



November 19, 2020

**MEMORANDUM NO. 2020-054**

**TO : All Electric Cooperatives**

**SUBJECT : Proclamation No. 1051 Declaring a State of Calamity in the Entire Luzon Island Group**

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In response to the recent onslaught of typhoons Quinta, Rolly and Ulysses, causing widespread devastation, destruction, damage to infrastructure and agricultural crops, and disruption to the lives of our countrymen living in the affected areas, the President of the Philippines issued Proclamation No. 1051 on November 18, 2020, declaring a state of calamity in the entire Luzon Island Group.

The declaration of State of Calamity over areas severely and adversely affected by the successive typhoons will hasten the rescue, relief, and rehabilitation efforts of the government and the private sector, and afford the National Government, as well as the local government units (LGUs), ample latitude to utilize appropriate funds for rescue, recovery, relief and rehabilitation efforts of, and to continue to provide basic services to, affected populations. The State of Calamity shall remain in force and effect until lifted by the President.

In view of this, all government agencies are directed to implement and execute rescue, recovery, relief, and rehabilitation work in accordance with pertinent operational plans and directives as well as coordinate with, and provide or augment the basic services and facilities of affected LGUs.

Accordingly, the importance of the distribution sector in the entire energy supply chain cannot be over emphasized in all of government's rehabilitation efforts to speed up the normalization of the lives of all affected by these natural calamities that once again tested our resilience as a nation.

Thus, all Electric Cooperatives are enjoined to:

1. Maximize efforts on all fronts most especially in the restoration of power and rehabilitation of damaged power lines, energy facilities and infrastructures in the affected areas.
2. Continue and coordinate rescue, recovery and relief operations that have been undertaken including assistance by other ECs to ECs in severely affected areas
3. Continue in place and observe minimum health protocols in accomplishing all activities that we need and have to do as the infectious Covid-19 is still in our midst.
4. Strictly follow safety best practices in all restoration activities to avoid by all means possible any loss of life as the lives of our electrical linemen are as precious as anyone else's.

As vital providers in the energy industry, we are being called upon to fast-track our efforts to render aid and relief in the restoration of normal operation of power services.

While we recognize all the efforts that have been invested in the restoration and rehabilitation of power services, may we be exhorted to exercise great compassion and understanding towards our fellow countrymen who have greatly suffered in this devastating calamity, and be guided by our values to provide service for them without further contributing to their distress. To this end, as we remain committed to provide service to our Member-Consumer-Owners especially in these trying times, exercise of safety and caution should always be paramount to avoid any further loss of lives among our ranks.

For information and immediate compliance.

  
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