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NEA SCORES 100% IN 2020 PERFORMANCE SCORECARD

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2019 99.79%

Source: Government Commission for GOCCs (GCG)

VALIDATED 2020 PERFORMANCE SCORECARD

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- To generate peak performance among ECs to ensure competitiveness
- To enhance networking to gain support for program implementation
- To sustain the organization's viability and ensure accountability and transparency
- To upgrade organizational infrastructures
- To enhance human resources, knowledge, skills and behavioral competencies

For the year 2020, the National Electrification Administration (NEA) scored 100% in the Performance Scorecard as validated by the Governance Commission for GOCCs (GCG). This was an improvement from a rating of 99.79% in 2019.

NEA was able to accomplish all of the 13 Strategic Measures (SM) included in its 2020 Performance Scorecard. These SMs were aimed at ensuring that the Electric Cooperatives (ECs) provide accessible, adequate, quality and reliable service and at the same time generate their peak performance to ensure competitiveness. It also envisioned to empower member-consumers as responsible owners of the ECs.

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NEA, ECs SURPASS CONSUMER CONNECTIONS TARGET FOR 2021

The National Electrification Administration, in partnership with the 121 Electric Cooperatives (ECs) nationwide, surpassed the electricity consumer connections target for 2021 by 182,083 or 46% despite the difficulties brought by the current health crisis.

In February 2022, the NEA Information Technology and Communication Services Department (ITCSD) released the 2021 Year End Report on Consumer Connections that shows the connection of a total of 582,083 new consumers representing 146% accomplishment rate out of the targeted 400,000.

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NEA GIVES GUIDANCE FOR EC DECORUM IN THE UPCOMING 2022 LOCAL AND NATIONAL ELECTIONS



NEA supports the initiatives of Electric Cooperatives to ensure their continuing progress. Given the nearing presidential elections on 9 May 2022, NEA however, emphasizes that ECs are to deliver the best of their services regardless of political leanings and allegiances of Officers, GMs and employees in the exercise of their personal rights enshrined in the constitution.

Activities such as endorsing political candidates and engaging in agreements to pledge votes using the EC as platform are prohibited practices. Memorandum No. 2021-51 stipulates that “Conducting, sponsoring or participating in partisan political activities shall not be considered as an advancement or necessary, convenient or appropriate to accomplish the purpose for which the EC is organized, hence they are strictly prohibited.”

NEA Administrator Emmanuel P. Juaneza reiterates that the matter of public utility franchise primarily falls in the spectrum of the House of Representatives and the Senate given the legislative protocols and measures involved in privatization that would take several assessments and motions.

Furthermore, the same memorandum prohibiting partisan activities is prefaced with the following emphasis on NEA’s role in ensuring that the ECs perform well: “By virtue of P.D 269, as amended by R.A. 10531, it is a declared State policy to promote the sustainable development in the rural areas through rural electrification. The state declared total countrywide electrification as a primary objective to attain national economic growth. Toward this objective, the NEA is empowered to strengthen the electric cooperatives and to help them become economically viable.”

NEA continues to stand by with the ECs in meeting the electrification objectives, as well as the standards for obtaining and sustaining the ECs’ highest operational level.



ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO THE PHILIPPINES VISITS NEA

Israeli Ambassador to the Philippines Ilan Fluss visited the National Electrification Administration (NEA) on 8 March 2022.

His Excellency was welcomed by NEA Administrator Emmanuel P. Juaneza, Board Member Agustin L. Maddatu, Deputy Administrator for Corporate Resources and Financial Services Sonia B. San Diego and Acting Deputy Administrator for Technical Services Ernesto O. Silvano, Jr.

Among the NEA’s plans and programs presented to the Ambassador are the Rural Electrification Program of the government including the Sitio Electrification Masterplan, and the status of electrification in the Philippines as well as the renewable energy technology projects being undertaken to support the electric cooperatives.

Also, the agency introduced a Filipino-invented generator called the “Redeemer.” This innovation by Elias Delos Santos harvests free radio frequencies in the atmosphere and converts them into clean high-voltage power using a novel proprietary amplification process. The NEA intends to use this technology in electrifying the remaining sitios in the Philippines specifically the off-grid areas.

