



87 electric cooperatives garner highest rating in NEA's 2018 Overall Performance Assessment

The National Electrification Administration (NEA) has released its annual assessment of the overall operational performance of all the electric cooperatives (ECs) in the country, with 87 receiving the highest ratings.

EC Categorization
From 2014 to 2018

CATEGORY	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
AAA	56	70	78	87	87
AA	12	10	9	6	8
A	4	4	9	8	6
B	13	13	7	4	6
C	13	13	8	9	7
D	10	11	10	7	7
TOTAL	108*	121	121	121	121

* Excluding 11 ECs under CDA and 2 ECs under PSP

Results of the 2018 Electric Cooperative Overall Performance Assessment and Size Classification showed that 87 out of 121 ECs were rated AAA. Of which, 24 ECs received a perfect 100 points in all the performance parameters.

All power distribution utilities in Regions VI (Western Visayas), VII (Central Visayas) and CARAGA attained AAA rating. Meanwhile, Regions I (Ilocos Region) and VIII (Eastern Visayas) emerged as the most improved regions after all of their ECs notched the AAA status.

The 2018 assessment also showed that 83 ECs maintained their AAA rating, while nine ECs manifested improvement in their scores in all performance levels. Also, 83 percent or a total of 100 out of the 121 ECs were evaluated either AAA, AA or A status.

Of the remaining 21 ECs, four improved their operational performance either from C to B or D to C; 12 power distribution utilities retained their performance level while five were rated either B, C or D.

Moreover, the number of Mega Large ECs increased to 66 from 64 in 2017. The Sorsogon II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Soreco II) and Cebu III Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Cebeco III) improved from Extra Large to Mega Large ECs.

Meanwhile, the Quirino Electric Cooperative (Quirelco) and Mountain

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NEA to ECs: 'We still have a long way to go'

NEA has crossed several milestones on its 50-year journey towards electrifying the countryside, but still has a long way to go in achieving rural development.

Administrator Edgardo Masongsong emphasized this during the leadership dialogue with the ECs on July 29 as the agency marks its Golden Anniversary with the theme "NEA@50: One with ECs and MCOs for Sustainable Rural Development."

"We still have a long way to go in helping the government achieve the dream of every Filipino, the AmBisyon Natin 2040, whereby all Filipinos enjoy a strongly rooted, comfortable, and secure life by 2040," Masongsong said.

AmBisyon Natin 2040 is the national government's 25-year roadmap to end poverty in the country.

The NEA chief pointed out that the mandate of the electric cooperatives (ECs) goes beyond lighting up the farthest and remotest area in the country. The ECs must also exert more efforts to foster social and economic growth in the countryside, he added.

"Beyond electrifying the countryside, we need to go further into achieving rural development: to free our kababayans from the chains of poverty," Masongsong said

"We can do this by empowering our communities, our member-consumer-owners within the franchise areas of the ECs, with the introduction of livelihood programs

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NEA's 2020 proposed budget to continue funding electrification projects

The government's electrification projects, including the Sitio Electrification Program (SEP), will receive P1.5 billion in the proposed budget of the NEA for fiscal year 2020 based on the National Expenditure Program (NEP).

This was revealed by Administrator Edgardo Masongsong when he presented the agency's 2020 proposed budget based on NEP before the members of the House Committee on Appropriations on August 27, 2019.



Based on the 2020 NEP, NEA is allocated P14.147-billion corporate operating budget (COB). Of the amount, P1.746 billion will be financed by the NEA's internally generated funds, P1.531 billion as subsidy from the national government (NG), and the P10.869 billion represents non-cash subsidy for the conversion of NG advances.

On the government's electrification projects, the Administrator said a bigger portion of the P1.531-billion NG subsidy is dedicated to the continued implementation of the SEP Phase II at P1.162 billion. This amount, however, will only allow the agency to energize 775 sitios next year, as electrifying a sitio costs at least P1.5 million on the average.

The proposed budget will also allow the agency to meet its targets for 2020, which include energization of 775 sitios, electrification of 38 LGU/NGOs resettlement sites, and provision for the cost counterpart of the Government of the Philippines on JICA donation for ECs in the Bangsamoro region.

NEA's other operational targets also cover the connection of additional 460,000 consumers, reduction of system loss to 11 percent, collection efficiency of 96 percent, release of P245 million loans to the ECs, and continued realization of a net margin from the agency's financial operation.

