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TO : ALL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

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

Relative to the NEA Institutional Advisory No. 54, please be advised that the full implementation of the new Lifeline Rate Program has been moved to January 2024 pursuant to the Tripartite Advisory on Lifeline IRR by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC), Department of Energy (DOE) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) dated 01 September 2023, which states that:

"All Distribution Utilities (DUs) are directed to exert more aggressive promotion efforts to disseminate information on the Lifeline Rate Program and to continue accepting an processing applications. To allow for the roll-out of more aggressive promotion and registration efforts from DUs, consumers and the Government, as well as for the review of the registration requirements, the full implementation of the new Lifeline Rate Program is hereby moved to January 2024. Starting 01 January 2024, only those who have approved applications shall be entitled to avail of the subsidy provided under the Lifeline Rate Program".

Thus, ECs are mandated to submit a weekly report on the progress of registration effective September 2023.

ECs are hereby enjoined 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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