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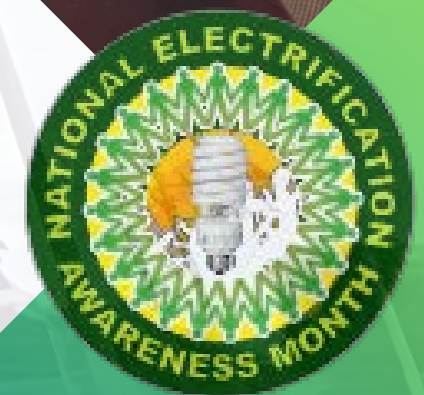


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NEA Founding Anniversary

15th National Electrification Awareness Month

“ECs, Keep The Lights On!”





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15TH NATIONAL
ELECTRIFICATION
AWARENESS MONTH



CEREMONIAL SWITCH-ON
16 MILLIONTH
CONSUMER CONNECTION



2024
LUMENS AWARDS

2024 PHILRECA AWARDS
FROM THE WIRES

2024 NEA-EC CONVERGENCE

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Acting Department Manager
Human Resources and
Administrative Department (HRAD)

ENGR. RODERICK PADUA

Department Manager
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Information Technology and Communication Services
Department (ITCSD)

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Presentation of Delegates

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REGION I

INEC
 ISECO
 LUELCO
 PANELCO I
 CENPELCO
 PANELCO III



REGION II

BATANELCO
 CAGELCO I
 CAGELCO II
 ISELCO I
 ISELCO II
 NUVELCO
 QUIRELCO



CAR

ABRECO
 BENEKO
 IFELCO
 KAELCO
 MOPRECO

PRESENTATION OF DELEGATES



REGION III

AURELCO	NEECO II AREA 1	PELCO I
TARELCO I	NEECO II AREA 2	PELCO II
TARELCO II	SAJELCO	PELCO III
NEECO I	PRESKO	PENELCO
ZAMECO I	ZAMECO II	



REGION IV-A

FLECO
 BATELEC I
 BATELEC II
 QUEZELCO I
 QUEZELCO II



REGION IV-B

LUBELCO	TIELCO
OMECO	ROMELCO
ORMECO	BISELCO
MARELCO	PALECO

PRESENTATION OF DELEGATES



REGION V

CASURECO I	CANORECO	FICELCO
CASURECO II	ALECO	MASELCO
CASURECO III	SORECO I	TISELCO
CASURECO IV	SORECO II	



REGION VI

AKELCO	ILECO I	CENECO
ANTECO	ILECO II	NOCECO
CAPELCO	ILECO III	
GUIMELCO	NONECO	



REGION VII

NORECO I	CEBECO I	BOHECO I
NORECO II	CEBECO II	BOHECO II
BANELCO	CEBECO III	
CELCO	PROSIELCO	

PRESENTATION OF DELEGATES



REGION VIII

DORELCO	LEYECO V	ESAMELCO
LEYECO II	SOLECO	SAMELCO I
LEYECO III	BILECO	SAMELCO II
LEYECO IV	NORSAMELCO	



REGION IX

ZANECO
 ZAMSURECO I
 ZAMSURECO II
 ZAMCELCO



REGION X

MOELCI I	FIBECO
MOELCI II	BUSECO
MORESCO I	CAMELCO
MORESCO II	LANECO

PRESENTATION OF DELEGATES



REGION XI

DORECO
NORDECO
DASURECO



REGION XII

COTELCO
COTELCO-PPALMA
SOCOTECO I
SOCOTECO II
SUKELCO



BARMM

TAWELCO
SIASELCO
SULECO
BASELCO
CASELCO
LASURECO
MAGELCO

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CARAGA

ANECO
ASELCO
SURNECO
SIARELCO
DIELCO
SURSECO I
SURSECO II



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ANTONIO MARIANO C. ALMEDA

NEA Administrator



WELCOME ADDRESS

NEA Administrator Antonio Mariano Almeda



To all of our esteemed guests and delegates, good morning. Before I start, please allow me to give due recognition to some of the individuals joining us today. Starting with the father of Energy Sector, our Department of Energy Secretary and Chairman of the Board of Administrators, Secretary Raphael "Popo" Lotilla, and the DOE officials who are with us today, the honorable members of the House of the Representatives starting with, ang tagapagtanggol ng electric cooperatives sa Kongreso, APEC Partylist Rep. Sergio Dagooc, PHILRECA Partylist Rep. Presley de Jesus, AGAP Partylist, my good friend, Cong. Nikki Briones.

With us today also is the Presidential Adviser for Marawi Rehabilitation Sec. Nasser Pangandaman, Maharlika Investment Corporation Director Atty. German Lichauco, my good friend, Province of Oriental Mindoro Governor Humerlito "Bonz" Dolor.

WELCOME ADDRESS

NEA Administrator Antonio Mariano Almeda



Our foreign partners from the United States of America and the Republic of Zambia, Mr. Dan Waddle, Vice Pres. of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association – International, Mr. Linus Chanda, the Executive Officer of the Rural Electrification Authority of Zambia, together with Senior Community Development Officer, Mr. Vijue Moonga and Assistant to the Permanent Secretary, Mr. Shena Lumande.

Colleagues in the energy family, Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corp. Pres. Dennis dela Serna, National Transmission Corp. Pres. Atoy Leynes, Independent Electricity Market Operator of the Philippines Pres. Richard Nethercott, Philippine Electricity Market Board Chairman Noel Aboboto, my NEA Board of Administrators, the Board of Directors, General Managers, officials and employees of Electric Cooperatives in the Philippines, palakpakan ninyo naman ang inyong mga sarili.

WELCOME ADDRESS

NEA Administrator Antonio Mariano Almeda



Partners in the private sector, our friends from the media, my fellow public servants, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, again, good morning!

On behalf of the National Electrification Administration, It is my honor to welcome all of you to the NEA-EC Convergence. This event marks our agency's 55th Founding Anniversary and the 15th National Electrification Awareness Month.

Since our last year's convergence, NEA has endeavored to bring together the best and the brightest from the energy industry with the end goal of utilizing all available resources, whether from the public or private sectors, to realize the full implementation of the Rural Electrification Program. In fact, today, we will be celebrating another milestone in our energization efforts - our country's 16 Millionth Consumer Connection.

WELCOME ADDRESS

NEA Administrator Antonio Mariano Almeda



With this, we reiterate our agency's commitment to achieve our nation's total electrification within the term of President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr.

Therefore, please allow me to outline some of the steps we have taken and the partnerships we have forged in order to realize this most noble goal.

First, NEA has partnered with the Maharlika Investment Corporation in an effort to upgrade the power infrastructures of the Palawan and Mindoro Islands. We hope that this will move us one step closer in addressing the recurring power crises which these areas continue to experience.

NEA has likewise strengthened its partnership with the University of the Philippines in order to innovate and expand our electrification efforts.

WELCOME ADDRESS

NEA Administrator Antonio Mariano Almeda



In line with the thrust to modernize and digitalize our agency's capabilities, we have also developed and inaugurated the NEA National Command Center. This facility integrates the latest available technology which will pave the way for a more proactive and real-time approach to monitoring of our electric cooperatives.

On this note, if I had to choose one word which aptly encompasses NEA's year so far – it would be resilience. Since the start of 2024, we have seen many challenges in the Philippine Energy Sector. We were again reminded of the importance of a secure and stable supply of electricity.

Nevertheless, we remained resilient; and it is this same resilience which has forced ingenuity and thereafter – progress.

WELCOME ADDRESS

NEA Administrator Antonio Mariano Almeda



Therefore, the NEA of today prides itself as having evolved as an agency; an agency which serves as a hub of our nation's various policies and actions, not only towards rural electrification, but energy resiliency as well.

We recognize however that even the best policies or game plans mean nothing without the people and systems to carry them out, something I believe that our speakers will also be talking about today. Thankfully, we have some of the most dedicated people working with NEA on our most worthy endeavor.

While it is not lost on us that we still have a long and challenging journey ahead, allow me to thank each and every one of you for all your efforts. Please, give all of yourselves a round of applause.

WELCOME ADDRESS

NEA Administrator Antonio Mariano Almeda



Therefore, the theme for today's convergence -- "ECs, Keep The Lights On" is very proper. This year, perhaps more than most, our ECs have come under great scrutiny and pressure. Hindi naman po siguro bago na kapag may brownout sa ating mga tahanan, ang unang sisihin at tanggapan ng reklamo ay ang ating mga EC, hindi lamang mula sa mga konsumidor, kundi pati na rin sa mga iba't ibang sektor ng ating lipunan.

To be sure, being the Administrator, I am the first to police the ranks of our electric cooperatives, and I will remain to be their harshest critic. However, for all the good that they have done and will continue to do, I will be the first to defend them, and the first to thank them.

I cannot overstate the strength and resiliency of our ECs in an industry and at a time which these traits are needed the most.

WELCOME ADDRESS

NEA Administrator Antonio Mariano Almada



In the face of scrutiny, though sometimes admittedly deserved, our ECs not only continue to keep our lights on, but spread that light to the rest of the nation. To all our ECs with us today, maraming maraming salamat po sa inyong lahat. Today, we do not celebrate NEA alone, but all of you as well.

Amidst today's celebration, let us not lose sight of our ultimate goal – the total electrification of the Philippines. We do not have the luxury of time or an abundance of resources. I therefore challenge our ECs – do not become stagnant or too dependent. Be innovative and take advantage of your own capital or assets to fulfill our shared mandate of total electrification.

In closing, I wish to impart to you something that I had already said in a speech before, but I feel is more relevant now.

WELCOME ADDRESS

NEA Administrator Antonio Mariano Almeda



“In this hall are some of the most important people in the energy industry, from both the private and public sector. The diversity here also represents a diversity of interest, each advocating for their different concerns. If there is only one thing that you remember from my speech today, let it be this – in our industry, the decisions you make directly affect the well being, and future of our people. Our industry is heavily scrutinized as it rightly should be, considering the effect of electricity in everyday life. I am hopeful that all of us here are willing to share in that responsibility, in making the decisions which shall uphold the common good for all Filipinos.”