In the budget hearing, Administrator Masongsong reaffirmed the NEA and the ECs' unwavering commitment to help the national government realize the 100-percent household electrification target by 2022, despite the many challenges.

"The noble mandate of attaining total electrification is never an easy task for the NEA and the ECs," the administrator said, as he identified some implementation problems, such as accessibility, peace and order, calamities, right-of-way issues, poverty, and limited government subsidy, among others.

The NEA chief also cited a number of measures and funding sources to fasten efforts to achieve the total electrification goal, which include government subsidies, funding under DOE's Energy Regulation No. 1-94 program, Qualified Third Party (QTP) program, private sector participation, donations or grants from both local and foreign institutions, and EC's capital expenditure program.

"The NEA and ECs will remain steadfast in their commitment, despite all odds, to make possible the total electrification target, providing in effect a platform for the government to draw rural people into the economic and social mainstream and vigorously pursue its goal of inclusive growth," Masongsong said.

The NEA submitted at least P6.146-billion budget proposal to the DBM to bankroll the government's various electrification projects, including SEP and Barangay Line Enhancement Program. But the DBM only recommended P1.531 billion.

The NEA chief reiterated that the agency, together with the DOE, is considering a number of options to fast-track the total electrification. "But we would really thank (the House Committee on Appropriations) if there would be more funding for total electrification," Administrator NEA chief added.



As of June 30, 2019, the NEA through its partnership with 121 ECs nationwide has energized 13,184,523 households--translating to 61 million Filipinos in the countryside. About 14,876 sitios, however, are still left without access to electricity. To complete the energization of these sitios by 2022, the state-run agency will need approximately P22 billion.###

NEA holds continuing Competency and Development Programs



In the continuing effort to capacitate and enhance the competencies of NEA and EC officials and employees including the EC Board of Directors, the Agency through the NEA-EC Training Institute (NETI), conducted a total 31 competency and certification trainings/seminars for some 1,419 participants.

Among the activities conducted were Basic Occupational Safety and Health (BOSH) for Regions I-III and CAR ECs held at Consumers Hall, Zameco II Main Office, Magsaysay, Castillejos, Zambales and Seminar-Workshop on Parliamentary Procedures held at Hotel Alejandro in Tacloban City.###

NEA is a drug-free government agency

Based on the result of the mandatory drug testing conducted for its officials and employees including project officers (POs), NEA is a drug-free government agency.

All those who underwent the procedure were tested negative for Methamphetamine and Tetrahydrocannabinol, both illegal drugs.

The testing was conducted on May 27 and 28, 2019 to a total of 289 NEA personnel and POs led by Administrator Edgardo R. Masongsong.

This was in compliance with the Civil Service Commission Memorandum Circular No. 13, s., 2017 that aims to ensure that government agencies remain drug-free in support to the national government's call for a drug-free Philippines.

The result was delivered by CREM Drug Testing Laboratory, a duly authorized and accredited testing laboratory by the Department of Health (DOH), which administered the test. ###

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Province Electric Cooperative, Inc. (MOPRECO) from Large to Extra Large EC, and the Busuanga Island Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BISELCO) from Medium to Large EC.

In a memorandum to ECs, NEA Administrator Edgardo Masongsong expressed the agency's satisfaction with the results of 2018 EC Overall Performance Assessment and Size Classification.

Masongsong said the year 2018 was very challenging for the electrification sector. He, however, commended the ECs of Regions I, VI, VII, VIII, and CARAGA "for excelling in their respective operations."

"The ECs' performance level for Calendar Year 2018 was impressive. Although there were lots of challenges that the NEA and the ECs encountered during the year, most

of the ECs sustained their exemplary performance," Masongsong said.

"Those ECs which need further improvements in overall performance should reassess existing programs and implement more aggressive strategies to address major problems and concerns," the NEA chief added.

Having supervisory powers over 121 ECs in the country, the NEA evaluates and determines their overall performance ratings using two criteria—Key Performance Standards (KPS), which account for 80 percent; and EC Classification (ECC), 20 percent.