Ambassador Fluss expressed his interest in the “Redeemer” generator and conveyed the support of the Israeli Government to the mission of NEA. The delegation likewise discussed some renewable energy innovations of Israel that could help the agency in fulfilling its mandate.



NEA APPLAUDS TASK FORCE KAPATID INITIATIVES AND INTER-ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT



Tropical Cyclone (TC) “Odette” has affected a total of 74 Electric Cooperatives (ECs) across the country. As of 26 January 2022, 782 municipalities have been fully restored while 128 are partially restored, and 28 municipalities has just commenced restoration work.

This crucial task would not have rolled out without the initiatives and support of ECs, government agencies, and energy stakeholder organizations. In implementing the Task Force Kapatid (TFK), ECs extended resources to other ECs that need restoration aid. This time-tested cooperation initiative was launched by former NEA Administrator Fr. Francisco Silva. It positions the default protocol of ECs to assist each other during and after natural and man-made calamities.

NEA has organized its engineers, corresponding support team to lead the restoration on site, and the task forces to aid them. NEA recognizes the continuing support and monitoring through the Task Force on Energy Resiliency led by the Department of Energy and composed of distribution utilities, generation companies and energy attached agencies such as National Power Corporation, National Transmission Corporation, National Grid Corporation of the Philippines, Philippine National Oil Company, and Department of Transportation. It is noteworthy to mention that MERALCO, MORE Power and the Energy Development Corporation have worked in solidarity with the NEA-EC Task Force Kapatid in this endeavor.

NEA appreciates the initial efforts of the national, regional association of electric cooperatives and private investment-owned distribution utilities in the TFK deployment to areas severely affected by TC “Odette”.

The Armed Forces of the Philippines, Philippine National Police, Philippine Coast Guard and Maritime Industry Authority provided the transport and logistical support in easing the hurdles for restoration deployments, and transport of personnel, equipment and materials. The Department of Public Works and Highways was outstanding in clearing the roadways of obstructions for safe access and passage of the TFK equipment and materials.

As the final phase of power restoration is progressing, the NEA-EC TFK is pushing to the limit the restoration of power to every household affected by TC “Odette”.

NEA MAINTAINS LEGAL BASIS FOR EC LEADERSHIP INTERVENTION

The NEA cites that in the context of state regulation, the “*interference*” in ECs’ affairs comes as a matter of course in the exercise of NEA’s mandate of supervision over their operations and management under the provisions of Presidential Decree (PD) 269 as amended by Republic Act (RA) No. 10531. Supervisory actions such as the selection and hiring of EC general managers (GM) as in the case of the Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO) GM are therefore lawful and were executed with due diligence. The procedure adheres to NEA Memorandum No. 2017-035 issued on 24 October 2017.

Such policy guidelines were judiciously crafted, reviewed and approved by the NEA Board of Administrators. Furthermore, NEA is mandated to continuously and efficiently implement all approved policies including the said Memorandum.

NEA: ECS CAN FREELY SUPPORT THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTION CANDIDATES OF THEIR CHOICE WITHOUT COMPROMISING EC RESOURCES

The NEA Administrator Emmanuel P. Juaneza met with the members of the Northern Mindanao Electric Cooperatives Association, Inc. (NORMECA) last 17 March 2022.

In the said meeting, the Administrator and members of NORMECA discussed current issues and concerns with the EC Board of Directors and General Managers.

As the national and local elections were nearing, the Administrator clarified that the EC Board of Directors, officials and employees may freely support the political personalities and/or partylists of their choice without compromising the EC resources.

The NEA Chief assured that the actions taken by the NEA is always for the best interest of the ECs and its Member-Consumer-Owners.

News Around the ECs

NAGMEC REGION V CHAPTER HOLDS A THREE-DAY CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY IN LEGAZPI CITY

The National Association of General Managers of Electric Cooperatives (NAGMEC) Region V Chapter conducted a three-day “Capacity Enhancement Training/Workshop for Decision-Makers of Region V ECs” on 8-10 March 2022 at Tyche Hotel Extension, Rawis, Legazpi City.