Thank you, and good day to you all.
Mabuhay ang mga electric cooperatives.
Mabuhay ang National Electrification Administration.
Mabuhay ang Bagong Pilipinas!

Guest of Honor
y. Raphael P.
Secretary, Department

GUEST OF HONOR ADDRESS

RAPHAEL P.M. LOTILLA
DOE Secretary



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GUEST OF HONOR ADDRESS

DOE Secretary Raphael P.M. Lotilla



On behalf of President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr., I would like to extend the heartfelt congratulations of his Administration to the National Electrification Administration under the leadership of Administrator Nani Almeda and the Board of Administrators on your 55th Founding Anniversary.

I am happy indeed to see that you enjoy the full support of our friends from Congress, among them Congressman Dagooc, Congressman de Jesus, Congressman Cagas, Congressman Briones, and the others who will be joining us a bit later.

To our partners in government and not only to the members of the Board of Administrators of NEA, but to the cooperatives who are assembled here and who have been working with the National Electrification Administration for the last 55 years, I wish to extend our greetings and congratulations to you.

In the past two years that the new Administration has been in office, I would like to thank you for cooperating with the NEA and with the entire government to fulfill that which is embodied in your motto right now, which is to keep the lights on.

GUEST OF HONOR ADDRESS

DOE Secretary Raphael P.M. Lotilla



There were many challenges that we had gone through. At the time that the President came in, as you know very well, we were challenged by the sudden surge in oil prices and an increase in coal prices as well. But we have managed to hurdle that, and now we find ourselves trying to improve upon that record and to deliver on a goal that the President has challenged us to meet, and which is the 100% electrification of the country by 2028.

Today, we shine the spotlight on you, our electric operatives, the frontline champions of inclusive development in our country. You are the driving force behind bringing light to the farthest corners of our nation, ensuring that no Filipino is left in the dark.

Our shared goal is ambitious, but necessary. Currently, over 2 million households still lack access to electricity. Today serves as a powerful reminder of the critical role you play in expanding your reach, supporting member-consumers, and assisting non-performing cooperatives.

GUEST OF HONOR ADDRESS

DOE Secretary Raphael P.M. Lotilla



Your unwavering commitment is the backbone to our mission to connect every Filipino home to reliable electricity, making a tangible difference wherever it is needed most.

This occasion is not just a cause for celebration, but a call to action. It is an opportunity to showcase your resilience, strength, and determination in fulfilling your duties.

By sharing your knowledge, pooling your resources, and leveraging your expertise, you have the power to make a transformative impact on the lives of our people.

Let us not forget that you, the electric operatives, are rooted in our people and in our communities, and therefore, it is their best interest that you should always bear in mind.

I thank Governor Dolor of Oriental Mindoro for being with us this morning as well, because it symbolizes the partnership that we have with the local government units as well. The link between electrification and economic growth is undeniable.

GUEST OF HONOR ADDRESS

DOE Secretary Raphael P.M. Lotilla



Electrification is more than just bringing light to homes. It is about sparking economic opportunities and transforming lives. Recently, the Department of Energy met with the Department of Finance and the National Economic Development Authority to discuss our Total Electrification Program and its profound economic benefits.

Our estimates show that achieving full electrification can inject approximately \$315 billion into our economy, representing about 1.8% of the country's Gross Domestic Product. By extending access to electricity for up to 16 to 24 hours a day, household income could rise by 49.4%, while household expenditure could increase by 52.2%.

Providing low-income families with at least 8 hours of electricity per day could boost their income by 17.9%, and their expenditures by 17%. Expanding access to 16 hours a day could lead to a 33.3% increase in income and a 33% rise in expenditures. So these gains are cumulative, and you are the key towards achieving this.

GUEST OF HONOR ADDRESS

DOE Secretary Raphael P.M. Lotilla



With these compelling figures in mind, our challenge are all our electric cooperatives to extend your reach into unserved and underserved areas, pursue projects that improve electricity access, and commit to delivering a more efficient, reliable, and sustainable service to our people.

Let us look at the private sector as our partners in this overall effort of providing energy and electricity to our people and the full development of our country. Under the leadership of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., our government is dedicated to forging a path towards a dynamic and sustainable energy future.

This vision seeks to empower communities, stimulate economic growth, and enhance the well-being of all Filipinos. Our top priority is achieving inclusive and sustainable development fueled by modern clean energy technologies. I therefore encourage all electric cooperatives to embrace renewable energy as a critical component of your power supply contracting route.

GUEST OF HONOR ADDRESS

DOE Secretary Raphael P.M. Lotilla



Diversifying your energy mix with hybrid systems and renewable sources not only reduces subsidies in the off-grid areas and lowers fuel costs, but also strengthens energy security and promotes environmental sustainability. By reducing dependence on traditional power sources, you help build a more resilient and future-ready energy sector.

To NEA and to PHILRECA, that celebrates its 45th Annual General Membership Meeting, and to all our electric cooperatives across the country, your role in providing reliable and sustainable electricity is essential to achieving inclusive rural development.

The Department of Energy stands ready to support you in this vital endeavor. Together, we can achieve our goal of bringing light and opportunity to every corner of our nation.

Therefore, let me reiterate my thanks and I wish you all the best in your convergence, in keeping the lights on for our country and our people. Maraming salamat at mabuhay po sa ating lahat!



CEREMONIAL SWITCH-ON

**16 Millionth
Consumer Connection**

Lyn-Ay Sabado
Beneficiary
Sitio Electrification Program

NEA Marks its 55th Year of Empowering Communities with the Country's 16 Millionth Consumer Connection

The National Electrification Administration (NEA) celebrated its 55th founding anniversary on 29 August 2024 with an off-site switch-on ceremony for its 16 millionth consumer connection at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) in Pasay City.

Household owner Lyn-Ay Sabado received the benefits of electricity through the NEA Sitio Electrification Program (SEP) implemented by the Oriental Mindoro Electric Cooperative, Inc. (ORMECO) in Barangay Benli, Bulalacao, Oriental Mindoro.

NEA Administrator Antonio Mariano Almeda led the ceremony with keynote speaker Energy Secretary Raphael Lotilla as well as honored guests Senator Pia Cayetano and Oriental Mindoro Governor Humerlito Dolor.



NEA Marks its 55th Year of Empowering Communities with the Country's 16 Millionth Consumer Connection

"If I had to choose one word which aptly encompasses NEA's year so far, it would be resilience," Administrator Almeda said in his remarks, noting the propensity of the agency to overcome past and present challenges in the rural electrification sector.

"The NEA of today prides itself as having evolved as an agency, which serves as a hub of our nation's various policies and actions not only towards rural electrification, but energy resiliency as well," he added.

The event coincided with the 15th National Electrification Awareness Month (NEAM), the annual recognition of the government's contributions to the rural electrification program towards economic development, especially in the countryside.



NEA Marks its 55th Year of Empowering Communities with the Country's 16 Millionth Consumer Connection

NEA and the Philippine Rural Electric Cooperatives Association, Inc. (PHILRECA) also held their annual convention. The 2024 NEA-EC Convergence featured a series of rural electrification forums running under the theme "ECs, Keep the Lights On."

Guest speakers included Commissioner Alexis Lumbatan of the Energy Regulatory Commission, broadcast journalist and businessman Anthony Taberna, and Gilas Pilipinas head coach Earl Timothy 'Tim' Cone.

This year's anniversary activities reaffirm NEA's dedication to improving the lives of Filipinos through reliable and sustainable energy. The agency's efforts continue to play a vital role in the nation's development, empowering communities and driving progress across the Philippines.





ON-SITE SWITCH-ON CEREMONY

16 Millionth Consumer Connection



SCAN ME





Guest of Honor Address

Gov. Humerlito Dolor

Oriental Mindoro



GUEST OF HONOR ADDRESS

Oriental Mindoro Gov. Humerlito Dolor



Good morning, everyone! Senator Pia, Secretary Lotilla, Administrator Almeda, to the honorable members of Congress who are here present, to the President and the CEO of Maharlika Investment Corporation, to the rest of the family members of NEA and DOE, electric cooperatives, stakeholders from the private sector, ladies and gentlemen, mabuhay po ang NEA. Mabuhay ang DOE. Mabuhay ang electric cooperatives. Mabuhay tayong lahat!

First and foremost, on behalf of the Province of Oriental Mindoro and our people, together with the governors of the different provinces of the country, I'm just lucky enough to be the only governor here present, probably because the 16 millionth connection comes from Mindoro. We extend our warmest congratulations to NEA on your 55th anniversary. Thank you also to Administrator Almeda that, despite I'm not part of the program, you called me yesterday and shared few words for today's event.

I'd like to summarize what I'm going to share with three phrases that are derived from the very letters of NEA. First is letter N, which stands for no one is left behind. With NEA, no one and nobody in the Philippines is left behind. All of us have only one dream in the energy sector, to make sure that the Philippines is 100% energized.

GUEST OF HONOR ADDRESS

Oriental Mindoro Gov. Humerlito Dolor



The priorities could be the big corporations, big establishments, big projects, but no one is left behind. And the 16 millionth connection energized comes from the farthest municipality of our province, comes from the farthest barangay of our province, and comes from a family of IPs. And as Governor and as a Filipino, I am very proud of it, as everybody is. Ibig sabihin, sa kagustuhan nating paratingin sa laylayan, kabundukan at kadulu-dulohan ang proyekto ng gobyerno para sa enerhisasyon, walang maiiwan. Whatever we think, we can realize.

The next letter is letter E, which stands for electric cooperatives, the heart and soul of rural electrification. ECs ang nasa gitna ng laban para makarating ang kuryente sa kadulu-dulohan. We are also at the receiving end ng lahat ng problema. I am 47 years old now, and I have spent 32 long years of my life in public service. Nine years as SK President, nine years as Board Member, nine years as Vice Governor, and now I am on my second term as Governor. I always hear the same problem over and over, management of ECs, generation, distribution. And Einstein once said, doing same thing over and over expecting a different result, is insanity.

