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TO : ALL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

SUBJECT : CONDUCT OF DEFERRED DISTRICT ELECTIONS

This pertains to the Schedule of Conduct of District Elections provided in NEA Memorandum No. 2018-027 dated 20 April 2018 as follows:

- Conduct of District Elections schedule within the 2nd Quarter of 2018 up to 2nd Quarter of 2019 are hereby deferred. The following are the new schedule:

Original	Deferred
1) 2 nd Quarter of 2018	1) 3 rd Quarter of 2019
2) 2 nd Semester of 2018	2) 2 nd Semester of 2019
3) 1 st Semester of 2019	3) 2 nd Semester of 2019

In relation to the above schedule, the NEA received on 04 June 2019 the Joint Resolution No. 1 of the National Center of Electric Cooperative Consumers, Inc. (NCECCO) and Philippine Association of the Board of Directors of Rural Electric Cooperatives (PHABDREC), Series of 2019, entitled, "Approving the Postponement of District Elections for 2019 of all Electric Cooperatives and thereby earnestly requesting the National Electrification Administration (NEA) for the issuance of corresponding Memorandum to this Matter". The following are the reasons cited in the request:

- ECs prepared IEC plans and programs which most shall be launched this year 2019 which were all significantly considered to be of beneficial in effect to the valued MCOs of the ECs; and
- It is imperative to provide all necessary resources to successfully implement these plans and programs such as the budgetary requirements and others which are helpful to the advocacy.

Moreover, the Philippine Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Inc. (PHILRECA) passed Board Resolution No. 05-19-2019 on 21 May 2019, entitled, "Resolution Requesting the National Electrification Administration (NEA) to defer the district elections for electric cooperatives (ECs)". The request of PHILRECA is premised, among others, on the following:

1. NEA Guidelines on the conduct of district elections provided for staggered term of EC Directors to ensure continuity of the Board's conduct of the business and to prevent a vacuum in the board's leadership whenever an election is to be conducted;
2. Issuance of NEA Memorandum No. 2018-027 dated 20 April 2018; and,
3. The conduct of 2019 district elections will alter the regular schedule of district elections and create a distortion in the supposed interval of elections and term of BOD's office.

Considering the above reasons and in order to afford ample time for ECs affected to prepare for the conduct of district elections supposedly to be held based on NEA Memorandum No. 2018-027, such ECs may schedule elections on the following period:


Schedule based on NEA Memorandum No. 2018-027	New Schedule
1) From 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th Quarters of 2018	1) To 4 th Quarter of 2019 and 1 st Quarter of 2020
2) From Year 2019	2) To Year 2020

Thus, the Board of affected ECs are hereby advised to pass a Board Resolution calling for the conduct of district elections within the above period. Such resolution shall be submitted to NEA in not less than ninety (90) days before the scheduled election.

Moreover, an EC Director in order to remain as such must continue to possess all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications throughout his/her term or tenure of office as required under RA 10531 and its IRR.

All Directors elected shall immediately assume office upon taking their oath and shall serve only the remaining portion of the current three year term.

For your compliance.


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