

DOLE ORDERS REGULARIZATION OF 7,306 PLDT WORKERS

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The Department of Labor and Employment (Dole) resolution ordering the regularization of 7,306 workers of the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company (PLDT) is now final and executory.

Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III has denied PLDT's motion for reconsideration on its resolution, issued on Jan. 10, 2018, directing the company and its contractors to grant their employees regular employment status and pay workers' monetary benefits amounting to P51.6 million.

In a resolution signed on April 24, Bello dismissed the appeal of PLDT and its 35 contractors for lack of merit.

The Dole reiterated its directive for companies found to be labor-only contractors to desist from further engaging in contracting activities.

Bello ordered regional directors to initiate appropriate proceedings against erring contractors.