GUEST OF HONOR ADDRESS

Oriental Mindoro Gov. Humerlito Dolor



For the past decades, we have been doing the same, management problem passing one after the other, generation problems, despite the fact that we have so many who are willing to invest from the private sector. And distribution problems, gustong maganda ang linya, ayaw naman magpa-charge sa EC ng para sa ating maintenance ng mga linya. Gustong maintained ang mga linya pero decapacitated ang mga EC para gawin ito. We have the same problems. At ang receiving end, kaming mga pulitiko, lalo na ako, ation problems, despite the fact that we have so many who are willing to invest from the private sector. And distribution problems, gustong maganda ang linya, ayaw naman magpa-charge sa EC ng para sa ating maintenance ng mga linya. Gustong maintained ang mga linya pero decapacitated ang mga EC para gawin ito. We have the same problems. At ang receiving end, kaming mga pulitiko, lalo na ako, kapatid ko ang General Manager ng electric cooperative.

I won by a landslide twice, despite the fact that I don't have Mayors. Congressmen namin, mga kalaban ko. But the ordinary people voted for me because of the belief that there is hope in Bonz Dolor.

GUEST OF HONOR ADDRESS

Oriental Mindoro Gov. Humerlito Dolor



But when my brother became GM the other year, the only issue I had in Facebook is 'pag nagba-brown out. Ang sabi ko sa kapatid ko, "Sa harapan, hindi kita babanatan pero kapag nasa bahay tayo, bunso ako, matanda ka sa akin, but I am still the Governor of the province, and you have to solve this problem." At alam ninyo kung ano ang pinakamagandang kombinasyon? Electric cooperatives together with local government officials and their congressmen. Hindi dapat pinapakialam ng pulitiko ang eleksyon ng ECs pero dapat kakampi ng EC ang mga pulitiko pagdating sa trabaho and rest assured, Governor Dolor is one of those who wish the best for the ECs.

Lastly, the letter "A." There is a saying that every organization is as good as its leader. Every organization is as good as its leader. And today, I am proud without a fear of objection that finally, nakita na natin ang leader na ito, and letter "A" stands for Administrator Nani Almeda. I have been a friend of Admin Nani for the past one and a half years. I have seen his heart. I have seen his dedication. And I know he knows what's the problem. And he's not stuck with the problem.

GUEST OF HONOR ADDRESS

Oriental Mindoro Gov. Humerlito Dolor



Administrator Almeda knows the solution. And it's very good that Secretary Lotilia is with him. The DOE family is with him. The energy family is with him. The good senator who is the chair of the Committee on Energy is with him. The House of Representatives is with him. The Maharlika Investment Corporation is with him. All the ECs are with him. The private sectors are with him. If all of us are with him, I think he cannot go wrong.

Every contribution of each and every one seated in this table will make the Philippines great again. And I call on all of you, let's not waste 55 years of the journey of NEA. Let's make the 55th year, which color is related to emerald green, the start of hope.

As I was talking to Administrator Almeda while I was sitting there, sabi ko sa kanya kanina, "Admin, let's not wait for tomorrow. You know the problem. We know the problem. We know the solution. Let's make it. President Bongbong is with you. And I think you're one of the best appointees of the President. If he's with you, Congress is with you, all of us are with you, then let's do it together. Because in doing it together, there is no way but keeping the lights on. Magandang umaga po! Happy anniversary! God bless NEA. God bless the Philippines!



Guest of Honor Address

Sen. Pia Cayetano

Chairperson
Senate Committee on Energy



GUEST OF HONOR ADDRESS

Sen. Pia Cayetano



Good afternoon! I'm delighted to be here and as I greet some people, I want to let you all know that it is genuinely a pleasure for me to join all of you and to meet you all. If I have the time to shake everybody's hand I would but I don't know if I can so I hope in my monologue, you can get to know me a little bit better, and after this, I will invite you all to visit me if you have, if there are things that I can do for you.

Before I proceed, I just want to thank our Secretary of Energy. I've been working very closely with Secretary Popo. He was actually my professor in Law School, and NEA Administrator Nani Almeda, thank you for the very warm welcome.

Fellow legislators and public servants, our electric cooperative representatives, it is a delight to join you all today so I want to tell you a little bit about my background, as was mentioned, I chaired the Senate Committee on Sustainable Development Goals Innovation and Futures Thinking.

GUEST OF HONOR ADDRESS

Sen. Pia Cayetano



It was actually my brainchild, the formation of that committee because we live in the time where we have the responsibility and the opportunity to build a sustainable world.

So that committee I chaired for five years, we recently had a reorganization so I'm not the chair anymore but it doesn't change my passion for sustainable development. Now, the committee is actually, Sustainable Development Goals Innovation and Futures Thinking. I want to tell you more about futures thinking because I think most of you know about sustainable development, so futures thinking creates this mindset where we are required to remove ourselves from the day-to-day pressing problems and think of future issues.

We must think of it in terms of 20 years, 30 years, one two or three generations away. It changes the way we think. When we think of today, we are only troubleshooting and it is a different part of our brain that works. I know this from experience because I'm a long-distance runner. I'm a triathlete. I have run and biked and swam in many areas of the country. When you're troubleshooting, it's quick reaction.

GUEST OF HONOR ADDRESS

Sen. Pia Cayetano



It's what happens when bigla kang hahabulin ng aso, you have to act quickly. That's a certain part of your brain that allows you to suddenly jump over tall buildings, climb high fences because it's a survival mechanism but when you are future thinking, when you are in a muni-muni, you go to Paris and it's full of fountains. They just stare at the water. Why? because you're now using a different part of your brain that allows you to leave the present and think of other things and you find solutions that way. So as a runner, I was always surprised that I had so many solutions to my Senate-related legislation while I was running while I was biking kasi nga ibang part ng brain is working when that happens.

So my point is, of course I'm encouraging all to be runners and bikers and to be fit, but my point is, futures thinking gives you that vehicle that we are required for those who are public servants like me, and for those who are responsible private citizens like many of you. We are required to think of the future, so that is my challenge now and that is the most important message I would like to leave all of you. We actually have funding, I have funding in DAP where LGUs and government offices can enroll and learn the process of future thinking so you can start planning, and so of course in this venue, we're talking about energy security, energy for all, reasonable prices, and so on and so forth.

GUEST OF HONOR ADDRESS

Sen. Pia Cayetano



I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity, in DAP, if you're a government official and if you're not, private citizens, companies can also enroll there and learn from it because there's no other way to think of energy but by way of futures thinking.

In fact, the problems we have today, I'm very new to the Committee on Energy, most of you know more than me, I am secure enough to admit that but I can tell you that it is quite clear to me that the problems we face in energy insecurity today is because of lack of planning and lack of dedicating resources in the last maybe 30 years. Do you agree? We could have done more. So what we, what I will face now as the Chairman of the Committee on Energy in the Senate for just a few months because we change every three years, we change leadership after re-election, and all that, the challenge I face today is not something that was created by Secretary Popo, kayong mga electric cooperatives today. No, this was created years and decades ago, and we're now working on these policies that hopefully will affect us today, but more importantly, and I think more effectively will have an effect 10, 20, 30, 50 years from now so that is how I see it and that is how I intend to go about it.

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I don't make promises about bukas I will solve this problem. I cannot because the policies I will work on have long-term effects so I want to congratulate NEA for this beautiful visual that we had about the electrification of the home of Lyn-Ay and her family. I'm gonna put down my notes just now and I want to also give you my own visual so on my left is the bracelet that she made and she put on my wrist, and on my right hand is new technology. Vince Dizon, who's here, is the one who introduced me to this it's called the "Whoop." It actually gives me, I use it as an athlete but it is also just a wellness gadget. It shows you your heart rate, your resting heart rate, your pulse oximeter, your pulse reading as an athlete. It shows me, and I'm an older athlete, I'm no longer 18, so it shows me when my stress level goes up, how much recovery I need the next day, how much sleep I need.

So on my left hand is the symbolism of tradition and culture, and on my right hand is technology, and this is how we need to look at the future. We need to look at the future with this in mind, we need to help our countrymen and women preserve the cultures that they were born with, that they love.

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Preserve our Filipino culture but never be afraid of technology and genuinely fight for the budget. Fight for the space to improve our access to technology and clearly without electrification all over the world, then we continue to create that inequality because then only those who have access to this will move forward and it creates that bigger gap which we don't want to see so I just simply want to tie in my passion for SDGs in this talk.

The Philippines is committed to integrate the Sustainable Development Goals into our national development plans and policies. I wanted all of you to realize that achieving total rural electrification, which is a step towards achieving SDG 7 - Affordable and Clean Energy, it affects so many other sustainable development goals and all of you have that opportunity to make a difference in these other sustainable development goals so I'll start with SDG 3, which is good health and well-being, so clearly our health facilities are dependent on electrification. So in the rural areas, the less access there are, the less access they have to good health and even habits that are formed through days and weeks of living a good healthy lifestyle is infringed when you don't have access to electricity. The future of health includes digital health and includes home care. Paano ka namang magho-homecare kung walang kuryente doon?

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Kawawa naman 'yung kailangan pang pumunta sa city para magpa-checkup dahil sa sariling bayan niya, walang kuryente. Hindi magamit iyong mga basic na ultrasound so it's a no-brainer, good health is tied into our desire for rural electrification.

Quality education, I don't have to elaborate the image of Jose Rizal studying by a lamp more than 100 years ago na 'yun and yet so many of our children have to deal with that. 6 o'clock madilim na sa Pilipinas. It's either mag-aaral sila nang may gas lamp o hindi na sila mag-aaral, so again that's a no-brainer.

Believe it or not, gender equality. I'll tell you why. I'll give you two reasons. Households run on women power, and obviously a woman's work is made easier by modern-day technology, which she cannot access if walang electrification. Mas mahirap ang buhay ng babae, ng nanay, ng lola 'pag walang kuryente so napaka-basic 'yan. Electrification will improve gender inequality, will help women do better at what we already do well. Most women have dual roles. We are mothers and we also work to help our families survive so with all these challenges, pampahirap pa 'yung walang kuryente doon sa lugar nila. They cannot even engage in home businesses because hindi naman maiuwi 'yung trabaho.

