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NEA celebrates 6th NEAM

The National Electrification Administration (NEA) has rated 54 electric cooperatives (ECs) as AAA based on two rating criteria namely the Key Performance Standards (80%) and Electric Cooperatives Classification (20%). The KPS cover 32 financial, institutional, technical and reportorial compliances indicators and standards while EC Classification covers seven financially-

54 power coops rated as AAA

driven standards and parameters including accounts payables to power suppliers and the trasmission company.

Using the KPS and EC Classification, corresponding ratings given to scores garnered by ECs, as follows: 95-100 = AAA; 90-94 = AA; 85-89 = A; 75-84 = B; 50-74 = C; and 49 and below = D.

Administrator Edita S. Bueno said, "NEA commends the ECs which garnered overall performance of AAA. May you be continually inspired to be better operationally and more responsive to the needs of your member-consumers."

Of the 54 ECs rated as AAA, 19 ECs scored 100 points. Meanwhile, 14 ECs were rated AA; 4 ECs rated A; 13 ECs rated B; 13 ECs rated C; and 10 ECs rated D.

On regional basis, Caraga Region performed well as all the seven ECs attained AAA rating.

"ECs registered with the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) are not included in the evaluation and determination of overall performance ratings for 2014 to give them ample time to be fully integrated into the mainstream. Albay Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Aleco) and Pampanga II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Pelco II), both of which entered in a Private Sector Participation are also excluded to give Concessionaire of Aleco and Investor-Manager of Pelco II an interim period within which to revitalize their respective operations," Administrator Bueno added.

This performance rating may serve as basis for entitlement to prescribed NEA Guidelines on Benefits, Allowances and Incentives of EC Officials and Employees, effective August 1, 2015.





From August 1 to 31, NEA celebrated the 6th National Electrification Awareness Month (NEAM). Various activities were undertaken to make the celebration meaningful. One of the highlights of the event was the 22nd NEA- EC Consultative Conference held on August 5 at the Manila Hotel. Some 1,216 participants from 115 electric cooperatives, NEA and other private institutions attended the said occasion. Some of the topics discussed included Best Practices of ECs like PENELCO, ROMELCO and DASURECO, Renewable Energy Initiatives, Values and Features of a Survey on EC Customers and Disaster Resiliency. Department of Energy (DOE) Officerin-Charge Secretary Zenaida Monsada led more than 1,200 rural electrification partners in commending the NEA and

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NEA, GCG Sign Performance Agreement Negotiation for 2016

To ensure that the advocacy of good governance in government is carried-out, a Performance Agreement Negotiation between the National Electrification Administration (NEA) and the Governance Commission on Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations (GCG) for 2016 was done on September 2, 2015 at the GCG Office in Makati City.



Governance Commission for GOCCs (GCG) Commissioner Rainier B. Butalid and NEA Administrator Edita S. Bueno together with Board Member Victor C. Chiong sign the Performance Agreement Negotiation (PAN) between the two agencies. Also present in the signing ceremony areother NEA officials led by Deputy Administrators Sonia B. San Diego and Edilberto I. Bassig.

NEA's Strategy Map and 2016 Performance Scorecard were presented by the Administrator to GCG. After hours of negotiation, the two agencies reached an agreement which was signed by their respective officials.

Administrator Bueno said, "NEA is upbeat in accomplishing all its targets in 2016, the bulk of which includes the 100% electrification of the 32, 441 sitios under the government's Sitio Electrification Program (SEP). SEP is an integral

part of President Benigno S. Aquino III's social contract with the Filipino people. It is a program that has, so far, brought the benefits of electricity to 26,081 sitios and about 350,000 household connections or 1.75 million Filipinos in remote and far-flung areas of the country".

Department of Energy OIC-Secretary Zenaida Monsada and Assistant Secretary and NEA Board Alternate Chair Jose Raymond Acol lent their support by attending the 2016 Scorecard presentation.

Previously, Administrator Bueno formed a NEA Cluster on Corporate Governance to review, recommend and monitor

mechanisms for the operationalization and compliance of GCG's requirements; integrate relevant inter-department data in order to respond to the corporate governance requirements of oversight agencies and other stakeholders; and recommend and maintain program implementation, ensure the sustainability of the Agency's Performance Governance System (PGS) and continuously cascade the System to each Government Component Unit and other strategic alliances.

SOLAR SUMMIT

NEA Administrator Edita Bueno emphasized at the 5th Philippine Solar Summit held last July 15 that the Agency, together with the ECs, is taking vigorous steps to accelerate household access to electricity.