These criteria were designed to measure the power co-ops' full compliance on four parameters, namely financial, institutional, technical, and reportorial requirements. The ECs

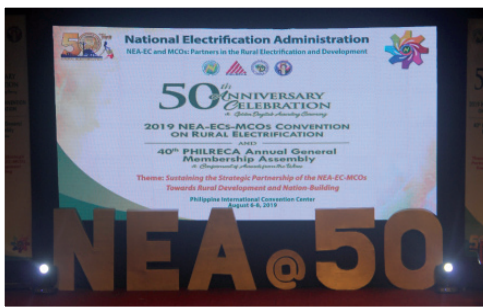
were rated from AAA as the highest to D as the lowest.

The mandatory assessment on the performance of non-profit distribution utilities started way back in 1982 to keep track of the viability of their operations economically and financially. Since then, the rules and guidelines have evolved and changed significantly.

Earlier, the NEA proposed amendments to the existing guidelines to include the energization level of the EC among the key parameters.

Energization level is measured by the number of consumer connections a power co-op achieves under a given timeline based on the official reports and/or documents it submitted through the NEA Business Intelligence Technology (NEA-BIT) web portal. ###

NEA Golden Anniversary and National Electrification



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and economic activities within the sector using the electricity connection that we commit to bring to the farthest sitio, to the households in the last mile, whether of the main grid or off-grid," he said.

It will be recalled that the NEA was established as an institution on July 28, 1969 through Republic Act No. 6038, with a mandate to carry out the total electrification of the country on an area coverage basis.

"Through its partner electric cooperatives, the Rural Electrification Program has benefited nearly 61 million Filipinos in more than 13 million consumer connections in the countryside," Masongsong said.

The Golden anniversary theme underscored NEA's commitment to continue pursuing the total electrification of the country and help improve the living conditions of the Filipinos, particularly those in rural and remote areas.

Among the activities that were conducted for the celebration included a Thanksgiving Mass dubbed as "Gratitude for the Gold," followed by the simultaneous nationwide launching of the "Solidarity Shirt" with the ECs.

On August 6 to 8, the NEA-EC-MCOs Convention on Rural Electrification

was held at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) in Pasay City which include a "Golden Dagitab" awarding ceremony in honor of the ECs and other partners that have contributed a lot to the success of the rural electrification program.

NEA pays tribute to RE pillars, advocates at 2019 Golden Dagitab Awards

On August 8, the Golden Dagitab Awards Ceremony was held at the Reception Hall of the PICC in Pasay City.

NEA, led by Administrator Edgardo Masongsong, paid tribute to those who have made outstanding contributions to the successful implementation of the rural electrification program over the past five decades.

Prominent personalities from the Executive and Legislative Branches of the Government, the Department of Energy and its attached agencies, government regulatory agencies, generating companies, foreign and local financial and technical institutions, governance advocates, academe, media, and EC Allied Organizations attended the said occasion. Among them were Senator Sherwin



Gatchalian, DOE Secretary Alfonso Cusi, Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) Chairperson Agnes Devanadera, European Union (EU) Ambassador Franz Jessen, Solicitor General Jose Calida, Partylist representatives Presley De Jesus, Sergio Dagooc, Adriano Ebcas, and Godofredo Guya, former Energy Secretary Zenaida Monsada, and former NEA Administrator Rodrigo Cabrera.

In his speech, Masongsong said the Golden Dagitab Award is an opportunity

Education Awareness Month (NEAM) celebrations



to recognize individuals and institutions that have played instrumental roles in the development and successful implementation of the rural electrification program in the country.

Golden Dagitab Awardees include past Philippine presidents, previous Chairpersons of the NEA Board of Administrators, former NEA Administrators, former Presidential Adviser for Rural Electrification Francisco Silva, and former Philippine Rural Electric

Cooperatives Association (PHILRECA) president Pedrito Baculio.

"In this occasion we dubbed as 'NEA Golden Dagitab Awarding Ceremony,' we shall honor and pay tribute to the pillars and advocates who have made outstanding contributions to the Rural Electrification Program," Masongsong said.

Incumbent employees of the NEA were also cited for their contributions to the programs and projects of the current administration.

NEA commemorates 10th National Electrification Awareness Month (NEAM)

Proclamation No. 1743, s. 2009 declared August of every year as National Electrification Awareness Month (NEAM). This year the celebration carried the theme: *"Fulfilling the Vision for an Empowered Nation"*.

In observance of the NEAM, NEA held activities to create public consciousness through intensified information campaign showcasing electrification programs and projects.

