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NEA UNDERTAKES TO ACHIEVE TOTAL ELECTRIFICATION BY 2028

The National Electrification Administration (NEA) announced its plans and programs that will drive the country toward achieving sustainable and inclusive economic growth.



During the NEA Strategic Thinking Conference-Workshop in Pampanga, NEA Administrator Antonio Mariano Almada vowed to attain 100-percent electrification in the country by 2028.

"Challenge accepted. By 2028, 100 percent electrification. Double time tayo. My administration will always be anchored in the principle of good governance. I will make sure that the Sitio Electrification Program funds are utilized well," the NEA Chief declared on the first day of the conference last 26 January 2023.

Energy Assistant Secretary and NEA Board of Administrators (BOA) Alternate Chairman Mario Marasigan graced the event and assured NEA and the electric cooperatives (ECs) of DOE's further guidance in achieving total electrification.

"We hope that the NEA will take the lead, very actively in guiding our electric cooperatives to complete their local total electrification program because this is how we will break our targets in electrification. Definitely, the Department of Energy will provide guidance," Asec. Marasigan said.

Moreover, the NEA will help in the facilitation of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 11646 or the Microgrid Systems Act, which aims to accelerate total electrification and ensure the provision of quality, reliable, and secure electricity service in unserved and underserved areas.

The agency will also be playing a very strategic role in addressing the power rate hikes. The Administrator will be firm in boosting embedded renewable energy supply among the electric cooperatives.

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ADMIN ALMEDA GRACES THE UNVEILING OF A LANDMARK HONORING HEROES OF RURAL ELECTRIFICATION



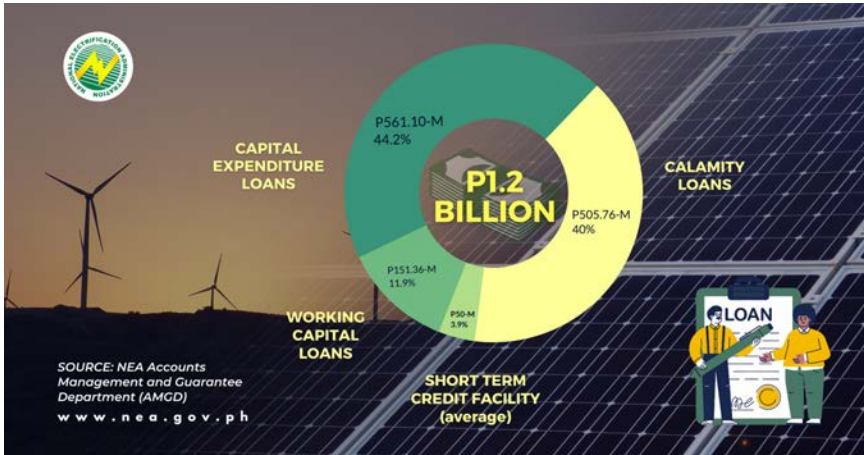
A landmark honoring the Unsung Heroes of Rural Electrification was unveiled at the Marinduque Electric Cooperative, Inc. (MARELCO) compound in Boac, Marinduque on 30 March 2023. The ceremony is part of their 50th anniversary celebration.

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LOANS TO ECS REACHED PHP1.2 BILLION IN 2022



PhP1.2 Billion worth of loans were extended by the National Electrification Administration (NEA) to 35 electric cooperatives last year, according to the agency's Accounts Management and Guarantee Department (AMGD).

Of the said amount, PhP561.10 Million was used for the Capital Expenditure projects of La Union Electric Cooperative, Inc. (LUELCO), Tarlac I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (TARELCO I), Quezon I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (QUEZELCO I), Quezon II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (QUEZELCO II), First Laguna Electric Cooperative, Inc. (FLECO), Oriental Mindoro Electric Cooperative, Inc. (ORMECO), Occidental Mindoro Electric Cooperative, Inc. (OMECO), Camarines Sur I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CASURECO I), Camarines Norte Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CANORECO), Iloilo III Electric Cooperative, Inc. (ILECO III), Bohol I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BOHECO I), Bohol II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BOHECO II), Leyte IV Electric Cooperative, Inc. (LEYECO IV), Northern Samar Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NORSAMELCO), Zamboanga del Sur II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (ZAMSURECO II), Zamboanga del Norte Electric Cooperative, Inc. (ZANECO), Misamis Oriental I Rural Electric Service Cooperative, Inc. (MORESCO I), Bukidnon Second Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BUSECO), Davao Oriental Electric Cooperative, Inc. (DORECO), Basilan Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BASELCO), Tawi-Tawi Electric Cooperative, Inc. (TAWELCO), Surigao del Sur I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SURSECO I) and Siargao Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SIARELCO). Meanwhile, the PhP151.36 Million went to Abra Electric Cooperative (ABRECO), Busuanga Island Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BISELCO), Occidental Mindoro Electric Cooperative, Inc. (OMECO), Camarines Sur III Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CASURECO III) and Camotes Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CELCO) as working capital loans.