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I am delighted by the after effects of the pandemic, that now, there are more work from home opportunities for women all over the country, all over the world in fact, and yet kapag inisip mo na nakapag-aral nga siya but she has to leave her hometown. She has to leave and go to the city when otherwise work would be available at home. She could be working digitally then it deprives her family from having a mother who's working at home because walang access to reliable electricity, correct? So that is a major reason why gender equality is very much affected.

I'll give you another example, safety. Studies have shown that when you light up the streets, there are less incidents of abuse and violence, particularly directed to women and children. Imagine that, ilaw lang, mababawasan ang nare-rape. Nababawasan ang namamatay, 'yung mga violence on the streets, just by a light bulb. How can we live, how can we go to sleep knowing that our young women can't even walk home in safety, so these are challenges that we everyone here can help resolve by working together and making electricity available to all.

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The next few are quite obvious, SDG 8 is decent work and economic growth. Sinabi ko na 'yung example na decent work can be anything from being able to work from home. May electrical sewing machine kami, may computer ka, you can work from home. The LGU can put up a working station where people can work but can't do that without electricity.

SDG 9 is industry innovation and infrastructure. We must continually innovate and that is again back to the futures thinking that I mentioned, and finally SDG 11 is sustainable cities and communities. When I travel around the world, I'm in awe with how many countries, and I'm thinking, particularly in Europe but there are also Asian countries where they are really able to combine technology and preserve their culture and history. 'Yan iyong dream ko that we're able to coexist without forgetting who we are, preserving our history but at the same time, never being afraid to embrace these innovations and again all of that cannot be done without electrification, so I leave you all with those thoughts.

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It is important for us to know that by electrification, we empower the whole family. We empower the Filipino people and I'm one with you in achieving those goals. I am the new member of this society, and like I said, my job is policy making for the future.

I'm happy to work with all of you, come in small groups, not one by one, as in, hindi ko na siguro maaasikaso 'yung one by one, pero I'm very happy to hear your stories, your challenges, and the solutions.

I like listening to the solutions that come from you because I have my solutions as a mother, as an athlete, as an entrepreneur. I don't have the solutions of the electric cooperatives, the way you have, because you live it day to day. So on that note, Congratulations on the 55th Founding Anniversary, and I wish you all the best. And again, I am pleased and delighted to work with all of you. God bless you all.

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NEA Deputy Administrator
Technical Services



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NEA Deputy Administrator Ernesto O. Silvano, Jr.



Good morning esteemed guests, colleagues, friends and partners. It is a great privilege to be here today to discuss the substantial contribution of ECs in keeping the lights on. As some of you may notice, especially our guests from the NRECA, this year's theme, "ECs, Keep the Lights On, draws inspiration from NRECA's 2024 Power Exchange, which was held last March in San Antonio, Texas. NEA found that the theme is consistent with the vision of 100% total electrification. About a year ago, in this same room, I asked every one of you a challenging question, and I will ask it again. Will the dream of total electrification be achievable, or will it remain to be a dream?

As of June 30, 2024, the National Electrification Administration has successfully connected around 16.2 million member-consumer-owners across the country, which corresponds to about 81 million Filipinos served. A breakdown of the percentage of electrification by major islands is as follows: in Luzon, there's an energization level of 94%. In Visayas, energization level is at 91%, and in Mindanao, with 79% energization level. This translates to a total of 89% energization level across the country. The remaining unserved households of about 1.9 million are not without difficulties in achieving full electrification.

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This still remains 441,396 unserved households in Luzon, 381,136 in Visayas, and 1,091,080 in Mindanao. At an average of 450,000 consumers connected annually in the last three years, it would take approximately four years to meet 100% electrification, and a funding requirement of about 68.11 billion pesos more.

However, the most complex reality that needs a paradigm shift is with regards to how to connect these unlightened areas. Aside from the conventional sitio and barangay electrification programs, the key is to consider an all-out push for solar home systems. As we face the farthest mile, the most isolated house, the universal copper or aluminum wires are no longer the way to go. Solar home system is the key.

Despite these accomplishments, we have a long way ahead of us. Each one of us in this room are entrusted with the responsibility of keeping the lights on. This significant responsibility is accompanied by an equally sizable challenge. We face a dynamic energy landscape marked by increasing demand, climate change, volatility of prices in the world market, technological advancement, among others. These stumbling blocks defy our existing infrastructure and require innovative solutions.

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Despite these challenges, NEA, along with the 121 electric cooperatives, have risen to the occasion, demonstrating resilience and adaptability. They are committed to modernizing their systems and improving their operational efficiency. This commitment is manifested through the ECs participation in NEA's innovation, such as the Digital Dashboard Command Center, which is NEA's state-of-the-art system that allows for real-time data monitoring and analysis, and operational management, along with ensuring energy security and resiliency, and the Regional Procurement Hub, which aims to ensure availability and ease of access to equipment and materials, thereby strengthening the resiliency of ECs.

I would like to highlight one word in this year's theme, ECs, Keep the Lights On, and it is the word 'keep.' The frequent occurrence of natural calamities, disasters, brought about by force majeure events, such as tropical cyclones, affects the operations and services to all member-consumer-owners of ECs. With the allocation of the EC Emergency and Resiliency Fund or ECERF to NEA in the last five years, we can ensure the prompt restoration and rehabilitation of damaged EC infrastructure after a natural disaster, which also integrates the concept of Build Back Better to increase the resilience of our communities in the face of future challenges.

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Another notable practice since its establishment in 2002, Task Force Kapatid has been a powerful collaboration between NEA and the ECs. Through this partnership, we have been able to swiftly mobilize personnel and logistics to aid affected ECs in rebuilding their distribution lines after calamities, ensuring speedy restoration of power, and alleviating the challenges faced by rural communities. This activity continues to uphold the spirit of voluntarism and camaraderie as we work hand-in-hand to provide immediate relief and support to those in need. ECs are more than just service providers. They are integral parts of the areas they serve.

ECs are local institutions that understand the unique needs and aspirations of their consumer owners. They are committed to provide not only electricity, but also economic development, social progress, and improved quality of life. To quote NRECA CEO Jim Matheson, 'Electric is our business, but Cooperative is our identity.' A major example of cooperation among ECs is the donation of around 47,000 kilowatt-hour meters to ECs located in Muslim Mindanao. Other commendable CSR activities of our partner ECs are medical mission, cleanup drive, and community food giving, among others.

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In my 25 years of service with NEA, I have witnessed firsthand NEA's unwavering dedication and commitment in partnership with the ECs to provide reliable and affordable electricity to millions of Filipinos. As we look ahead, the future of ECs is bright. They are poised to play a pivotal role in the transition of a clean energy future. By embracing renewable energy sources and investing in energy efficiency, ECs can help mitigate the impacts of climate change and ensure a sustainable energy supply for generations to come. Moreover, the ECs are well positioned to leverage emergent technologies, such as Smart Grids to enhance their operational efficiency and improve customer service. These innovations will ensure, will enable them to provide more reliable and affordable electricity to their member-consumer-owners.

To ensure the continued success of ECs and their ability to meet the challenges of the future, we must work together hand-in-hand to invest in infrastructure that is to support investments in modernizing the electricity grid and expanding access to electricity in unserved and underserved areas.

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Promote renewable energy that is to encourage the adoption of renewable energy technologies and support policies that promote a clean energy transition. Foster innovation that is invest in R&D to support the development of new technologies and improve the efficiency of the electricity sector. Then strengthen partnerships.

Build strong partnerships between ECs, government agencies, and other stakeholders to address funding requirements and other recurring challenges and opportunities such as our partnerships with the University of the Philippines, Philippine Space Agency, and Maharlika Investment Corporation.

Let us all join hands and pursue the path of collaboration, innovation, and sustainability for the benefit of our communities and future generations. By embracing the principles of cooperativism and standing united, we can ensure that NEA and ECs will continue to contribute to inclusive economic growth and nation building, leading us towards a brighter future for all Filipinos.

Mabuhay ang bagong Pilipinas! Maraming salamat po!

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HIGHLIGHTS OF PLENARY SESSION 1

**LEADING & MOTIVATING
A TEAM EFFECTIVELY**

Mr. Earl Timothy
“Coach Tim” Cone



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Mr. Earl Timothy “Coach Tim” Cone



Renowned basketball coach Tim Cone delivered a compelling speech at the 55th anniversary celebration of the National Electrification Administration (NEA). His address transcended the boundaries of sports and resonated with universal themes of dedication, perseverance and growth.

Drawing from his extensive coaching experience, Cone underscored the significance of the journey to success, highlighting that while achieving championships is important, it is the process of overcoming challenges, building a foundation and creating a culture that truly defines the path to greatness.

“There's no shortcuts to a championship. There's only the long way, the hard way. You win based on effort, unmet focus and being brilliant at the little things. And I love that. It's not just focus. It's unmet focus. I mean, you have to have the highest level of focus. It's not just knowing the details or being attentive to details. It's being brilliant at the details,” he emphasized.

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Throughout his speech, the Gilas Pilipinas Head Coach outlined essential principles for effective leadership. He stressed the importance of establishing core values and integrating them into the organizational culture, highlighting the role of discipline and consistency in building a cohesive and successful team.

“Find out your four core values. Find out what is valuable to yourself and then try to bring it forward into your group. And once you start doing that, that's when you start building your culture. It's not an easy thing. It's a culture that needs to be lived daily, every day. You have to have the discipline to execute it every day,” Coach Tim said as he shared anecdotes of handling pressure and fostering a winning mindset during critical moments.

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“This is one of our favorite expressions, it’s not what happens to me that counts, it's what happens in me. It's not what happened to me, it's how we react to it. And this is a quote that we use for the players after coming off of losses. Again, it's not what happens to me, it's what happens in me. It's how we're gonna come back, how we're going to respond,” he added.

The Barangay Ginebra Head Coach also discussed the concept of 'Big Mo' or big momentum, emphasizing the importance of generating and sustaining momentum in sports and business endeavors. He shared insights on dealing with adversity, learning from failures, and maintaining a forward-thinking approach in the face of challenges, illustrating the resilience and adaptability required for long-term success.