The regional association now stirs up and is trying to close its ranks within the core of electric cooperatives in the region amidst daunting challenges it now faces in the power industry.

Highlighting the workshop was the presence of forthright discussant Rowaldo “Wali” Del Mundo, a UP professor and consultant for Electric Cooperatives (ECs). He is best recalled as having espoused emphatically that ECs could play a major role in reducing power rates in the country.



The activities aimed to broaden the base of ECs on power industry in conjunction with national economic development. Critical review of the EC by-laws with the approaching franchise renewals of many ECs was taken up along side with the performance evaluation system and balanced scorecards which is a sure recipe to the attainment of Key Performance Indicators for ECs.



On the last day, a topic had been imparted on systems thinking that breaks down the components of a problem, illustrating the cause and effect. Problem analysis and synthesis was also introduced to further enhance the decision-making skills of EC managers and policy makers.

On a one-day Power Forum, Prof. Wali discussed and shared his insights on the issues affecting power generation, transmission, and distribution. He was particularly alarmed by the authority and control bestowed to National Grid Corporation of the Philippines as a systems operator.



He claimed, moreover, that the vulnerability of Philippine grid to systems attacks and sabotage has been evident. Finally, as a caveat, he raised apprehension on the privatization and takeover toward the nearing end of many EC franchises. He strongly advised ECs to act now in order to ensure above par performance of all ECs; i.e., to insulate them from any attempt of phasing out.

Edwin Garcia, General Manager of SORECO I, is presently the President of the NAGMEC Region V Chapter.

News Around the ECs

NEA ADMINISTRATOR COMMENDED THE GREEN, SUSTAINABLE DESIGN OF THE NEW DASURECO HEADQUARTERS



On 22 March 2022, the Davao del Sur Electric Cooperative (DASURECO) has inaugurated their new headquarters with no less than the National Electrification Administration (NEA) Administrator Emmanuel P. Juaneza as one of the honoured guest speakers.

In his speech, Administrator Juaneza commended the adherence to green, sustainable design of DASURECO's new headquarters. Its completion entails benefits to MCOs, employees, and DASURECO itself as an institution. He stated that it reflects the EC's consistency with mandates as well as the NEA standards for ECs. Administrator Juaneza also said that he hopes the building's energy-saving design can serve as a model to other ECs.

DASURECO Officer-in-Charge General Manager Ferdinand D. Canastra and Board President Rodrigo B. Sacedor both lauded the NEA Administrator's staunch support to ECs.

PALECO TO INSTALL POWER LINE INSULATION

On 27 March 2022, Palawan Electric Cooperative (PALECO) staff headed by the Acting General Manager, Engr. Federico P. Villar Jr., investigated the cause of the two consecutive black outs in Poblacion Circuit.



Investigation showed that the birds living in the tree near the power lines have been perching on the PALECO lines near City Coliseum. This resulted to short circuits that affected the electricity flow in the area.

Among the solutions proposed by the team is applying hard covers to serve as insulation device along the primary lines. The Area Central Operations Manager, Engr. Ricardo S. Adajao, stated that to avoid short circuit, replacement of bare conductor jumpers with insulated wires will be facilitated in the next few days. Member-consumer-owners (MCOs) are then to expect scheduled power interruptions.

Other options include cutting of the said tree in coordination with the concerned government regulating office, and installation of a sonar repellent device often used in airports.

PALECO Technical Services Department shall continue to develop long-term solutions to avoid the same occurrence detrimental to the MCOs.



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With this accomplishment, the consumer connections have summed up to 14,835,390 as of 31 December 2021, or 91% of the total potential connections in the franchise areas of the ECs. Broken down into the major islands, 47% of the total consumer connections or 6.929 million are located in Luzon; 26% or 3.941 million are in Visayas; and 27% or 3.965 million are in Mindanao. The number of unserved consumers in the rural areas decreased to 1,331,877 based on the 2015 census.

"In line with the Total Electrification of the country as further mandated by Executive Order 156, NEA, with the cooperation of the ECs, will not stop from fulfilling its social contract of extending the benefits of electricity to more Filipinos in the rural areas even during this critical time," Administrator Emmanuel P. Juaneza said.

