

PELCO I Rising from the Ruins 360°



Administrator Edita S. Bueno (center) passes on to Deputy Administrator Mariano T. Cuenco and Board Member Joseph D. Khonghun (left) the Plaque of Appreciation awarded her by PELCO I Board President Carlos D. De Jesus and General Manager Loliano E. Allas (right) during the goodwill visit last December 28, 3007.

Turning around an electric cooperative's operation that has long wallowed in Category D and E for so many years seemed an unattainable task to achieve. But the Pampanga I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (PELCO I) has proven skeptics wrong. With the leadership of its General Manager, Engr. Loliano E. Allas, PELCO I attained what was believed to be an impossible dream.

True enough, knowing only two categories for more than 20 years, categorized as D electric cooperative from 1982 to 1993, and, worse, as category E from 1994 to 2003, one can simply imagine that there seems to be no other better category PELCO I can earn for itself. Ridden with huge debt in arrearages, very low collection efficiency, quarreling board of directors, and demoralized employees, the member-consumers were left with no choice but bear the impact of such a dismal operation reflected in their electric bills as their EC incurred whopping losses.

But, with system loss as high as 40% many years back flagging down to 29.78% in 2000, to 25.29% in 2003, and 15.44% in 2006, hope flickered for the beleaguered coop

employees and respite for its member-consumership. Its category improved from E in 2003 to B in 2004-2005, and to A in 2006. Now PELCO I prepares to be included among the ranks of the top performing ECs with category A+ for the year 2007. It has reason to believe that such feat is attainable as it still lowered its system loss down to only 13.71% for the year 2007. Coupled with exemplary performance such as increased collection efficiency from 83% in 2000 to 91% in 2007, current in its power accounts and loan amortizations, with positive net margin, and united coop employees, management and board of directors, PELCO I practically has attained its impossible dream of turning around its operations since GM Allas took the helm.

NEA Administrator Edita S. Bueno awarded a certificate of recognition to PELCO I during her goodwill visit last December 28, 2007, citing its remarkable performance in achieving a turn around, specifically in system loss reduction and improving on its financial status from a debt-ridden coop to an earning and viable one. With the Administrator in giving the award were NEA Board Member Joseph D. Khonghun, Deputy Administrators Mariano T. Cuenco, Pablo M. Pan III and Edilberto I. Bassig. NEA Directors Judith T. Alferez, Leila B. Bonifacio, Sonia B. San Diego, Jose H. Seguban Jr., Rogelio B. Bernal, Managers Francisco A. Caymo, Benita T. Cuenco, Lida E. De la Merced, Nora I. Rivera, and other NEA employees were also present to witness the said event.

PELCO I, on the other hand, gave a plaque of appreciation to Administrator Bueno for her relentless support in all of the coop's programs. The PELCO I family also made December 28 of every year as NEA Administrator's Day, coinciding with what has become Administrator Bueno's customary yearly visit to the cooperative since 2005. ###