As a kick-off activity, a total of 450 individuals, including representatives from different ECs joined NEA in a solidarity fun run dubbed as "Golden Rush," a three-kilometer run, on July 29 held at the Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife in Quezon City.

Administrator Masongsong joined other agency officials and employees in the fun run which included general managers of different ECs and representatives from Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation (PSALM) and Philippine Red Cross.

"We are now 50 years old but we want to continue and live further in the next 50 years so there will be a centennial program, in partnership with the electric cooperatives, together with the member-consumer-owners," Masongsong told participants.

In addition, NEA held a Photo Exhibit tagged as *"Five Decades of Rural Electrification"* and a Book Exhibit entitled *"Stories from the Wires"* during the NEA-EC-MCO Convention on Rural Electrification from August 6 to 8 at the PICC which showcased the extent of the REP in the last 50 years.

Created as an institution in 1969 through Republic Act No. 6038, the NEA is mandated to carry out the total electrification of the country on an area coverage basis. For the past five decades, all the 90 cities and 1,385 municipalities, 36,057 barangays covering 78 provinces in the country have been electrified by the NEA and the ECs.

NRECA International joins NEA in celebrating the 50 years of the Philippines's Rural Electrification Program

NRECA International, the long-time partner of the Philippines in promoting rural electrification, graced the occasion of 50 years of the RE Program during NEA's Golden Anniversary celebration on August 6 to 8, 2019 at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC).



NRECA Vice President Chris Christensen and NRECA Senior Director Patrina Eiffert congratulating NEA Administrator Edgardo Masongsong

National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) International, as represented by Vice President Chris Christensen and International Senior Director Patrina Eiffert, joined NEA and the whole electric cooperatives sector in remembering the struggles and successes of the RE Program.



NRECA Vice President Chris Christensen as he speaks during the NEA Golden anniversary celebration.

Mr. Christensen said, "We are not only acknowledging the 50th anniversary of this journey, but also the cooperatives' dedication and commitment to the country, to the communities they serve, and to the families that have a better standard of living because of their efforts."

The partnership between U.S. and co-ops in the Philippines began when the U.S. Agency for International Development funded efforts by NRECA International to bring electricity to rural Filipino communities in 1969. Three co-ops were formed as part of those early efforts, which led to the creation of the National Electrification Administration (NEA). A decade later, the Philippine Rural Electric Cooperatives Association—the Filipino version of NRECA—was formed to help unite the country's growing number of cooperatives.

Christensen told the Filipino co-op leaders: "Because of you, millions of your members live a better life, their families have access to improved health care and, for their children, an infinite amount of possibilities through better education."

Patrina Eiffert, senior director of NRECA International, said NRECA and the Filipino cooperatives still have a great deal of work to do together.

NRECA has a memorandum of understanding between PHILRECA and NRECA's Business and Technologies Strategies group to perform collaborative research and develop solutions on cybersecurity, grid resilience and other issues, she said.

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JICA-backed tech for EC system reliability improvement now in commission

NEA and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) launched the pilot implementation of a smart grid technology that will help improve the distribution system reliability of ECs in the country.

The Distribution Automation System (DAS) of the Batangas II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Batelec II) was officially put into operation after a commissioning ceremony held on July 2 at its headquarters in Lipa City, Batangas.

Present for the commissioning ceremony were the executives from JICA, Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) and its affiliated firm Takaoka Toko Co., Ltd (TKTK), as well as representatives from the NEA and the Department of Energy (DOE).

The project was implemented under a JICA collaboration program with the private sector to disseminate Japanese technologies for electricity distribution system and management in the Philippines.

Batelec II was selected as the pilot site to demonstrate the effectiveness of DAS technology, designed to reduce the duration of power outage and improve the distribution system reliability through automation.

Engineering Department manager Ferdinand Villareal, in a speech delivered on behalf of Administrator Edgardo Masongsong, said the collaboration program speaks volumes of the mutual trust between the Philippines and Japan.

"Japanese technologies, such as the DAS, are seen as essential tools that could help ECs improve their electricity service and make the lives of the people, especially in the far-flung areas, better and more convenient" Villareal said during the commissioning ceremony.

"This technology from Japan is hoped to effectively address specific technological challenges of ECs that affect their operational efficiency, more particularly the distribution system reliability," the NEA official added.