The NEA also granted calamity loans to 10 ECs that were devastated by previous Typhoons Odette and Kiko. A total of PhP505.76 Million was used for the repair of the damaged power distribution systems of Batanes Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BATANELCO), Palawan Electric Cooperative (PALECO), Bohol I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BOHECO I), Bohol II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BOHECO II), Cebu I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CEBECO I), Negros Oriental I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NORECO I), Leyte IV Electric Cooperative, Inc. (LEYECO IV), Southern Leyte Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SOLECO), Misamis Oriental II Rural Electric Service Cooperative, Inc. (MORESCO II) and Surigao del Norte Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SURNECO).

The remaining PhP50 Million went to Lanao del Norte Electric Cooperative, Inc. (LANECO) as a short-term credit facility.

The NEA has been offering financial assistance to ECs through its Enhanced Lending Program, which consists of regular, calamity and concessional loans, stand-by and short-term credit loans, single-digit system loss, renewable energy and modular generator set loans.

CDA RECOGNIZES THE POWER OF NEA'S SUPERVISION AND REGULATION ON ECS

The Board of Directors of the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) recognizes the power of supervision and regulation of the National Electrification Administration (NEA) over CDA Registered Electric Cooperatives by virtue of Presidential Decree No. 269 as amended by Republic Act No. 10531 also known as the National Electrification Administration Reform Act of 2013.

"The CDA's recognition to the NEA is anchored both in law and jurisprudence. Section 18¹ of RA 10531 expressly repealed Article 132(3) of Republic Act No. 9520 or the Philippine Cooperative Code of 2008 which states that NEA has no longer regulatory and supervisory powers over CDA registered cooperatives. Such express repeal means that such power of the NEA is reinstated," the agency said in its memorandum dated 22 February 2023.

The CDA also said that it shall continue to support NEA in the exercise of its power over all electric cooperatives. It noted as well that the Supreme Court in the case of Seares v. NEAB² declared that the NEAB is vested with supervisory and disciplinary powers over officers and members of the Board of Directors of electric cooperatives.

"The Supreme Court further quoted therein the case of Zambales II Electric Cooperative, Inc., Board of Directors v. Castillejos Consumers Association, Inc.,³ whereby the Court ordained that the creation of the CDA did not divest NEA of its regulatory jurisdiction over electric cooperatives nor its disciplinary jurisdiction over the members of the board of directors and officers of these electric cooperatives," the CDA Memorandum added.

ADMINISTRATOR ALMEDA TO FORM TASK FORCE METRO FOR 3 BARMM ECS

In a meeting with the local government and electric cooperative (EC) officials in Maguindanao on 14 January 2023, NEA Administrator Antonio Mariano C. Almeda announced the creation of three (3) task forces that will address the metering issues of three (3) ECs in Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

Administrator Almeda said that Task Force Metro 1 will resolve metering problems in Maguindanao Electric Cooperative, Inc. (MAGELCO) while Task Force Metro 2 will be in-charge in Lanao del Sur Electric Cooperative, Inc. (LASURECO) and Task Force Metro 3 for Tawi-Tawi Electric Cooperative, Inc. (TAWELCO).

NEA TO FAST-TRACK SITIO ELECTRIFICATION BY ADDRESSING LIQUIDATION ISSUES AMONG ECS

The National Electrification Administration aims to electrify 1,085 sitios for the year 2023 under the Sitio Electrification Program (SEP).



Php1.627 Billion is allocated to energize 350 sitios in Luzon, 336 sitios in Visayas and 399 sitios in Mindanao this year, subject to evaluation and validation in accordance with the provisions of the 2023 General Appropriations Act (GAA).