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“This is what Phil Jackson says, and I think I learned this from him, and I think it's still my greatest skill in coaching. I'm all about moving forward. Just deal with what is and move forward. If it's in the cards, man, we are fortunate. If it's not in the cards, man, we are fortunate. We're going forward anyway. And so I think that is an absolute tremendous skill, especially in terms of dealing with adversity, dealing with failure, the idea of being able to move forward,” Coach Tim pointed out during the plenary session.

Being recognized as the Most Successful Coach in Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) history, Coach Tim Cone's enlightening address served as a guiding light for individuals seeking to navigate their paths to success, reminding them that true achievement is not merely about reaching the destination, but about embracing the challenges, lessons, and growth that come with the journey.



HIGHLIGHTS OF PLENARY SESSION 2

**Satisfying Customers with
Excellent Service through
Innovation and Tradition**

Mr. Antonio
“Anthony” Taberna



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Mr. Antonio “Anthony” Taberna



In a heartwarming and candid speech, Filipino broadcaster Anthony Taberna captivated the audience at the 55th Anniversary Celebration of the National Electrification Administration (NEA) with his personal anecdotes and words of wisdom.

Addressing the attendees with a warm greeting, Taberna began by expressing his gratitude for the opportunity to be present at the event. He acknowledged NEA Administrator Nani Almeda for the invitation and humbly introduced himself.

Taberna shared snippets of his upbringing in Nueva Ecija, emphasizing his humble beginnings as a farmer's son. He recounted humorous tales of his time caring for farm animals, drawing laughter from the audience with his engaging storytelling.

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Mr. Antonio “Anthony” Taberna



Reflecting on pivotal moments in his life, Taberna shared how a teacher's belief in him and encouragement to continue his education had a significant impact on his path. He emphasized the importance of perseverance and the role of mentors in shaping one's future.

Transitioning to his career in broadcasting, Taberna recounted his journey from being a working student in a radio station to becoming a well-known media personality, with stints on ABS-CBN and various programs. He also humorously touched on his brief foray into acting.

Delving into leadership principles, Taberna, who is also a businessman, shared insights on the distinction between being a boss, a manager, and a leader. He emphasized the importance of letting one's team shine and treating them with respect and fairness, echoing the sentiment that good leadership is about empowering others.

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Mr. Antonio “Anthony” Taberna



“If you are a good leader, you should let your people shine. Your people are number one so you treat them like it... sa inyong imbitasyon na nabasa ko, lights on di ba? so payagan po nating mag-lights on lagi pati ‘yung ating mga subordinates.” he said in his speech.

The “Dos Por Dos” radio program anchor touched on the significance of balancing work commitments with family time, reminding the audience that no amount of success can replace the value of quality time spent with loved ones. He underscored the importance of leading by example in both professional and personal spheres.

In his closing remarks, Taberna expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to address the NEA-EC community and left the audience with a message of positivity and gratitude, inspiring them to embrace their journeys with resilience, humility, and a steadfast commitment to family and leadership values.



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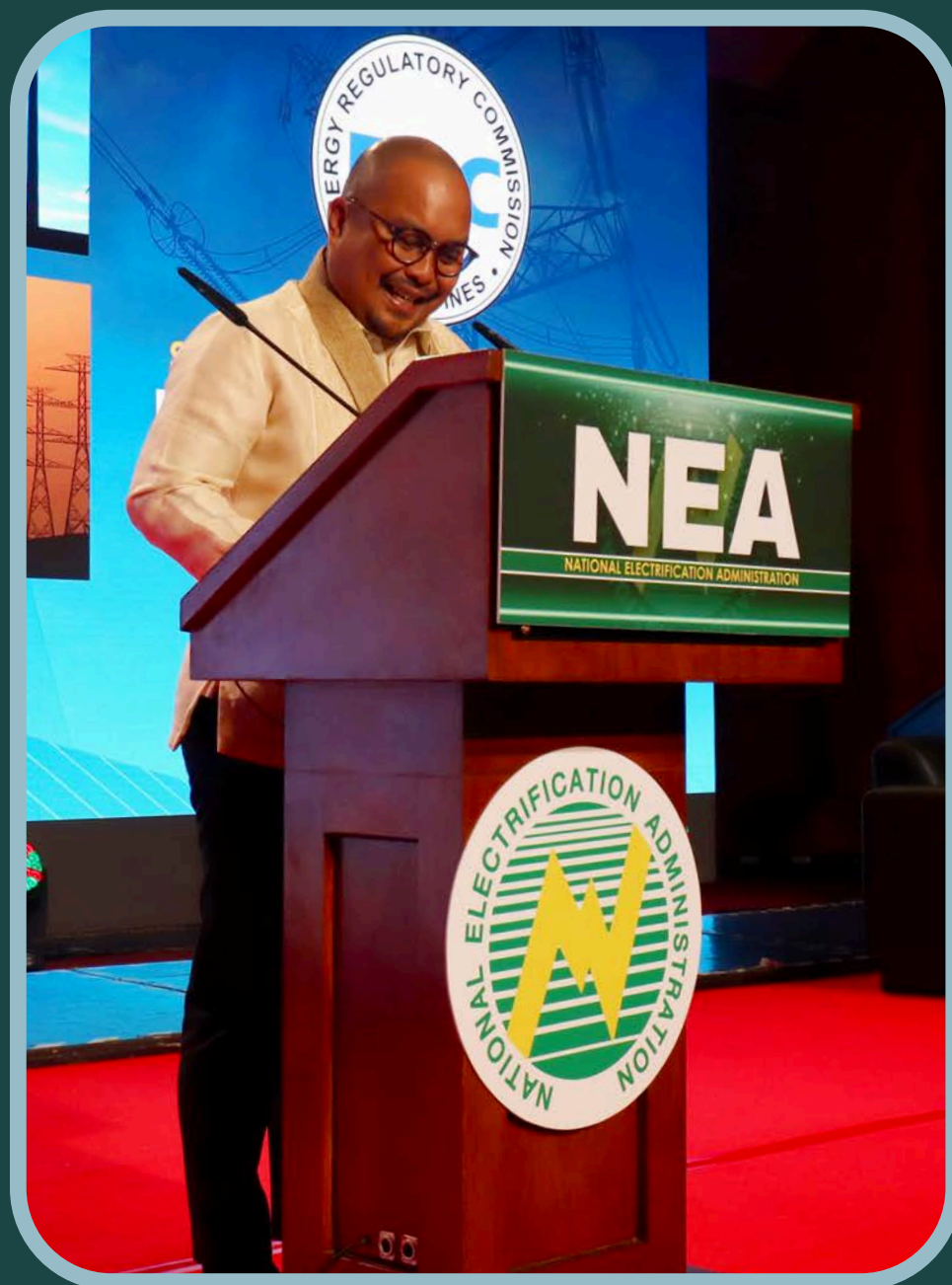
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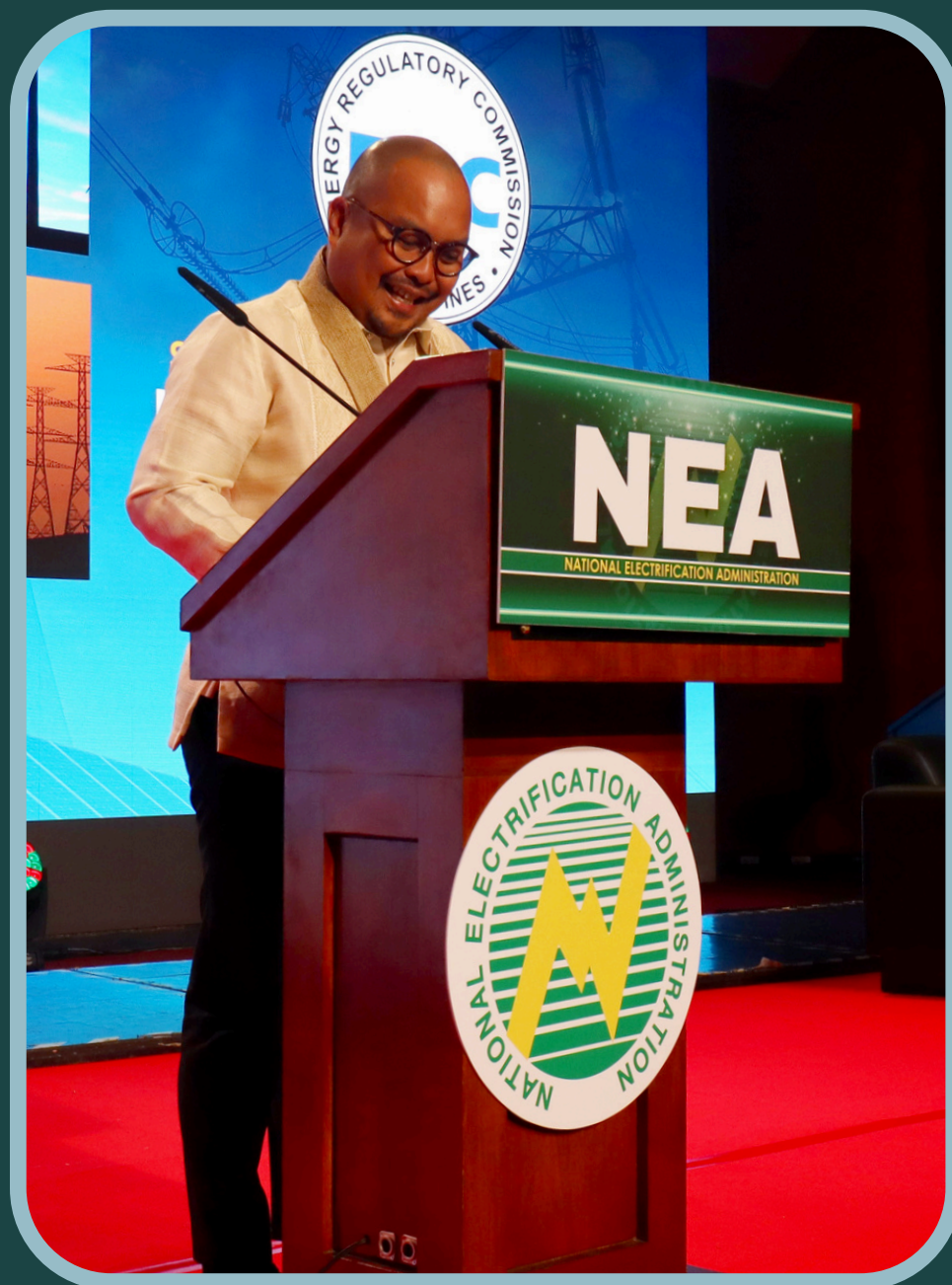


Sir Antonio Mariano "Nani" Almeda, from DOE, Asec. Mario Marasigan, the NEA Board of Administrators, Board of Directors, our beloved General Managers and Employees of the Electric Cooperatives, fellow public servants, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, good afternoon! Good afternoon po. I can't tell my own life story, it's too long and confusing. That's why I was tasked to give an update or probably refresh your memories of the regulatory function of the Energy Regulatory Commission.