Citing the Agency's policy framework which views rural electrification as a vital infrastructure as roads and bridges, Administrator Bueno said the combined efforts of the Agency and the ECs have already brought the country's energization level to 83% as of June this year, representing a 63.4% jump from its record in 1969.

Addressing an audience composed of investors and stakeholders engaged in the adoption and use of solar energy, she said in particular that the provisions of Republic Act 10531, otherwise known as the NEA Reform Act of 2013, vested NEA with powers to enforce institutional and governance standards to ECs and restructure them when needed, allowing the Agency to maintain performance standards for ECs and ultimately safeguard the interest of the member-

SEMINAR ON RA 10531

In line with the thrust of the Agency to raise awareness on Republic Act 10531, otherwise known as the NEA Reform Act of 2013, a seminar on its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) was held on July 13 and 28 at the HES Auditorium, NEA Building.

Attendees were 147 NEA employees grouped according to their own association.

The seminar covered key features of the IRR and the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS), principles of public procurement, issues pertaining to EC registration with the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) or the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), compensation for ECs in the event of relocation of distribution equipment,

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AAA-ECs which scored 100 point

- 1 Tarlac II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Tarelco II)
- 2 Nueva Ecija I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Neeco I)
- 3 Nueva Ecija II-Area I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Neeco II-Area 1)
- 4 Nueva Ecija II-Area 2 Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Neeco II-Area 2)
- 5 Pampanga I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Pelco I)
- 6 Peninsula Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Penelco)
- 7 Oriental Mindoro Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Ormeco)
- 8 Iloilo I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Ileco I)
- 9 Iloilo II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Ileco II)
- 10 Cebu I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Cebeco I)
- 11 Cebu II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Cebeco II)
- 12 Cebu III Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Cebeco III)
- 13 Zamboanga Sur I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Zamsureco I)
- 14 Davao Sur Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Dasureco)
- 15 South Cotabato II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Socoteco II)
- 16 Agusan del Sur Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Aselco)
- 17 Siargao Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Siarelco)
- 18 Dinagat Island Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Dielco)
- 19 Surigao del Sur I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Surseco I)

All ECs in CARAGA are rated AAA

- 1 Agusan del Norte Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Aneco);
- 2 Agusan del Sur Electric cooperative, Inc. (Aselco)
- 3 Surigao del Norte Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Surneco)
- 4 Siargao Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Siarelco)
- 5 Dinagat Island Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Dielco)
- 6 Surigao del Sur I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Surseco I)
- 7 Surigao del Sur II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Surseco II).

NEA formulated KPS pursuant to Republic Act No. 9136. The performances of the ECs are measured by using financial, institutional and technical (FIT) performance indicators and standards. The guidelines on KPS was approved by the NEA Board of Administrators on 26 August 2011 under Board Resolution No. 27 and implemented under Memorandum No. 2014-020 to the ECs dated 31 August 2011.

Likewise, in response to RA No. 10531, NEA formulated six financial and operational standards and parameters to assess the performance of the ECs. The Guidelines for the Classification of ECs was approved by the NEA Board on 6 November 2013 under Board Resolution No. 1 and approved by the Department of Energy (DOE) on 12 December 2013.

To rate EC performance, NEA has adopted a color-coding scheme which identifies compliance status of an EC and the level of intervention it needs from the Agency.

The color-coding scheme is based on six financial parameters which include cash-general fund, collection efficiency, power accounts payable, profitability, net worth, and system loss.

To strengthen the ECs and increase their level of preparedness in view of the changing conditions of the environment and the power industry, she said various mechanisms are regularly put in place by the Agency, among them the Disaster Resiliency Program, in consultation with all the coops.

"NEA is consistently stepping up efforts to make the ECs more responsive to the needs of the times. The key is to keep looking ahead, while remaining grounded with the demands of the present," she said.

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school. As implementor of the Rural Electrification Program, we, at NEA, have been witnesses to the joy in the faces of children and adult alike as their communities are electrified. We have heard countless testimonies from teachers of far flung areas in the country on how electricity improved the level of performance of the children. For them, with electricity comes longer study time, availability of computers, televisions and other appliances and gadgets that help children reach their full potential. Hence, NEA assures its continued support to DepEd and surely will be an active partner in the project."

Other organizations which pledged their support to the project include the Department of Energy-Renewable Energy Management Bureau, One Meralco Foundation, Global Peace Foundation, Solar Energy Foundation, Philippine Business for Social Progress, and Children's Hour Philippines.