With this in mind, the NEA is looking forward to the switching-on of the 15 millionth consumer connection this 2022.

News Around the ECs

SOLAR ENERGY ELECTRIFIES OFF-GRID SITIO IN PALAWAN

Published in the Business Mirror

Sitio Bubusawin, an off-the-grid farming community in Palawan, now has access to a 24/7 renewable source of electricity through a partnership between the Palawan Electric Cooperative (PALECO) and the municipal government of Aborlan with the support of the Department of Energy (DOE) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Witnessed by the Provincial Government of Palawan, and UNDP, the official signing of a memorandum of undertaking among DOE, PALECO and Aborlan signified the fruition of a multi-stakeholder collaboration for off-grid electrification and productive use of renewable energy (RE) in local communities.

The partnership enabled the design and installation of Solar PV DC Smart Grid systems for the electrification of 120 households and the provision of a Solar Irrigation System to help lessen the community's dependence on expensive diesel-powered generators. The solar power coverage for the rest of the 295 households in the sitio will be continued by the municipal government as RE integration will be part of the local development plan.



"This is the light at the end of a very long and dark tunnel for the people of Bubusawin. More families can now enjoy the comfort of a lighted home and benefit from more business opportunities powered by electricity. This provides us a steadier supply of power and, perhaps more importantly, the promise of the future growth of a community like Bubusawin," said Aborlan Mayor Celsa B. Adler in her message at the signing ceremony held in Bubusawin Elementary School.

The solar PV-powered irrigation system that will be provided to the community will help the local farmers' association to irrigate rain-fed areas, harvest palay twice a year rice, and plant short-term crops like vegetables during dry months.

The initiative was funded through the Development for Renewable Energy Applications Mainstreaming and Market Sustainability (DREAMS) Project jointly implemented by DOE and the UNDP with funding from the Global Environment Facility.

DREAMS supports the thrust of the national government in promoting green energy, Productive Use of Renewable Energy (PURE) and achieve the 100 percent electrification target for all households in the country.

DOE Undersecretary Felix William B. Fuentebella underscored the importance of the initiative, *"If there is no electricity, the community will lag behind. Here, we used clean sources of energy to makes our communities more competitive and our partner LGU, Palawan, will be given the opportunity to attract more investments, more tourists, more economic activities and more development"*.



Dr. Selva Ramachandran, UNDP Philippines Resident Representative, for her part, said, *"We are grateful for all the partners' support in this endeavor, and I am very much looking forward to see the positive impact of this partnership in Aborlan, so that we may further scale it in the whole province. Together with the DOE, UNDP remains committed to supporting the acceleration of renewable energy development in the Philippines through our DREAMS Project and our other initiatives."*

Engr. Federico P. Villar Jr., Acting General Manager of PALECO, which co-leads the maintenance of the solar system and the coordination with the LGU, stressed the importance of the partnership as *"electricity is the driver of the economy"*.

Also present to witness the MOU signing were Congressman Gil A. Acosta Jr. of the 3rd district of the Province of Palawan, Provincial Board Member and Chair of the Palawan Energy Committee Honorable Albert Rama, and Atty. Jefrie Sahagun, Assistant to the Palawan Provincial Governor and representative to the DREAMS Project Steering Committee.

The activation in Sitio Bubusawin is part of the Support Facility for Renewable Energy (SF4RE) of the DREAMS project. SF4RE is a P52 million facility that supports eligible partners in implementing renewable energy endeavors. The overall goal of SF4RE is to enhance local RE investment by accelerating the

NEA OKS NEGOTIATED EQUIPMENT SALE IN ODETTE-HIT AREAS

Published in *The Philippine Star* by Danessa Rivera



The National Electrification Administration (NEA) has allowed Electric Cooperatives (ECs) affected by Typhoon Odette to secure distribution equipment via negotiated procurement to speed up restoration works.

In a memorandum, the Agency said it recognizes the importance of immediately restoring electricity service up to the household level of ECs affected by the recent typhoon.