On behalf of the Chair, I am presenting to you a brief presentation which hopefully can address your issues or probably your questions that you may ask today. And so if you may have questions later on, I have with me also Engineer Roland Rivera and Engineer Gerard Bobis to help us address your inquiries. Before I give the presentation prepared for the Chair, which I will be presenting today, I have likewise prepared a brief message for all of you who are here today.

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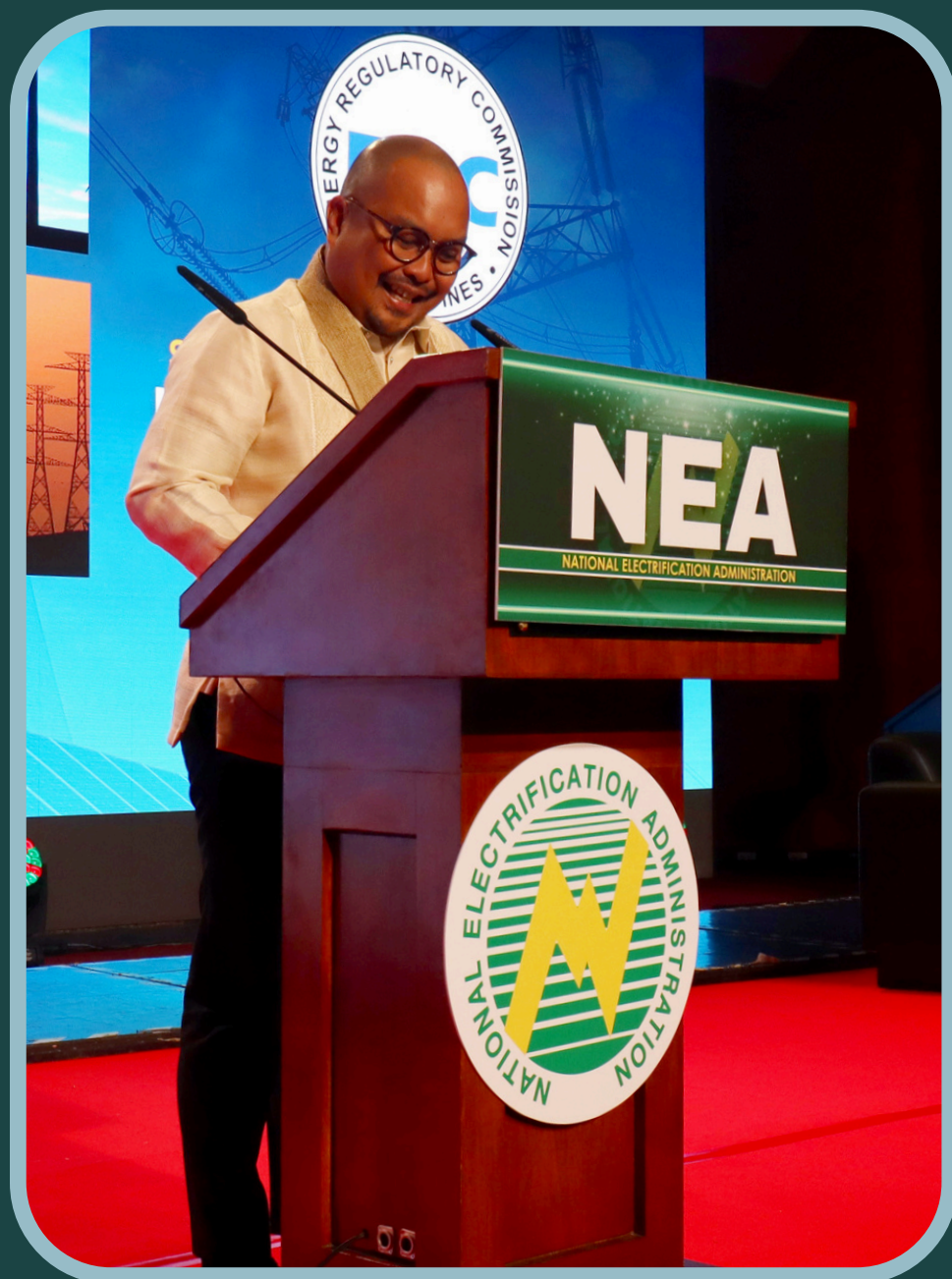
It is my great pleasure to be present in the National Electrification Administration's 55th Founding Anniversary. This year's theme is "ECs, Keep the Lights On," which is a testament to the thrust of NEA to ensure that it is the ECs' partner to strengthen rural electrification. This celebration serves so much more as it is also the 2024 NEA and EC Convergence. Convergence, the term connotes that it is the movement or tendency to move towards one point.

What I can say is that this does not happen as frequently. Hence, we take this opportunity so that we can exchange ideas, pick up learning from each other's experiences, and hopefully translate these into action, which will benefit our communities, especially the rural areas and the whole of the Philippines.

We, at the Energy Regulatory Commission are firmly committed in supporting the NEA on its 55th year and beyond, in rising above the challenges of rural electrification. For this, the ERC implements and crafts rules. But it is through the meaningful participation of concerned sectors, especially the electric cooperatives and the NEA, that these rules can be pragmatic and genuine to the realities of the electric cooperatives and the community's situation.

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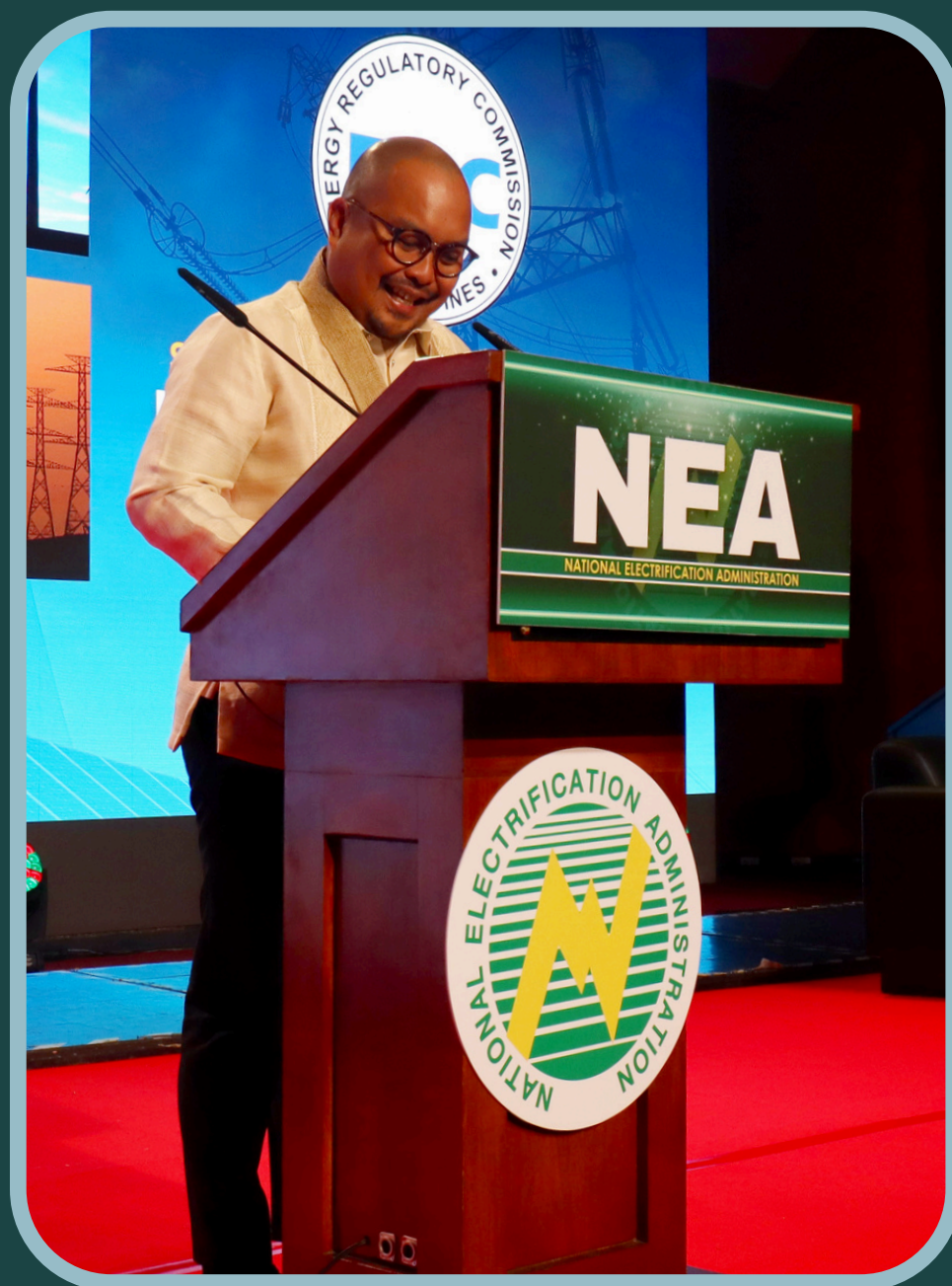


With that, I give NEA my heartfelt congratulations on their 55th founding anniversary. May you continue on your dedication in the service to the Filipino people. Let's give ourselves a round of applause, please. And so we begin with a presentation. I'll skip some parts of the presentation which may not be as valuable to you. Again, I am Alexis Lumbatan, one of the five members of the Energy Regulatory Commission. I joined the Commission in 2018, and each member gets a seven-year term. So hopefully I'll be retiring next year on July 10, 2025. The fundamental mandates of, let me, allow me to refresh my memories about the mandates and functions of the Energy Regulatory Commission. These are to promote competition, market competition, protect consumer interests, and penalize abuse of market power.