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hydro power system in Dalupan to the distribution line and installing electrical connection in households identified by the B'laans in the community.

The power plant may likewise be integrated with the main grid under the Net Metering scheme, and is seen to boost livelihood development using renewable energy in the Davao region.

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performance status of ECs, and scope of NEA's jurisdiction over the coops.

NEA Administrator Edita Bueno said such seminars are important in ensuring that NEA employees, from top management down the line, are made knowledgeable about specific provisions of the law and its implications on the operations of the Agency and the ECs.

"All of us have to be on the same page when asked about RA 10531 and its IRR. We are accountable for every piece of information we give the ECs and the public," she added.

Speakers for the seminar were officials and staff of the Legal Services Office of the Agency.



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the ECs for instituting what she described as vital efforts to make electricity "accessible to marginalized communities" and provide rural Filipinos "a great reason to hope." "Your efforts have been instrumental in guaranteeing that no single household is left behind in the pursuit of our development goals," she further said.

The OIC-Secretary said that the Rural Electrification Program has formed part of the Aquino administration's initiatives to pursue inclusive growth by creating avenues for people to draw from business and livelihood opportunities spurred by electrification.

OIC Secretary Monsada was joined by NEA Administrator Edita Bueno and NEA Board Members Jose Raymund Acol, Jose Victor Lobrigo, Eugene Tan, and Victor Chiong.

According to Administrator Bueno, the success of the REP is a result of "an active and consultative leadership" of the Agency and the ECs, which, she said, relies on "shared ownership of policies, decisions, and programs" and the "high level of trust, respect, and openness among the leaders."

NEA Fun Day

Around 550 NEA officials. employees and their family members clad in green shirts paraded around the Quezon Memorial Circle (QMC) last August 2 to join the kick-off festivities of the 6th National Electrification Awareness Month (NEAM).

Leading the celebration was NEA Administrator Edita Bueno, accompanied by Deputy Administrators Edgardo Piamonte, Edilberto Bassig, and Sonia San Diego, and Acting Deputy Administrator Atty. Rossan SJ. Rosero-Lee.

Following the parade, a game competition was held in the QMC covered basketball court which was participated in by all sectors of the Agency. According to Administrator Bueno, the kick-off celebration was an opportunity for the NEA to raise awareness about the efforts of the government and the Agency to bring electricity to the farthest sitios in the country.

Inauguration and Blessing of Media Lounge

To strengthen the communication link of NEA with other energy stakeholders, the Agency formally opened last August 11 its media lounge to its media partners. Located on the ground floor of the NEA Building, the lounge is intended for press conferences and media briefings, and will serve as a workstation for reporters covering the energy beat.

According to NEA Public Affairs Director Judith Alferez, the media lounge is an expression of support of the Agency to all media practitioners, particularly the energy beat reporters, for their commitment to raise public awareness about the electrification efforts of the government.

NEA-EC Food Bazaar and Wellness Program

What began as a joke of endearment among the officials of NEA and the Philippine Association of ISD Managers (PhilAIM) is now on its second year. With more participating ECs from Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao, the NEA-EC Food Bazaar drew last August 4 hordes of employees eager to buy delicacies from stalls set up in the HES Auditorium.

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"This is not only an opportunity for us to buy local products graciously brought here by our partner ECs. This is also our chance to touch base with them and get to know them better," Administrator Edita Bueno said.

The food bazaar boasted a wide range of food products including bottled Spanish sardines, dried mangoes, empanada, tablea, coffee beans, among others.

A Wellness and Health Forum and Fair was likewise held on August 27 as part of the Agency's advocacy to promote health consciousness among its employees. Various booths catering to free eye check-up, blood pressure monitoring, and therapeutic massage were made available to the employees during the program.



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NEA Outreach Program

"Generosity is about making ourselves wholly available to people who most need us. It is not a question of how much you give; acts of generosity always come from the heart."

Thus said Administrator Edita Bueno at the kapitbahay outreach program organized by the Agency as part of the 6th NEAM.

For this year, a total of 150 families living within the vicinity of NEA were identified beneficiaries of the program, where each family was given a bag of grocery items.

The Agency's collections for the program totalled more than Php40,000 sourced from fan voting (Your Face Sounds Familiar), employees' contributions, and donations during Sir Poloy's healing session.

Meanwhile, a total of 270 children participated in this year's Cinema Watch which featured Disney animated film Big Hero 6. The activity was made possible through the generosity of NEA employees who sponsored the kids by giving Php50 worth of food package per child.