In a press conference on 02 February 2023, NEA Administrator Antonio Mariano C. Almeda appealed to the electric cooperatives (ECs) to fast-track the liquidation of their previously funded

projects in order for them to get another round of the SEP budget.

"Kung mayroon pang pending liquidation, hindi puwedeng bigyan ulit ng pondo so I want to address this. Liquidation should be timely, transparent and accounted for," Administrator Almeda said.

For the last six years (2017-2022), the NEA and the ECs were able to energize 6,888 sitios notwithstanding inadequate funds and the pandemic. The remaining 10,212 sitios excluding those that are under the off-grid areas are yet to be energized from 2023 to 2028.

"The estimated project cost for the energization of 10,212 sitios is Php20.794 Billion. For off-grid areas, there are about 23,000 households that need to be electrified, so in total we will be needing Php29.5 Billion," the NEA Chief told the media.

With the limited subsidy from the National Government, the NEA intends to achieve total electrification by securing counterpart funds from the local government units, and if needed consider the participation of the private sector in off-grid and unviable areas, and accessing grants and donations from local and foreign institutions, among others.

NEA AMENDS MEMO ON REVISED POLICY GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIZED TOTAL ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAM

The NEA Board of Administrators approved the Amendment to the NEA Memorandum No. 2022-035 or the "Revised Policy Guidelines on the Implementation of the Strategized Total Electrification Program (STEP)."

The amendment pertains to the inclusion of the mechanics and parameters for the selection of EC beneficiaries under the Barangay Line Enhancement Program (BLEP), which form part of STEP.

Under the said mechanics and parameters, Priority/Tier 1 will be those electric cooperatives with an energization level of only 84 percent and below, with poverty incidence level 1 (80% and up), level 2 (60-80%) and level 3 (40-60%), and with peace and order problem. Tier 2 will be ECs with an energization level of 85-94% and with poverty incidence level 4 (20-40%) and level 5 (0-20%). Those with an energization level of 95% and above, and with poverty incidence levels 1 to 5 will fall under Tier 3.

ECs must liquidate and include their BLEP projects in their Comprehensive Electrification Masterplan (CEMP) or their Total Electrification Masterplan (TEMP). BLEP is the enhancement of distribution lines to barangays previously powered by gensets, solar home systems and other renewable energy technologies. It also involves the improvement of tapping points, underground and submarine cable systems, and the NPC SPUG unserved/underserved areas.

The amendment to the said NEA Memo shall take effect on subsidy-funded projects for FY 2023 onwards.

NEA COORDINATES WITH THE ECS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE LOCAL TOTAL ELECTRIFICATION ROADMAP

The 121 electric cooperatives (ECs) nationwide were instructed to submit their EC Local Total Electrification Roadmap (LTER) to the National Electrification Administration (NEA) through Memorandum No. 2023-17.

This is in compliance with Section 5.2 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of DOE Circular No. DC2022-05-0017 entitled "Rules and Regulations to Implement Republic Act No. 11646 otherwise known as Microgrid System Act."

Under Section 5.2 of the said IRR, *"The NPC and NEA, in consultation with the Distribution Utilities (DUs) shall recommend to DOE the template of the LTER."* The LTER shall contain a validated detailed inventory of all areas within a DU's franchise that it plans to electrify including a specific time frame for electrification and DU-identified Unserved Areas for electrification through DU-operated microgrid systems. The roadmap must also contain a validated annual work plan for electrification and a validated detailed inventory of all Unserved and Underserved Areas within its franchise.

The implementation of the Microgrid Systems Act will accelerate the total electrification in the Philippines and ensure the provision of quality, reliable, and secure electricity service at reasonable rates in unserved and underserved areas. It will help NEA in achieving its target of 100 percent electrification in the country by 2028 in partnership with the ECs nationwide.

ADMIN ALMEDA GRACES THE 3RD LOGICT NATIONAL IT CONVENTION

With the theme "EC-ICT: Digital Transformation Empowering ECs from Future Challenges," the League of Goal-Oriented Information Technologists, Inc. (LOGICT) conducted its 3rd National I.T. Convention at the SMX Convention Center in Bacolod City.