JICA Philippines assistant representative Momoko Otsuka, meanwhile, expressed hope the collaboration program "will

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Engr. Ferdinand Villareal of NEA (leftmost) with the officials and representatives of JICA, DOE and Project Contractor during the commissioning ceremony of the DAS technology project

Electric coops tapped to aid PALECO

In a continuing effort to help the electric cooperative in Palawan improve the reliability of its services in the province, NEA brought together 10 power distribution utilities to assist Palawan Electric Cooperative (PALECO) with the rehabilitation works.

Administrator Edgardo Masongsong announced the creation of a task force whose main function is to speed up the rehabilitation of the power distribution system of PALECO.



affected by the DPWH's road widening projects, among other things.

Task Force Kapatid - PALECO (TFK-PALECO) was composed of 10 ECs from Luzon and Visayas. Each EC deployed six technical personnel with boom truck and necessary equipment and logistics to aid PALECO in undertaking rehabilitation activities of power lines within its coverage area.

Based on the assessment of PALECO Acting General Manager Nelson Lalas, the assistance of a task force is necessary to immediately address the pressing concerns on power reliability in Palawan.

AGM Lalas earlier attributed the frequent power interruptions/reliability issues in the province to a number of factors, which included vegetation problem and lack of acceptable dispatch protocol in the generation, transmission and distribution systems.

To recall, the NEA has assigned Engr. Lalas as Project Supervisor and Acting General Manager of PALECO in December last year

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In addition, the TFK-PALECO did line clearing, repair and protection, including the transfer of poles

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"The cooperative ties and bonds of friendship between NRECA and the electric cooperatives in the Philippines provides the foundation upon which successful research and development initiatives can be created and implemented," Eiffert told PHILRECA's 40th annual general membership meeting on Aug. 7. *"Together, we must continue to seek ways to strengthen the innovativeness and sustainability of the electric cooperative family."*

NRECA International is working with Filipino cooperatives on various projects such as the Sun Keeper Initiative to create grid-tied solar

generation that will be built and owned by the co-ops to bring clean, renewable, affordable energy to their members. Also, with Cotabato Electric Cooperative-PPALMA (COTELCO-PPALMA) in Southern Philippines on integrating solar into its grid and is in discussion with three other cooperatives to offer assistance on grid-tied solar projects.

Fifty years ago, NRECA International helped spark an electric cooperative movement in the Philippines, which now has 121 co-ops bringing power to more than 13 million Filipino homes and businesses.###

NEA deputy administrator to oversee LASURECO

NEA has designated one of the agency's deputy administrators to oversee the management and operations of a struggling electric cooperative in Lanao del Sur.

Administrator Edgardo Masongsong issued an office order appointing Atty. Vicar Loureen Lofranco as Project Supervisor for the Lanao del Sur Electric Cooperative, Inc. (LASURECO), at the same time dissolving the Task Force Duterte Lanao Sur Power (TFD-LSP).



"In the exigency of the service and pursuant to the approval of NEA Board of Administrators, Task Force Duterte Lanao Sur Power created under Office Order No. 2017-014 is hereby recalled," NEA Office Order No. 2019-125 stated.

"Further, pursuant to Sections 4(e) and 5(a) of PD 269 as amended by Republic Act No. 10531, Atty. Vicar Loureen G. Lofranco is hereby designated as Project Supervisor of Lanao del Sur Electric Cooperative, Inc.," the order added.

Lofranco is the Deputy Administrator for NEA Electric Cooperatives Management Services (ECMS).

As indicated in the office order, Lofranco is tasked to perform the functions of a regular board in the absence of the EC Board of Directors; supervise the management and operations of LASURECO.

She is also mandated to countersign checks, withdrawal slips, and other banking transactions; and perform other tasks that may be assigned by the NEA for the purpose of operational efficiency.

To recall, Lasureco was placed under the management of TFD-LSP in January 2017 in a move to revive and rehabilitate the power utility, as well as improve the electricity service to consumers in Lanao del Sur.

On May 07, 2018, Ms. Nordjiana L. Dipatuan-Ducol was appointed General Manager of LASURECO who had since instituted measures for reform, and manage the financial, institutional and technical operations of the EC.

