



Institutional Advisory No. 54

TO : ALL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

SUBJECT : EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE OF THE PROCESSING OF APPLICATION OF QUALIFIED BENEFICIARIES OF THE LIFELINE RATE PROGRAM

DATE : August 4, 2023

A significant number of qualified 4Ps beneficiaries have yet to register for the Lifeline Program. Thus, the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC), Department of Energy (DOE) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) issued a Tripartite Advisory dated 31 July 2023, the pertinent portion of which provides that,

"All Distribution Utilities (DUs) are reminded to continue accepting and processing application from consumers seeking to avail of the lifeline rate program. The complete roll-out of the program initially set for August 2023 is hereby moved to September 2023 on account of low registration turn-out as of 31 July 2023 among 4Ps and non-4Ps participants. Starting September 2023, only those who have approved applications shall be entitled to avail of the subsidy provided under the lifeline rate program."

Relative thereto, all ECs are directed to exert earnest efforts, including active coordination with the concerned barangay authorities, to ensure the fullest coverage of the program to qualified beneficiaries.

For your guidance and strict compliance.


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Dear **Gentlemen**,

We write to provide a further update to our letter, dated 28 July 2023, regarding the status of the implementation of Republic Act No. 11552 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (*Lifeline IRR*).

Based on data provided by distribution utilities as of 5:00 PM today, there are 12,829 4Ps beneficiaries which have applied for the Lifeline Program.

While there has been an increase in the number of registered individuals since 10 July 2023, there remains a significant number of qualified 4Ps beneficiaries who have yet to register for the Lifeline Program. In this regard, we recommend extending the deadline of 1 August 2023 for DUs to complete processing of applications of qualified beneficiaries.

We attach to this letter a draft Advisory informing distribution utilities about the extension. Please let us know if you have comments or clarifications to the draft Advisory. If none, may we request you to affix your signature on the Advisory. Kindly send us a scanned or electronic copy of the Advisory through occ@erc.ph.

For your consideration.

Very truly yours,


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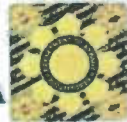
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