Our major functions are quasi-judicial, quasi-legislative, investigative, and enforcement. I will not go through one by one, as these, I think, are elementary to you. And just to give you a picture of the Philippine Energy Sector in numbers, these are the numbers given to us by the Department of Energy, and these data are updated as of June 2024. The ERC regulates an energy industry valued at P630 billion, comprised of the generation, transmission, distribution, and supply sectors. These sectors are continuously growing.

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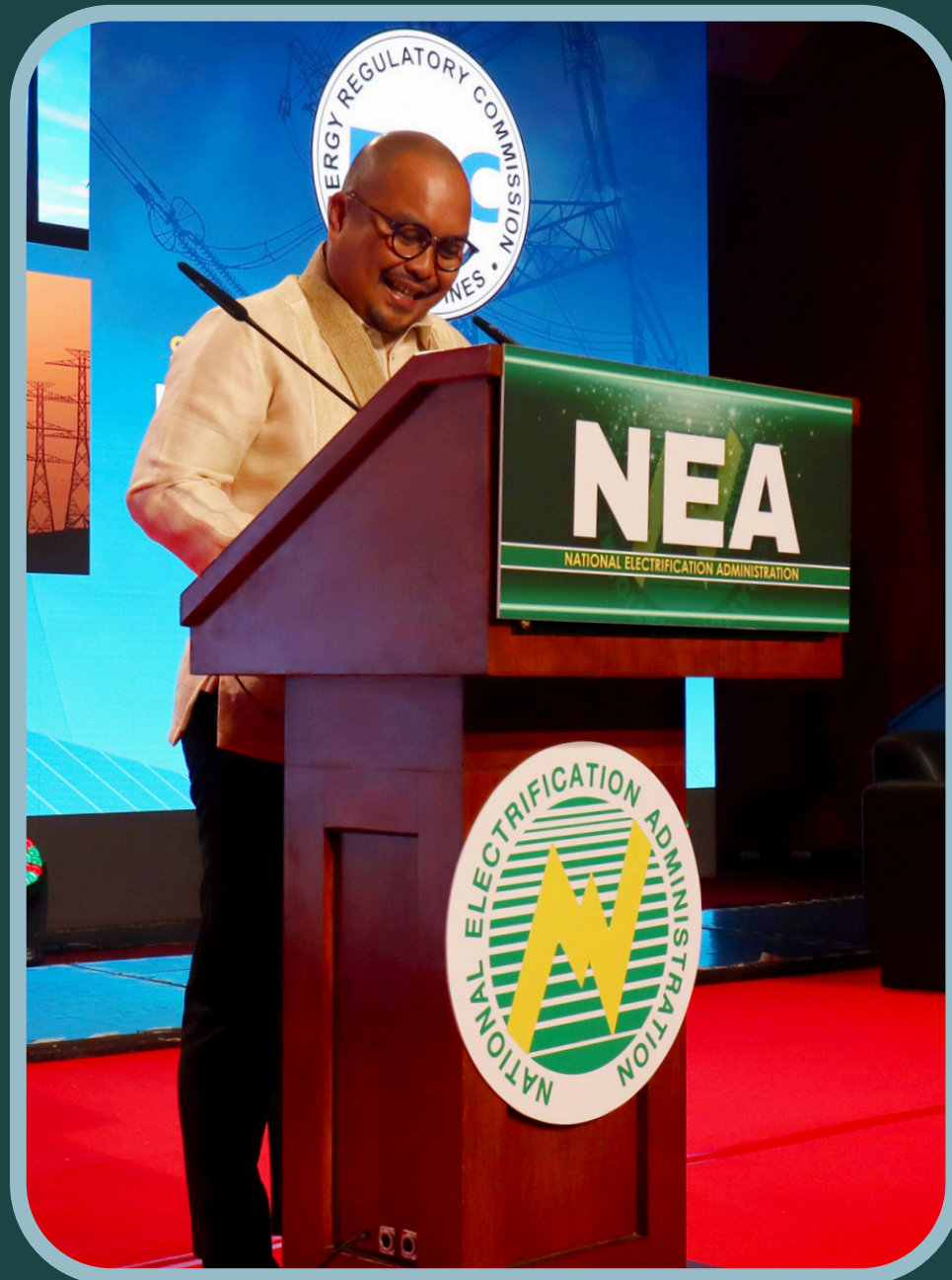


In its Philippine plan, 2030 to 2050, the Department of Energy targets 28 to 31 trillion worth of investments as part of its clean energy scenario. The Philippine energy sector is composed of the following stakeholders. 235 generation companies, or GenCos, operating 590 power plants, 298 of which are connected to the transmission or on-grid, while 292 are operating off-grid areas. These entities produce over 28,300 megawatts of capacity. There's one transmission concessionaire which is NGCP, operating 21,027 circuit kilometers of transmission lines, 48,801 MVA substation capacity, and with 357.7 billion in total equity. There are also 487 Wholesale Electricity Spot Market, or WESM participants, and a record of 288 intervals per day in a five-minute market. 142 distribution utilities, which of course involves electric cooperatives, with a total investment of P160.4 billion, and 123 retail electricity suppliers, 47 of which are ES, and 27 are local RES, and 49 suppliers of last resort, or SOLR.

The Philippine power supply mix, as of July 2024, coal is still the biggest contributor to our power supply mix at 46%, with 11,335 megawatts. Oil-based plants, representing 11.3%, with 2,795 megawatts. Natural gas, making up 13.3%, with 3,281 megawatts. And renewable energy, at 29.4%, amounting to 7,242 megawatts.

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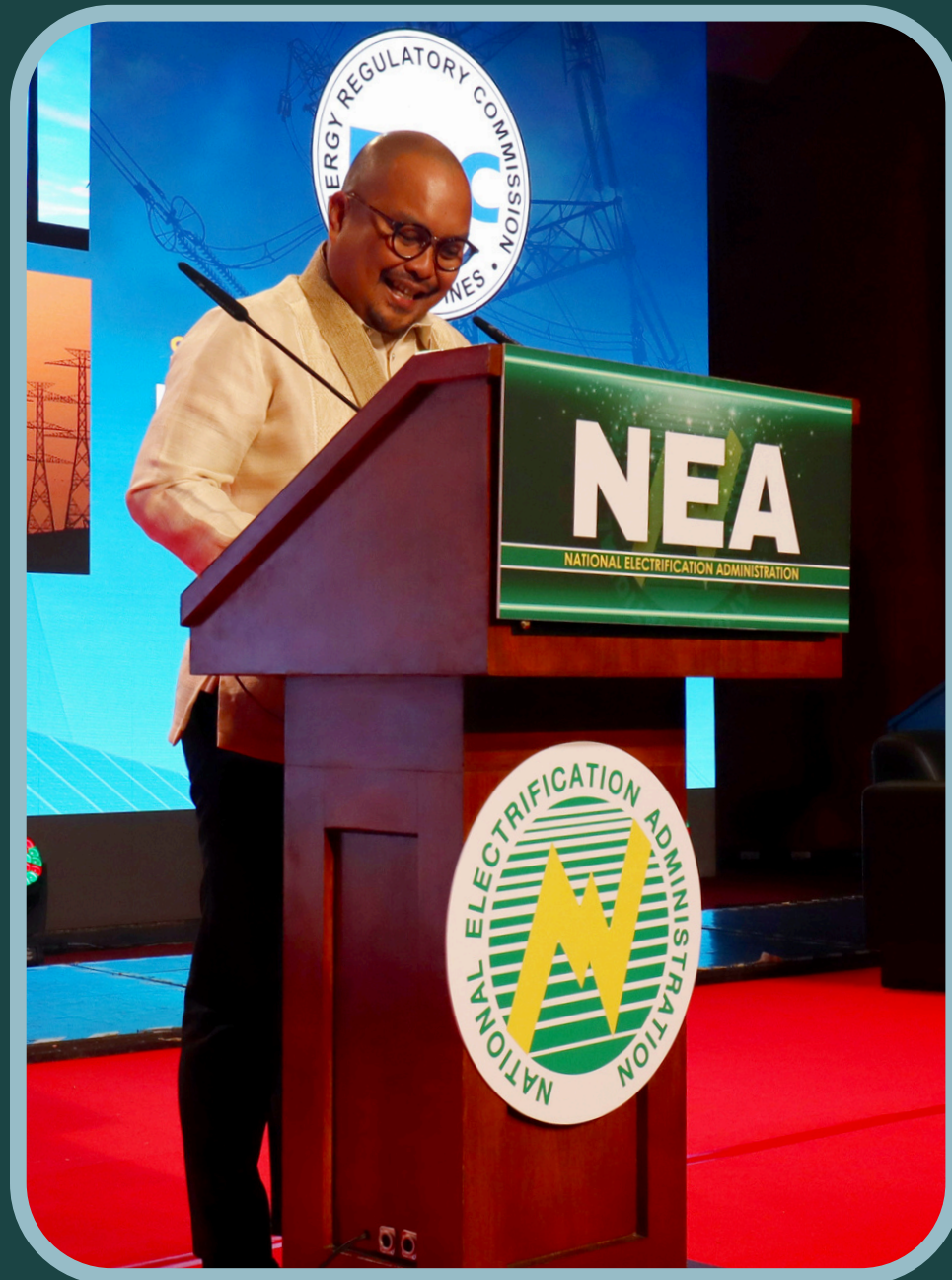


I'd like to report to you also the ERC accomplishments, and I'm showing you through these numbers. There are 2,100 decisions and orders. The lifeline subsidy rate, 287,867 registered lifeliners, 53 IECs conducted nationwide, and we likewise have imposed around 37.7 million worth of fines, and refunds worth P33.3 million. There is also a surge of 121% in net metering registration from 2022 to 2023. These materials, or this presentation that I am presenting to you, I will give to NEA, and if you wish to have a copy of these materials, you may obtain it from them.

