



Republic of the Philippines
National Electrification Administration

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MEMORANDUM No. 2007-020

TO : ALL EC GENERAL MANAGERS
SUBJECT : SURVEY ON ADDITIONAL EC NEEDS

Since the EPIRA was passed in 2001, NEA has been progressively introducing and implementing plans and programs that will strengthen the institutional as well as the technical capacity and financial viability of the electric cooperatives (ECs), with the end goal of providing electricity to the entire countryside.

As part of NEA's thrust of providing excellent service to its clientele, we invite you to participate in this survey of services for the ECs being undertaken by the Strategic Planning Division (SPD) of the Corporate Planning Office. The survey intends to determine what services do the ECs need that currently NEA is not providing, specifically in meeting the requirements of the Philippine Grid and Distribution Codes and in coping with the rudiments of Open Access, Retail Competition and Wholesale Electricity Spot Market.

The results of the survey will be presented during the NEA-EC Consultative Conference to be held on August 01, 2007. Please submit the properly accomplished survey form (using the attached questionnaire) to the Corporate Planning Office on or before **13 July 2007**.

You may send your response through any of the following:

Telefax: (632) 929-2219
E-mail: spdcorplan@yahoo.com
Courier: Corporate Planning Office
National Electrification Administration
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Thank you.


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ADDITIONAL EC NEEDS**SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE**

Name of EC _____ Category & Classification _____
 Name/Designation of Respondent _____

Listed below are some of the critical assistances the electric cooperatives (ECs) may need in the EPIRA environment which are not currently being provided by NEA for the ECs. For each item, please check(✓) how essential is this service to the attainment of your EC's goals. Please indicate other services/assistances you deem necessary for NEA to pursue.

SERVICES NOT CURRENTLY BEING PROVIDED BY NEA	Critical	Somewhat Essential	Not Essential
1. Additional Loan Facilities for:			
a. Construction/Repair of Headquarters Facilities			
b. Training Programs			
2. Rate Assistance:			
a. Rate Methodologies			
b. BSUP/ACAM			
c. Legal Services			
d. Business Planning/Project Study			
e. Training Programs for Regulatory Compliance Officers (RCOs)			
3. Legislative Advocacy and Networking:			
a. Research and Preparation of Position Papers			
b. Lobbying and Liaisoning			
4. Open Access and Retail Competition:			
a. Aggregation of ECs			
b. Setting-up of ECs Subsidiaries (Retail Electricity Supplier, etc.)			
c. ICT Training			
5. WESM:			
a. Guaranteeing			
b. Risk Management (Training)			
c. ICT Infrastructure Audit and Assessment/Training			
6. Other services, please specify:			
a.			
b.			
c.			

Kindly submit on or before **13 July, 2007**. Thank you and have a nice day!

SURVEY ON ADDITIONAL EC NEEDS

I. Rationale:

With the continued implementation of the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA) provisions, a succession of new policies, regulations and guidelines were issued which directly affected the electric cooperatives (ECs). These developments prompted the National Electrification Administration to undertake several programs to assist the ECs in complying with said regulations and in meeting the requirements of a competitive electricity market.

Conducting a survey on the immediate additional needs of the ECs could provide NEA a reference in facilitating identified assistances.

II. Objectives:

The study aims to:

1. Identify the needs of the ECs that are not currently being provided by NEA in meeting the requirements of the Philippine Grid and Distribution Codes and in coping with the rudiments of Open Access, Retail Competition and Wholesale Electricity Spot Market.
2. Develop appropriate action plans to the services identified by the ECs as "Critical."

III. Methodology:

The proposed study, which will make use of a survey-questionnaire to gather data, hopes to attain 100% participation by all ECs but targets no less than 50% ECs as respondents. Target respondents will be the General Managers of ECs.

The survey questionnaire will be sent to the ECs through fax, e-mail or courier/post office. Follow-up on the completion and submission of questionnaire forms will be done through radio messages, telephone calls, and/or SMS. The SPD will also upload the questionnaire to the NEA-Website through which the EC personnel can directly send in or submit their answers.