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NEA joins hands with Batelec I in tree planting activity

In a bid to mitigate erosion problems of the Pansipit River located in the province of Batangas, NEA joined hands with Batelec I in planting a total of 1,500 seedlings along its river bank last August 18.

According to the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office, the unit responsible for implementing and enforcing the programs and policies of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) on the community level, the Pansipit River needs to be conserved, especially as it serves as an important passageway for the endemic maliputo fish to exit from the Balayan Bay and breed in the Taal Lake.

The river, traversing the towns of Agoncillo, Lemery, San Nicolas, and Taal, was declared a protected area in 1996 through the National Integrated Protected Areas System Act.

During the opening ceremony, CENRO-Calaca has likewise signed with Batelec I a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) which formalizes turn-over of management, conservation, and protection of the three-hectare Pansipit River Plantation from former to the latter.

The MOA states that the coop will have responsibility to "conserve existing vegetation both man-made and natural and promote conservation of biodiversity" of the areas along the Pansipit Riverbank and "ensure at least 85% survival rate" of the plantation.

For their part, NEA officials including Deputy Administrator (DA) Edgardo Piamonte, DA Sonia San Diego, and Acting DA Atty. Rossan Rosero-Lee expressed high hopes that the tree planting would be a sign of the combined commitment of the Agency and its partner ECs to protect the environment and support the goals of the National Greening Program.

"This activity indicates clearly our resolve to help our local community in ways other than providing quality and efficient power distribution to our member-consumers. Sana maipagpatuloy pa natin ang mga ganitong programa upang mapag-ibayo pa ang pangangalaga natin sa ating kalikasan," DA Piamonte said.

A total of 139 NEA officials, employees, and support staff participated in this year's tree planting activity.

Joining them were employees from the Batelec I Main Office and Lemery Area Office led by OIC Engr. Alvin Velasco and Project Supervisor Orlando Andres.











NEWS AROUND THE ECs

MORESCO I is 100% Philippine Distribution Code Compliant

The pioneer electric cooperative continues to be a pioneer in operational and service excellence.

The Misamis Oriental I Rural Electric Service, Inc. (Moresco I) was declared as 100% Philippine Distribution Code compliant, the first among the 119 electric cooperatives nationwide, by the Philippine Distribution Management Committee on July 30, 2015 after passing assessment and inspection according to a press statement made by the electric cooperative (EC).

General Manager Julie B. Real said, "The experience felt by the Moresco I workforce was simply overwhelming upon the declaration of the Distribution Management Committee that we are compliant".

Administrator Edita S. Bueno, meanwhile, said, "NEA is proud to congratulate Moresco I for this new milestone accomplishment. Truly, you are a torchbearer among your peers, an inspiration worth emulating. May you continue to be resolutely committed, determinedly hardworking and solidly coordinated as a team to serve better your member-consumers".

As a distribution utility, Moresco I is mandated by law to comply with the Philippine Distribution Code (PDC) rules and procedures set by the Distribution Management Committee (DMC). DMC

was established by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) as mandated in Section 1.3 of the Distribution Code under Republic Act No. 9136 otherwise known as the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA) of 2001. For the PDC, its creation covers the following: establish a monitoring system; ensure the compliance of the distribution utilities (DUs); promote accountability of the DUs to achieve greater operational and economic efficiency; and protect the public interest.

Only two other distribution utilities in the country have been declared by DMC as 100% compliant, the both privately-run Visayan Electric Company and Davao Light & Power Company.

Moresco I, incorporated and registered with NEA on May 21, 1971, was one of NEA's two pilot ECs. It is among the consistent best performing ECs and has been among the first recipients of Diamond Electric Cooperative Award for exemplary performance in all aspects of operation in 2010. As of July 30, 2015, Moresco I has electrified the City of El Salvador and nine municipalities of Misamis Oriental, 155 barangays, 1,214 sitios and serving 81,288 connections.

90 households in Davao Occidental benefit from electricity access

Around 90 households in Barangay Dalupan in Don Marcelino, Davao Occidental are expected to benefit from electricity access following the inauguration of the Dalupan Micro-hydro Power Plant last July 29.

The 25-kW power plant will serve a total of about 450 residents living in the isolated sitios of Kiaga, Banag, Miago, and Cunalom in Dalupan, and will support the goal of the government to increase access to energy in the rural areas of Mindanao.

