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**TECHNICAL ADVISORY NO. 09**  
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**TO : ALL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES**

**SUBJECT : SUBMISSION OF SATELLITE PHONE NUMBERS TO NEA AND RECOMMENDATION TO AVAIL SUBSCRIPTION TO STARLINK**

In connection to NEA Technical Advisory No. 2 dated 23 January 2023, on the procurement of satellite phones to be used for reporting and communication purposes during and after onslaught of a disaster/calamity and other related emergencies, ECs are hereby advised to inform NEA of any procurement made regarding the said advisory and provide us the information of satellite phone numbers for our databasing and phone directory purposes.

In lieu of satellite phones, we are also recommending the availment of subscription to Starlink as an additional option for an efficient way of communication and reporting in the event of a calamity or disaster. Starlink is a satellite internet service operated by SpaceX owned by Elon Musk, and became available in the Philippines on February 2023.

Furthermore, please be guided that the procurement of either satellite phone or subscription to Starlink 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.

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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