"In order to fast-track the rehabilitation and reconstruction of damaged distribution lines and facilities, ECs may resort to the conduct of negotiated procurement," it said.

The negotiated procurement should be in accordance with the Revised Procurement Guidelines and Simplified Bidding Procedures for ECs and with the Government Procurement Reform Act or Republic Act 9184.

ECs may engage in alternative modes of procurement such as negotiated procurement during emergency cases caused by man-made or natural calamities, NEA said.

In this case, this only covers the rehabilitation or restoration of the damaged electric distribution system

affected by Typhoon Odette, including substations, poles, transformers, conductors, hardware, service drop wires and meters."

"The procurement of equipment and electrical materials must strictly adhere to the provisions of RA 10531 (National Electrification Administration Reform Act of 2013) and its implementing rules and regulations, particularly...for procurements funded by EC's internally generated fund, loan proceeds, or Reinvestment Fund for Sustainable Capital expenditure (RFSC)," the NEA said.

The RFSC is envisioned to fund the amortization of debt service of the ECs' indebtedness associated with the expansion, rehabilitation or upgrading of the existing electric power system of the ECs in accordance with their ERC-approved capex plan.

"On the other hand, if procurement is funded by subsidy grants from the government, provision of RA 9184 on emergency procurement should prevail," the state-run firm said.

A total of 74 ECs were affected by Typhoon Odette.

Last week, the NEA reported that the estimated damage cost by the typhoon

reached P2.04 billion as reported by 30 ECs.

So far, the Agency said 75.13 percent of the 937 municipalities affected now have restored power. In terms of household connections, power has been restored to 55.73 percent of 4.16 million households.

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deployment of RE systems, and enhancing local capabilities to innovate, create, operate, and maintain these systems.

Consistent with UNDP's mandate to reach the farthest first, the SF4RE is designed to facilitate the access of at least 20,000 households in far-flung areas to stable sources of RE and generate RE investments or financial support to implement RE applications. The initiative is also envisioned to demonstrate the contribution of RE to economic productivity and climate resilience in the country.

More renewable energy installations under SF4RE are being planned for rollout in Antique, Bohol, Capiz, Cagayan Valley, Camarines Sur, Ilocos Norte, Iloilo, Apayao, Oriental Mindoro, Palawan, Quezon, Eastern Samar throughout 2022.

NEW RECRUITS

With the passing of R.A. 10531 otherwise known as the NEA Reform Act of 2013, NEA necessitates to reinforce its existing personnel to address the requirements of the law. The following were hired in the first quarter of 2022:



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Driver-Mechanic B
Management and Consultancy Services Office
(MCSO)

NEA Scores 100%... *from page 1*

To support these, the Performance Scorecard also sought to enhance networking of the Agency to gain support for program implementation coupled with the goal of sustaining the organization's viability and ensuring accountability and transparency while upgrading its organizational infrastructures.

NEA's 2020 performance scorecard specified the projected impact alongside NEA and ECs' corresponding objectives—the number of completed sitio projects that meet NEA standards, the number of consumers connected, the amount of loans facilitated and extended to ECs, the percentage of satisfied customers, the compliance to international quality standards, and the number of EC officials and employees who graduated from certification/competency program that will support the bid to increase their competency, among others.

The scorecard detailed that a total of 522,905 out of the target 400,000 consumers were connected as of end of December 2020. The rest of the objectives in the performance scorecard reflect a similar pattern of exceeding targets. An accumulated total of 594 completed and energized sitio projects exceeded the target of 478 sitios.

Some Php312 million were provided to ECs for their Capital Projects, Modular GenSets and Working Capital. This amount surpassed the target of Php245 million loans for the year.

From these NEA services, an official survey shows that 100% of its customers are satisfied.

In a separate report, GCG released and published in January 2022 the result of its evaluation on Government Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCC) Customer Satisfaction.

It indicates that in 2019 and in 2020, only 12 GOCCs obtained 96% to 100% on their performance scorecard. For both of these years, the NEA achieved the said ranking.

With the resulting GCG validation score of 100% for 2020, NEA remained in the top performing GOCC ranking.

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