NEA Deputy Administrator for Electric Distribution Utilities Services Edgardo Piamonte, who was present during the inauguration, said the project is an affirmation of the Agency's resolve to light up all the sitios in the country, not only as adherence to its corporate mandate, but more importantly as an earnest gesture of hope-giving to the rural Filipinos.

"The unwritten mandate of NEA is to give hope to our fellowmen, most especially the marginalized populace," he said.

"By providing them electricity, we are also leveraging the fight against poverty and the prolonged inaccessibility of our people to socioeconomic opportunities," he added.



ADB Country Director Richard Bolt and San Marcelino Mayor John Johnson lead the inauguration of the Dalupan Micro-Hyrdo Power Plant. Present in the occasion is (L to R) Engr. Ernesto O. Silvano, Jr., DASURECO General Manager Godofredo N. Guya, NEA-DA for EDUs Edgardo R. Piamonte, and other local officials

The Dalupan Micro-hydro Power Plant is a pilot project implemented by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), with NEA acting as executing agency.

The role of the Davao del Sur Electric Cooperative, Inc. (DASURECO), meanwhile, involved connecting the micro-

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Elementary, Secondary Schools as SEP/BLEP beneficiaries

The National Electrification Administration signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Education (DepEd) for the electrification of schools in areas covered by the Sitio Electrification Program (SEP) and the Barangay Line Enhancement Program (BLEP) of the government.

NEA was among the signatories to the DepEd's LightEd PH Project, School Electrification Program – One Child, One Lamp during the project launch at the Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City on July 31, 2015.

DepEd Secretary Bro. Armin A. Luistro, FSC led the MOU ceremony. Administrator Edita S. Bueno represented NEA together with Deputy Administrator Edgardo R. Piamonte of the Electric Distribution Utilities Services.

Based on the Enhanced Basic Education Information System SY 2013-2014, there were 5,954 elementary and high schools without electricity. The total number of enrollees of these schools total to 1.101million. Majority of these schools are situated in the area coverage of the electric cooperatives, NEA's partners in the implementation of BLEP and SEP.

Under the MOU, NEA shall mobilize the ECs and their networks to identify schools where access to power lines may be made available; provide power



Department of Education Secretary Bro. Armin A. Luistro and NEA Administrator Edita S. Bueno sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for LightEd PH Project, School Electrification Program – One Child, One Lamp. NEA Deputy Administrator Edgardo R. Piamonte and Mr. Mario A. Deriquito

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NEA Sports Fest

Employees of the Agency briefly took time off work as they showcased their athletic talents in the 2015 NEA Anniversary Sports Fest.

Champions for the different tournaments include Manuel Ulayan (chess), Dindo dela Cruz (darts, singles), Gines Sibala (darts, doubles), HAFI 2 (basketball), Yellow Team (men's volleyball), OA (women's volleyball), Purple Team (badminton), Eric Vilgado (men's table tennis), and Cecilia Morales (women's table tennis).

NEA 46th Anniversary and NEA Solidarity and Fellowship Day

All five sectors of the NEA gamely brought their showmanship to a neck-to-neck battle as they vie for sectoral championship in the 46th anniversary celebration of the Agency.

Donning traditional tribal wear from ethnic groups in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao, employees belonging to OA, EDUS, MAG, HAFI, and Legal sectors wooed audiences as they recreated ritual performances complete with symbolic implements such as pots, gongs, and malong.

Deputy Administrator Edilberto Bassig said the competition is an avenue to keep the Philippine tribal culture alive and raise awareness about the richness of the local cultural heritage.

A Solidarity and Fellowship Day was likewise held on August 28 to culminate the celebration of the NEA anniversary.



dministrator Bueno and officials of other participating government gencies together with the beneficiaries of the Project pose for posterity.

lines up to the service drop in the school premises through the ECs; provide policy guidance and directions to ensure proper implementation and completion of the project; render periodic report/ updates on the implementation of the project to DepEd as deemed necessary; and provide assistance to DepEd in requesting additional funding in areas that may not be covered by BLEP and SEP.

Meanwhile, DepEd shall provide the list of public elementary and secondary schools that are bereft of access to electricity; assist in the implementation and monitoring of progress of electrification by ensuring cooperation of beneficiary schools and division/regional offices; ensure that installation of electrical wiring in school must conform with the Philippine Electrical Code; and request additional funding in areas that may not be covered by BLEP and SEP.

Administrator Bueno said, "Congratulations to Secretary Luistro and the DepEd for pushing for a project that strikes the heart of the Filipino child, that is giving electricity to every SEP

