NPCC CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON SRP LIST

Friday, 28 June 2024

Just a day after meeting with Dir. Carbonell, on 27 June 2024, STC was invited to meet with DTI Sec. Alfredo Pascual as Chairman of the Nat'l. Price Coordinating Council (NPCC) on the review of List of categories & SKUs necessary for day-to-day needs of the buying public (& not during times of calamity/emergency) which may be better off delisted. Pascual feels that the 217 SKUs on their List may appear imposing & confusing to consumers. The only parties invited to this Consultative Meeting from the private sector were PAGASA, PCCTC, UBRA & PCFMI (absent). So far, only PAGASA spoke & gave inputs at this Meeting. Categories to be delisted are salt, candles, batteries, evap/cond. milk and coffee refill packs.

I said the 1st 3 categories delisted + cellphone cards would be needed IF List is for times of calamity but the Chairman clarified that List being reviewed 2day is for day-to-day needs (again, inconsistent with why the DTI needs to ensure price stability but not control it). Photo (L-R) shows CAAB Dir. Cheryl Carbonell, Usec. Amanda Nograles & Sec. Pascual.