

JOINT DIRECTIVE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIFELINE SUBSIDY RATE PROGRAM by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) and the National Electrification Administration (NEA)

14 September 2023

In view of the implementation of *Republic Act No. 11552*, *Entitled an Act Extending and Enhancing the Implementation of the Lifeline Rate, Amending for the Purpose Section 73 of Republic Act No. 9136, Otherwise Known as the 'Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001' as Amended by Republic Act No. 10150 (Lifeline IRR), and in connection with the release of the lists of beneficiaries of the <i>Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program* (4Ps) to respective distribution utilities (DUs), DUs are hereby **directed** to:

- 1.) take the initiative in identifying and validating additional beneficiaries from the 4Ps list who meet the eligibility criteria for availing the Lifeline Rate Program;
- 2.) <u>implement, beginning 1 January 2024</u>, the Lifeline Rate Program to <u>qualified Marginalized End-Users</u>;
- 3.) submit a monthly report to the ERC and NEA on the number of qualified Marginalized End-Users who have availed of the Lifeline Rate Program, every end of the month starting January 2024.

For your guidance and strict compliance.