But efforts to improve the operations of Lasureco have gone down the drain when the five-month long battle between the government forces and members of the Maute terror group erupted in Marawi City in May 2017. Yet, LASURECO relentlessly continued to provide the electricity service to the community now hoping to rise from the horrors of the war. ###

NEA hails enactment of Murang Kuryente Act, Anti-Obstruction of Power Lines Act

NEA has welcomed the signing into law of the *Murang Kuryente Act* and the Anti-Obstruction of Power Lines Act.

President Rodrigo Duterte signed R.A. No. 11371, or the *Murang Kuryente Act*, on August 8 seeking to allocate the government's net share from the P208-billion Malampaya Fund to settle the debts incurred by the National Power Corp. (NPC).

Administrator Edgardo Masongsong hailed the enactment of the legislation, saying that removing the stranded contract costs (SCCs) and stranded debts (SDs) of NPC in the power bills would result in a lower cost of electricity.

Under the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA) of 2001, SCCs and SDs are passed on to power consumers as part of the "universal charge" in the monthly electric bill.

SCCs, as defined by EPIRA, refer to the excess of the contracted cost of electricity under eligible contracts over the actual selling price of the contracted energy in the market. SDs, on the other hand, are any unpaid financial obligations of NPC which have not been liquidated by the proceeds from the sales and privatization of its assets.

President Duterte also signed R.A. No. 11361, also known as the Anti-Obstruction of Power Lines Act, on August 8 which aims to reduce power outages in the country.

Under this law, planting of tall growing plants, constructing hazardous improvements, and conducting of any hazardous activities within the power line corridor are prohibited. This is to ensure continuous and uninterrupted supply of electricity to all power consumers.

Masongsong said the measure will help improve the power reliability in the country, as majority of the interruptions or outages recorded in the rural areas are caused by vegetation.

"The Anti-Obstruction of Power Lines Act will save our transmission and distribution lines and possibly minimize damages in times of calamities and, of course, realize greater power reliability and system efficiency," the NEA chief said. ###

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lead to future expansion to other electric cooperatives." She also assured that the TEPCO Power Grid and TKTK technology is "highly reliable."

TKTK president Toshiro Takebe said they have introduced the DAS in Japan and it was successful so they are bringing it overseas. "I hope the significance of this system will be well noticed by prompt fault location, remote switching, and reducing outage duration," he said.

Batelec II general manager Octavious Mendoza admitted that power reliability is one of their perennial problems, and is thankful to JICA and NEA for selecting their cooperative as pilot site of the DAS technology.

"We hope that if this will become successful, we can replicate this in all our feeders all over our franchise area, and so we can compete globally with other distribution utilities," Mendoza said.

JICA tapped the expertise of TEPCO Power Grid and its affiliated firm TKTK to work with NEA and Batelec II for the pilot implementation of the DAS. Talks for the project collaboration began in late 2017.###

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to oversee the power distribution utility's operations and ensure the efficient delivery of electric services to its consumers.

According to the Results of the Performance Audit and Assessment recently conducted by the DOE's Task Force Paleco, it also cited the inadequate coordination of the protection system of the EC and NPC's distribution lines, overloaded substations, vegetation obstruction, and the slow coordination and assistance among various government agencies on line maintenance and improvements.

NEA and PALECO formally welcomed the first batch of ECs for Task Force Kapatid on August 18 during a simple ceremony.

The first batch was composed of teams from Batangas I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Batelec I), Batangas II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Batelec II), First Laguna Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Fleco), and the Philippine Federation of Electric Cooperatives (PHILFECO). The team from PHILFECO consisted of Pangasinan I Electric Cooperative (Panelco I), Pangasinan III Electric Cooperative (Panelco III), and Isabela II Electric Cooperative (Iselco II).

Deputy Administrator for Technical Services Artis Nikki Tortola thanked the task force for responding to NEA's call to help their fellow EC in Palawan in addressing its power woes.

PALECO is the lone power distributor of Puerto Princesa City and the Municipalities of Aborlan, Narra, Brooke's Point, Sofronio Espanola, Cuyo, Magsaysay, Quezon, Roxas, Taytay, El Nido, Araceli, San Vicente, Bataraza, Rizal, Balabac, Cagayancillo, Agutaya and Dumarang.###

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On August 30, a nationwide line clearing and tree-planting activities were simultaneously carried out by all ECs in the country as part of the observance of the 10th NEAM. ###

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