. ROBREDO,

Protestee.

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MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE COMMENT

COMES NOW, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC), through the undersigned counsels of the Law Department, and unto this Honorable Tribunal, most respectfully states *THAT*:

1. On 24 July 2018, the Honorable Presidential Electoral Tribunal (PET) issued a Resolution, which pertinently states:

"Acting on the Strong Opposition (to the Use of Decrypted Ballot Images for the Judicial Revision and Recount of Ballots for the Pilot Protested Precincts Subject of This Election Protest) dated July 6, 2018 filed by counsel for protestant Marcos, Jr., the Court Resolved to **DIRECT** the COMELEC to **COMMENT** thereon within a **NON-EXTENDIBLE** period of five (5) days from notice hereof."

2. The said resolution was received by COMELEC, through its Law Department on 09 August 2018.

3. Hence, COMELEC has until 14 August 2018 within which to comply.

4. However, due to the number of cases lodged with or filed against the Commission, all on top of its mandate and other duties, and considering that the COMELEC is still heavily engaged with post-election duties in connection with the recently concluded May 14, 2018 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections, its preparation for the coming May 13, 2019 National and Local Elections, and in view of the complexity and implications of the subject Resolution, the preparation of the Comment necessarily requires more time.

5. Thus, COMELEC begs the indulgence of the Honorable Tribunal for an additional period of **fifteen (15) days** from **14 August 2018 or until 29 August 2018** within which to file its Comment.

6. COMELEC assures this Honorable Tribunal that the instant motion is not intended to delay the proceedings of this case.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, it is most respectfully prayed that the Commission on Elections be granted an extension of **fifteen (15) days** from **14 August 2018 or until 29 August 2018** within which to file its Comment.

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

Intramuros, Manila, Philippines, 13 August 2018.

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Greetings:

Please submit the foregoing *Motion for Extension of Time to File Comment* for the consideration of the Honorable Tribunal.

Manila, 13 August 2018.


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EXPLANATION OF SERVICE

A copy of this *Motion for Extension of Time to File Comment* was furnished the parties by registered mail due to time constraints and lack of messengerial personnel.


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Pursuant to the Efficient Use of Paper Rule, soft copy of this *Motion for Extension of Time to File Comment*, saved in a compact disc is being filed simultaneously with its Tribunal-bound paper.


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