Two Hundred Thirty Four officials from 84 Electric Cooperatives (ECs) nationwide attended the two-day convention which focused on the discussion of the digitalization of EC operations.



NEA Administrator Antonio Mariano C. Almada graced the first day of the event. In his speech, Administrator Almada expressed his gratitude to the LOGICT members for their role in helping electric cooperatives to be globally competitive.

"I thank you for your continued commitment to bringing advancement to your respective Electric Cooperatives in creating innovations that will improve your operation leading to a better life for our Member-Consumer-Owners (MCOs)," the NEA Chief told the LOGICT members.

During the convention, he also announced his plan to create a Geographic Information System (GIS) - Based NEA Command Center "Dashboard Project" as part of the agency's modernization program in monitoring operations of the electric cooperatives.



LOGICT President Pretz Eric A. Cortez from First Bukidnon Electric Cooperative, Inc. (FIBECO) awarded a plaque of appreciation to the Administrator for its notable support to the EC Information and Communication Technologists.

NEA Information Technology and Communication Services Department (ITCSD) Manager Roderick N. Padua also attended the event to oversee the discussions and activities that aim to address future challenges in IT related EC operations.

In a video message presented at the convention, Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) Secretary Ivan John E. Uy extended his appreciation to NEA and the ECs for its contribution to national digitalization.

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To cope with the ever-changing conditions of the industry, Administrator Almada is prioritizing as well the restructuring of the agency. He will likewise intensify the capacity building of NEA and EC employees.

The three-day conference-workshop was also attended by the rural electrification partners of NEA such as the Philippine Rural Electric Cooperatives Association (PHILRECA), National Association of General Managers of Electric Cooperatives (NAGMEC), Central Luzon Electric Cooperatives Association (CLECA), Federation of Rural Electric Cooperatives in Region VIII (FRECOR 8), Central Visayas Electric Cooperatives Association (CEVECA) and Association of Mindanao Rural Electric Cooperatives (AMRECO). They have expressed their full support and cooperation to the agency.



NEA TO ECS: ADHERE TO ERC RULES... *from page 7*

ECs with 2029 franchise expiration are ANTECO, CASURECO II, CASURECO III, CASURECO IV, COTELCO, FICELCO, ILECO II, ISELCO I, LANECO, LEYECO III, LEYECO IV, MARELCO, NORECO I, PALECO, PANELCO I, QUEZELCO I, SOCOTECO I, SOLECO, SORECO I, SORECO II, SULECO, TAWELCO and ZAMSURECO I.

These ECs must submit the documentary requirements which include the certified copy of the applicant's Certificate of Registration, Certificate of Good Standing from the concerned regulatory agency and their Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, among others.

ECS TO SUBMIT ECERF REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with Republic Act No. 11039 or the Electric Cooperatives Emergency and Resiliency Fund (ECERF) Act of 2018 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), all electric cooperatives (ECs) are mandated to submit and update their respective Vulnerability and Risk Assessment (VRA), Emergency Response Plan (ERP), Mitigation Plan (MP), and Resiliency Compliance Plan (RCP) to the National Electrification Administration (NEA) annually.

Updated 2023 VRA, MP and ERP should have been submitted to NEA's Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Department (DRRMD) not later than end of March 2023. Likewise, all ECs are required to submit the accomplished or the implementation status of the 2022 Mitigation Projects enumerated/identified by the respective ECs on their 2022 VRA and MP submissions.

Further, in compliance with Section 5.1.2 of the Department of Energy's (DOE) Circular No. DC2022-06-0228, the ECs' RCP shall be submitted through NEA for review and consolidation, the deadline of which is every March 31st of the year. RCP should be consistent with the Distribution Development Plan (DDP) to be submitted for the same year.

Failure to comply and submit the necessary requirements on time will restrict the ECs from accessing the ECERF.

ADMINISTRATOR ALMEDA TO FORM TASK FORCE... *from page 2*

During the meeting, he also shared the good news about the delivery schedule of electric meters pledged by Region VII and Region VIII ECs for MAGELCO.

"Initially, there will be a delivery next week of about 6,500 electric meters. Big thanks to the Region VIII and the Region VII electric cooperatives," the NEA Chief said.

