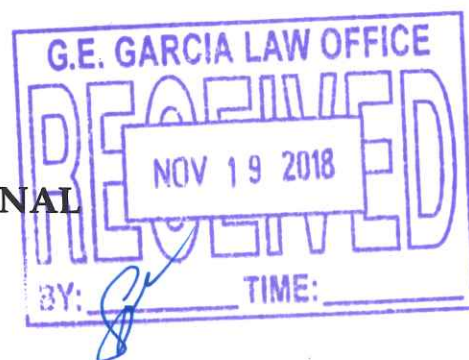


REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL
Manila



**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 05 November 2018, the Honorable Presidential Electoral Tribunal (PET) issued a Resolution, which pertinently states:

"The Court further Resolved to

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(b) **DIRECT** protestee Maria Leonor G. Robredo and the Commission on Elections to **COMMENT**, within ten (10) days from notice hereof, on the aforesaid Manifestation of Appreciation for Sustaining Rule 43 (L) of the 2010 Rules of the Presidential Electoral Tribunal with Omnibus Motion;"

2. The said resolution was received by COMELEC, through its Office of the Clerk of the Commission on 05 November 2018.

3. Hence, COMELEC has until 15 November 2018 within which to comply.

4. However, based on the records of the COMELEC Law Department, protestant Marcos did not furnish the COMELEC a copy of his *Manifestation* dated 08 October 2018 and *Manifestation of Appreciation for Sustaining Rule 43 (L) of the 2010 Rules of the Presidential Electoral Tribunal with Omnibus Motion* dated 05 October 2018.

5. It was only on 12 November 2018 when the COMELEC Law Department was able to get a copy of the said *Manifestation* dated 08 October 2018 upon request from and coordination with the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG).

6. Moreover, 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 pre-election duties in connection with the upcoming 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.

7. Thus, COMELEC begs the indulgence of the Honorable Tribunal for an additional period of **fifteen (15) days** from **15 November 2018 or until 30 November 2018** within which to file its *Comment*.

8. 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 **15 November 2018 or until 30 November 2018** within which to file its *Comment*.

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

Intramuros, Manila, Philippines, 14 November 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, 14 November 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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