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MEMORANDUM

F O R : **The Officer-In-Charge**
Information Technology and Communication Services Dept.

F R O M : The Director for Public Affairs Office

SUBJECT : Request for Website Uploading
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May we request the Media Release entitled, "NEA Steps-up Efforts for 100% Barangay Energization by 2009", be uploaded in the website. Attached is the hard copy and soft copy in USB for your appropriate action.

We anticipate with gratitude your usual prompt action on this matter.


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NEA Steps-up Efforts for 100% Barangay Energization by 2009

The National Electrification Administration (NEA) has stepped-up its efforts for the attainment of 100% barangay energization of the country by 2009 by gathering together critically situated electric cooperatives (ECs) and the various funding agencies in a Barangay Electrification Program (BEP) Workshop at the NEA office last week. The move was in response to the challenge posed by President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo during the culminating activity of the Energy Summit in February 5.

To date, there are 1,438 unenergized barangays nationwide. Of these 1,348 barangays are within the ECs' franchise areas while 62 and 28 barangays are within the franchises of the Private Investor-owned Utilities (PIOUs) and the Local Government Units (LGUs), respectively.

Administrator Edita S. Bueno, the alternate chairman of the inter-agency Expanded Rural Electrification Team which is tasked to oversee the implementation of Rural Electrification Program, spearheaded the conduct of the workshop. It was aimed to synchronize plans and activities of all players to attain 100% barangay electrification by 2009; to affirm commitments of funding support and logistical requirements from all players, government and private sectors; to identify units/persons of responsibility among the players in program implementation; to determine possible kinks and find single/collective solutions to such; and reach a covenant of Program Implementation which shall serve as the Master Plan for 100% barangay electrification.

Participants include General Managers and Technical Services Managers of 21 ECs with 10 or more than unelectrified barangays within their coverage areas. These are CAGELCO I, CAGELCO II, ISELCO II, MASELCO, and KAELCO in Luzon; SOLECO, NORSAMELCO, SAMELCO I, SAMELCO II and ESAMELCO in Visayas; and ZANECO, ZAMSURECO I, ZAMSURECO II, LANECO, COTELCO, SOCOTECO II, SUKELCO, ASELCO, SULECO, LASURECO and MAGELCO in Mindanao. Representatives from the Department of Energy (DOE), Team Energy (previously Mirant Philippines), Korean Electric Power Company (KEPCO), National Power Corporation-Small Power Utility Group (NPC-SPUG), Alliance for Mindanao Off-Grid for Renewable Energy (AMORE), Department of Agrarian Reform-Solar Power Technology Support (DAR-SPOTS), and the Philippine National Oil Company (PNOC) were also present to renew their commitment as well as to address possible problems in ensuring full access to electricity of all barangays by end of 2009. NEA's Electrification

Composite Team chaired by Finance Director Sonia B. San Diego and co-chaired by Engineering Director Jose H. Seguban, Jr. facilitated the workshop.

In her message on expectations and in a passionate appeal for support, Administrator Edita S. Bueno said, "we have to work hand in hand to help decide the fate of our country and people. The 2009 target is attainable. If we focus on it together, we can surmount problems along the way be it money, logistics or issues. The best legacy we can leave behind to our fellow Filipinos is bringing the benefits of electricity into their lives and into their homes. We have only one country and nobody will love it except ourselves".

The electric cooperatives have energized 96% of the 36,030 barangays within their coverage areas serving 7.76 million house connections or 68% of their total potential connections benefiting about 44 million Filipinos by the end of 2007.###