MAGELCO will receive a total of 27,000 electric meters from the Federation of Rural Electric Cooperatives in Region VIII (FRECOR 8) and Central Visayas Electric Cooperatives Association (CEVECA). While 20,000 electric meters will be donated by Central Luzon Electric Cooperatives Association (CLECA), Batangas I and II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BATELEC I and BATELEC II) to Lanao del Sur Electric Cooperative, Inc. (LASURECO).

Aside from the creation of task forces, the NEA will also review the contract of the outsourced meter readers of MAGELCO.

ADMIN ALMEDA GRACES THE UNVEILING... *from page 1*

NEA Administrator Antonio Mariano Almada graced the unveiling and blessing of the "Bantayog ng mga Bayani ng Pailaw." He was joined by NEA Deputy Administrators Atty. Rossan Rosero-Lee and Atty. Omar Mayo, and NEA Legal Services Office Department Manager Atty. Vic Alvaro.



In his speech, Administrator Almada applauded the people behind MARELCO for their commendable performance as NEA's partner in promoting sustainable rural development through rural electrification. He congratulated not only its employees but also its member-consumer-owners for actively participating in the affairs of the electric cooperative.

Marinduque Governor Presbitero Velasco, Jr. also witnessed the event. The guests received a warm welcome from MARELCO officials and employees led by General Manager Engr. Gaudencio Sol, Jr. and Board President Noel Lontoc.



Administrator Almada aims to improve the collection efficiency of MAGELCO and other BARMM ECs. He appealed to the member-consumer-owners (MCOs) to help their electric cooperative by paying their electric bill on time.



"Sana po gawin ninyo ang parte ng obligasyon ninyo dahil ang nagmamay-ari ng MAGELCO ay walang iba kundi kayo. Sana pag-uwi natin sa ating mga bahay, sabihan natin ang ating mga nanay at tatay, mga kapitbahay at kaibigan, magkakaroon na tayo ng metro, di na tayo masingil nang hindi tama dahil lahat ng babayaran natin ay ayon sa talagang nakonsumo natin sa ating pamamahay," the Administrator told the MCOs during MAGELCO's Annual General Membership Assembly.

News Around the ECs

ESTIMATED VALUE OF ELECTRIC METER DONATION TO BARMM ECS NOW STAND AT ALMOST PHP60 MILLION

In a consultative meeting in Butuan City last 07 February 2023, NEA Administrator Antonio Mariano C. Almada sought the help of CARAGA Rural Electric Cooperatives Association (CRECA) in improving the collection efficiency of electric cooperatives in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). He appealed to CRECA to extend a helping hand by donating electric meters.



CRECA did not hesitate to heed the call of the Administrator and pledged a total of 12,000 electric meters with an estimated value of PhP12 Million. The association will also donate 8,000 service drop wires and will form a task force that will assist the BARMM ECs in the installation of the electric meters.

The NEA Chief expressed his gratitude to CRECA and lauded the generosity of its members. CRECA is composed of Agusan del Norte Electric Cooperative, Inc. (ANECO), Agusan del Sur Electric

Cooperative, Inc. (ASELCO), Surigao del Norte Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SURNECO), Siargao Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SIARELCO), Dinagat Island Electric Cooperative, Inc. (DIELCO), Surigao del Sur I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SURSECO I) and Surigao del Sur II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SURSECO II).

This January, the Administrator was able to raise around PhP47 Million worth of electric meters for Maguindanao Electric Cooperative, Inc. (MAGELCO) and Lanao del Sur Electric Cooperative, Inc. (LASURECO) alone. This will bring the estimated value of electric meter donation to almost PhP60 Million to date.

"In addition to FRECOR 8, CEVECA, CLECA, BATELEC I and II, CRECA will be donating electric meters to BARMM ECs, embodying the spirit of cooperativism. This is part of their Corporate Social Responsibility Program and we thank them for their generosity," Administrator Almada said.

Before the consultative meeting with CRECA, the Administrator graced the gathering of the association at the LMX Convention Center in Butuan City wherein he and Deputy Administrator for Technical Services Engr. Ernesto Silvano, Jr. addressed the issues and concerns of CARAGA ECs. They also attended the 46th founding anniversary of ANECO.

NEA REMINDS ECS: CONDUCT REGULAR DISTRICT ELECTIONS

Electric Cooperatives (ECs) nationwide are reminded to conduct regular district elections as mandated by the EC By-Laws.

