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TO

**ALL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES** 

SUBJECT

PROCUREMENT OF SATELLITE PHONES TO BE USED FOR REPORTING AND COMMUNICATION PURPOSES DURING AND AFTER ONSLAUGHT OF A DISASTER/CALAMITY AND

OTHER RELATED EMERGENCIES

The geographical location of the Philippines along the Pacific Ring of Fire and Pacific Typhoon Belt makes the county vulnerable to frequent earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, typhoons, and other related calamity/disaster.

With these natural disasters present, not only the electric cooperatives' distribution lines and facilities, but also telecommunication towers and equipment are vulnerable to damages and destruction that can hinder the immediate reporting of vital information about the status of damages and restoration efforts in the ECs' franchise areas.

In this regard, we are recommending the purchase of at least one (1) satellite phone per EC for the efficient way of communication and reporting when telecommunication towers are down and unavailable due to calamity and disaster.

Furthermore, the procurement of satellite phone must strictly adhere to the provision of RA 10531 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations particularly on the Revised Procurement Guidelines and Simplified Bidding Procedures for Electric Cooperatives and kindly inform NEA if the EC already procured one.

For any clarification and guidance, you may contact NEA – Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Department (DRRMD) at telephone no. (02) 8926-1337.

Thank you.

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