In Memorandum No. 2023-07, NEA Administrator Antonio Mariano Almada said that there shall be no deferment of elections except for the serious causes specified under Article I, Section 4 of NEA Memorandum No. 2014-09 or the "Guidelines on the Conduct of District Elections for ECs."

The serious causes include violence, terrorism, loss or destruction of election paraphernalia or records, force majeure and holding a free, honest, and orderly election is impossible.

Accordingly, concerned electric cooperatives are directed to submit to NEA, through the Institutional Development Department (IDD) within 15 days from receipt hereof, a Board Resolution scheduling the conduct of 2023 Regular District Elections, with a specific date and timetable of related activities.

The NEA Chief asserted that *"it is the NEA and the ECs common responsibility to the member-consumers and stakeholders to protect their rights and interest, through constant respect for and obedience to the EC By-laws, and relevant rules and regulations."*

He also reminded the ECs that even as we continue to transition back to normalcy with the ease of pandemic restrictions, the observance of minimum public health standards and basic protocols for safety must be ensured.

PROCUREMENT OF SATELLITE PHONES FOR EC'S EFFICIENT COMMUNICATION DURING AND AFTER THE ONSLAUGHT OF CALAMITIES

Procurement of at least one (1) satellite phone per electric cooperative (EC) was recommended by the National Electrification Administration (NEA) for an efficient way of communication and reporting during and after the onslaught of calamities, disasters and other emergencies.

The Philippines is vulnerable to frequent earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, typhoons and other related calamities or disasters due to its location along the Pacific Ring of Fire and Pacific Typhoon Belt.

"With these natural disasters present, not only the electric cooperatives' distribution lines and facilities, but also telecommunication towers and equipment are vulnerable to damages and destruction that can hinder the immediate reporting of vital information about the status of damages and restoration efforts in the ECs' franchise areas," the agency wrote in its advisory signed by NEA Deputy Administrator for Technical Services Engr. Ernesto O. Silvano, Jr.

The procurement of satellite phones must strictly adhere to the provision of Republic Act No. 10531 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, particularly on the Revised Procurement Guidelines and Simplified Bidding Procedures for Electric Cooperatives.

Prompt reporting of the status of damages and restoration will guide the NEA in the process of extending assistance to the ECs.

News Around the ECs

ECS TO SUBMIT REPORTORIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR OVERALL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

In a memorandum dated 14 February 2023, the National Electrification Administration (NEA) reminded the electric cooperatives (ECs) to submit their reportorial requirements for the EC Overall Performance Assessment.

Pursuant to the mandate under Republic Act No. 9136 and Republic Act No. 10531, the assessment of the overall performance of electric cooperatives commenced on 28 February 2023, which is the last day for the submission of the requirements.

Reports that are submitted beyond the said commencement period shall no longer be accepted and considered by the Committee on EC Overall Performance Assessment.

The EC Overall Performance Assessment intends to measure the financial, institutional and technical performance of electric cooperatives nationwide, hence determining creditworthiness, level of development, protection, empowerment and satisfaction of the Member-Consumer-Owners.

It also aims to promote accountability and responsibility in ECs' compliances and fiduciary obligations while serving also as a basis for crafting performance incentive mechanisms for the ECs.

Last 02 February 2023, NEA Administrator Antonio Mariano Almeda announced his plan to amend EC Categorization giving emphasis to sound financial management and good housekeeping.

NEA TO ECS: ADHERE TO ERC RULES FOR APPROVAL OF CAPEX PROJECTS; FILE FRANCHISE RENEWAL APPLICATION TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

In NEA Memorandum No. 2023-09, all electric cooperatives (ECs) are reminded to adhere to ERC Resolution No. 26, Series of 2009 entitled, "Resolution Amending the Rules for Approval of Regulated Entities' Capital Expenditure Projects" to ensure the timely, appropriate, necessary, and cost-efficient CAPEX Projects.

The said ERC resolution includes the "Electric Cooperative Distribution Utility Planning Manual." It serves as a guide for the ECs' expansion and improvement of distribution facilities through the acquisition of assets necessary to respond to the needs of consumers and meet the safety, performance standards and regulatory requirements as well as their respective structural and/or institutional planning and development.

In addition, the NEA advised all ECs to observe the provisions of ERC Resolution No. 09, Series of 2020, on the electronic filing and initial review of applications for verification of compliance with the CAPEX Guidelines to avoid delays. Capital Projects included in the application for ERC approval must be consistent as well with those included in the Biennial Workplan submitted to NEA. ECs must submit the reportorial requirements prior to any adjustments on the Reinvestment Fund for Sustainable Capital Expenditure Projects (RFSC) as required by the ERC.

In a separate memorandum, the agency also advised concerned ECs to file at the soonest possible time their applications for the renewal of their distribution franchise before the Committee on Legislative Franchises, House of Representatives.

The 39 ECs stated in NEA Memorandum 2023-10 include DORELCO and PRESCO with franchise expiration in the year 2027. Meanwhile, the franchise of AKELCO, BASELCO, BENEKO, CAGELCO I, CANORECO, CAPELCO, CASURECO I, CENPELCO, NORDECO, FLECO, LASURECO, LEYECO II, ZAMCELCO and ZAMECO I will expire in 2028. → page 4

TASK FORCE METRO 1 CONDUCTS CEREMONIAL INSTALLATION OF DONATED ELECTRIC METERS IN MAGUINDANAO

A ceremonial installation of donated electric meters to Maguindanao Electric Cooperative, Inc. (MAGELCO) was conducted by Task Force Metro 1 in Parang, Maguindanao del Norte on 01 March 2023.

The task force was formed by NEA Administrator Antonio Mariano Almeda after the electric cooperatives from Region VII and Region VIII heeded the call of the NEA Chief to help MAGELCO in improving its collection efficiency. Initially, 5,000 electric meters have been delivered to MAGELCO.

MAGELCO Acting General Manager Suraina Kalid, and MAGELCO Project Supervisor and Sultan Kudarat Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SUKELCO) General Manager Claudia Pondales attended the ceremonial installation together with NEA Principal Engineer Floyd Eric Bautista who was designated as management assist to MAGELCO.

"We are grateful sa NEA, kay Admin Almeda who brings the light of hope to the people of Maguindanao. Sa pagsisimula ng operasyon ng Task Force Metro, ito na talaga ang umpisa ng Makabagong MAGELCO para sa kapakanan ng ating mga member-consumer-owners (MCOs)," AGM Kalid said.

"Ito na ang MAGELCO tungo sa pagbabago. Salamat kay Admin Almeda sa mabilis na solusyon at sa mga EC na tumulong," PS Pondales added.

MAGELCO will be receiving a total of 27,000 electric meters from the Federation of Rural Electric Cooperatives in Region VIII (FRECOR 8) and Central Visayas Electric Cooperatives Association (CEVECA) with an estimated value of PhP27 Million.

"Ang way forward nito ay every transfer ng TF (task force) sa ibang Lugar or munisipyo ng Maguindanao ay magkakaroon ng compact of cooperation ang MAGELCO at munisipyo para maging smooth ang implementation ng paglalagay ng metro sa mga consumer," Engr. Bautista said.

Aside from MAGELCO, Lanao del Sur Electric Cooperative, Inc. (LASURECO) will also receive electric meter donations from Batangas I and II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BATELEC I and II) and Central Luzon Electric Cooperatives Association (CLECA).

Employees Corner

PILOT RUN OF BASIC SCADA TRAINING

NEA, in partnership with Tekno Plus Industrial System, successfully conducted a 4-day Basic Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Training for NEA Engineers and IT personnel on 28 February - 03 March 2023.



The objective of the training is to develop the knowledge of the participants on SCADA system, controls and communications using Survalent Canada SCADA Technology Software. The program include demonstrations and hands-on training on SCADA panel construction, designing and wiring.

HEALTH, WELLNESS AND SAFETY PROGRAM

In line with its Health, Wellness and Safety Program, the National Electrification Administration (NEA), in coordination with the Quezon City LGU, conducted a Booster Vaccination for COVID-19 on 16 February 2023.

Healthcare personnel from Brgy. Pinyahan administered the booster shot to NEA employees and other building occupants at the NEA H.E.S. Auditorium.



PROMOTION / HIRING

Congratulations to the following 10 NEA employees comprising eight (8) hires and two (2) promotions for the first quarter of 2023:

HIRED



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