We now move forward to the second part of my presentation, which are the game-changing reforms on energy security. As some of you may already know, the ERC had already implemented reforms that are changing the game in energy regulation. In line with the National Government's commitment to achieve the goals of the Philippine Energy Plan 2018-2040, our goal at the ERC is not to be the purveyors of artificial shortage in the delivery of electricity to our Filipino consumers. We need to streamline processes and prevent as much as we can the delays due to bureaucratic hurdles. And so we have come up with these undertakings as part of a bigger solution for these challenges.

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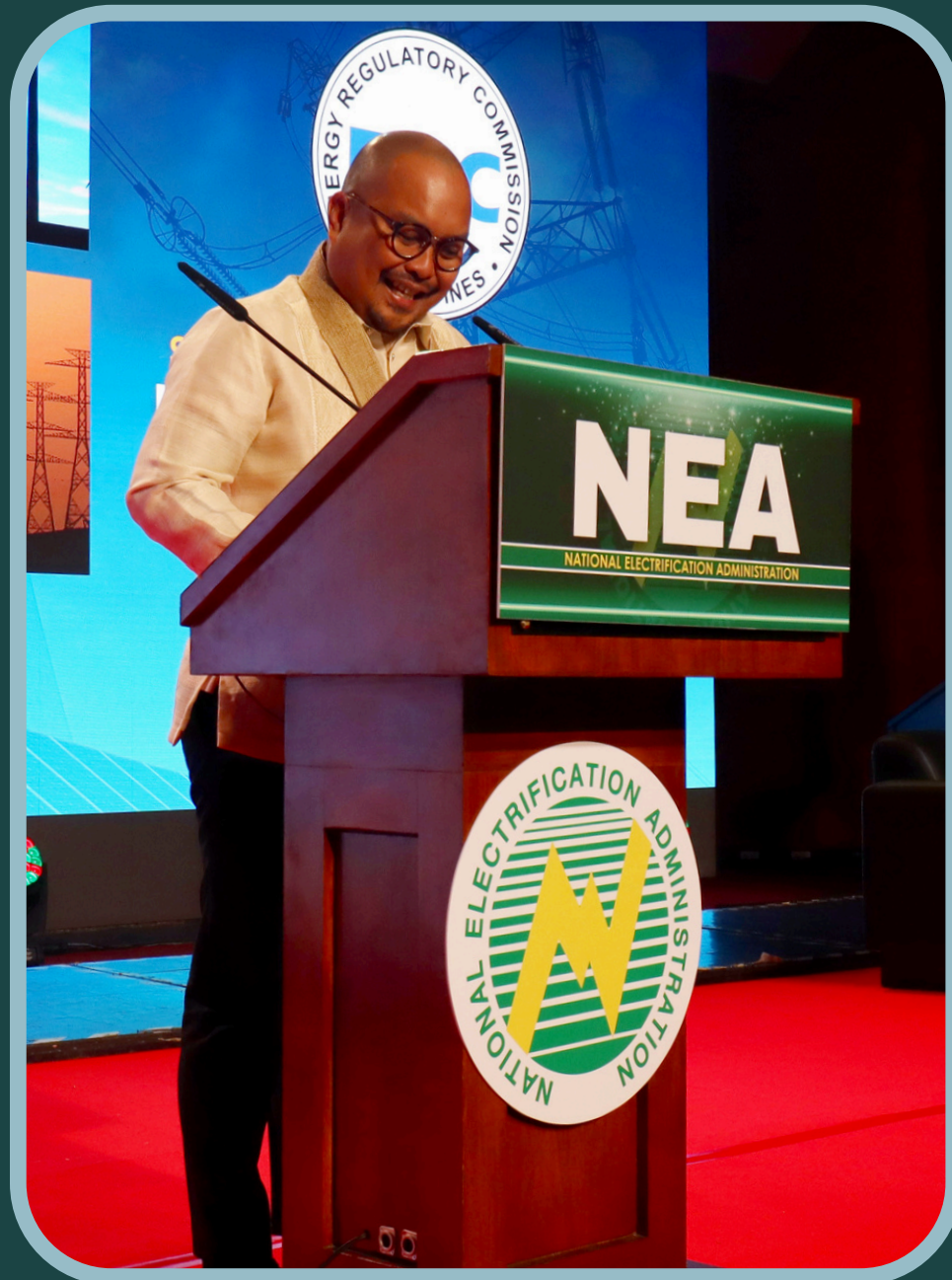


In 2023, although this will concern more the generation companies, but I would like to touch upon this particular part of the presentation just to give you the salient parts of the revised Certificate of Compliance or COC rules. This includes the introduction of non-expiring COCs. COCs or Certificate of Compliance required only for new generation facilities, eliminating the need for renewal. Because now the existing COCs need to be renewed every five years, but for those new plants, they need not renew their COCs as their COCs which will be issued by ERC will not expire anymore. Subject to the following conditions, entities must maintain valid underlying permits such as business permits and among others. This is also introduced to simplify procedures subject to meeting applicable conditions. And this also is conscious of our timeline set forth by the EVOSS law.

ERC issued the guidelines to govern power supply contracting of distribution for customers who are not yet able to procure their own supply. The CSP guidelines align with a 2023 DOE CSP policy to meet regulatory objectives, reinforcing the DU's responsibility under the EPIRA to determine the least cost method for electricity supply through either financial power supply agreements or PSAs or physical PSAs.

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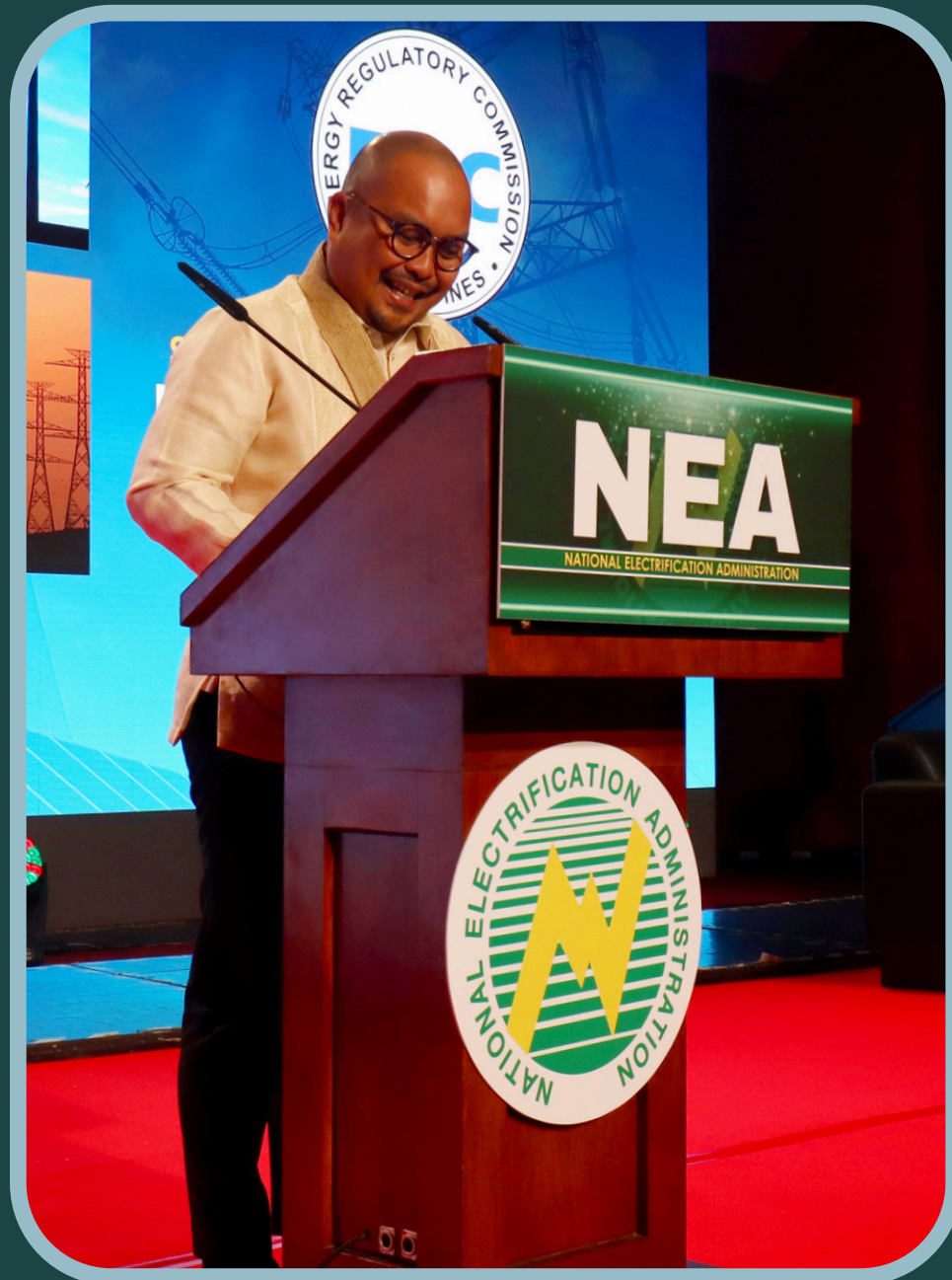


The following are the characteristics of the new CSP guidelines, Facilitate an enabling environment for the market to achieve an optimal fuel mix. The application of the CSP guideline is pertinent in this context as it imposes limitations on the contract terms of power supply agreements. The CSP guidelines or guideline prescribes maximum terms for specific PSAs like for example, emergency PSAs which is only up to one year, financial PSAs up to ten years, physical PSAs fifteen years and PSAs involving renewable energy plants twenty years. This ensures an optimal energy mix by providing incentives for RE plants to contract up to twenty years. Non-RE contracts have shorter maximum periods allowing parties the flexibility to enter into possibly RE contracts in shorter time frame, avoiding long-term commitments to RE contracts.

Second characteristic would be improve the delivery of energy by coordinating investments in generation, transmission and distribution. The relevance of the CSP guideline lies in its streamlining of energy delivery processes and provision of contract templates. Third and finally, institute transformative reforms to reduce the cost of electricity.

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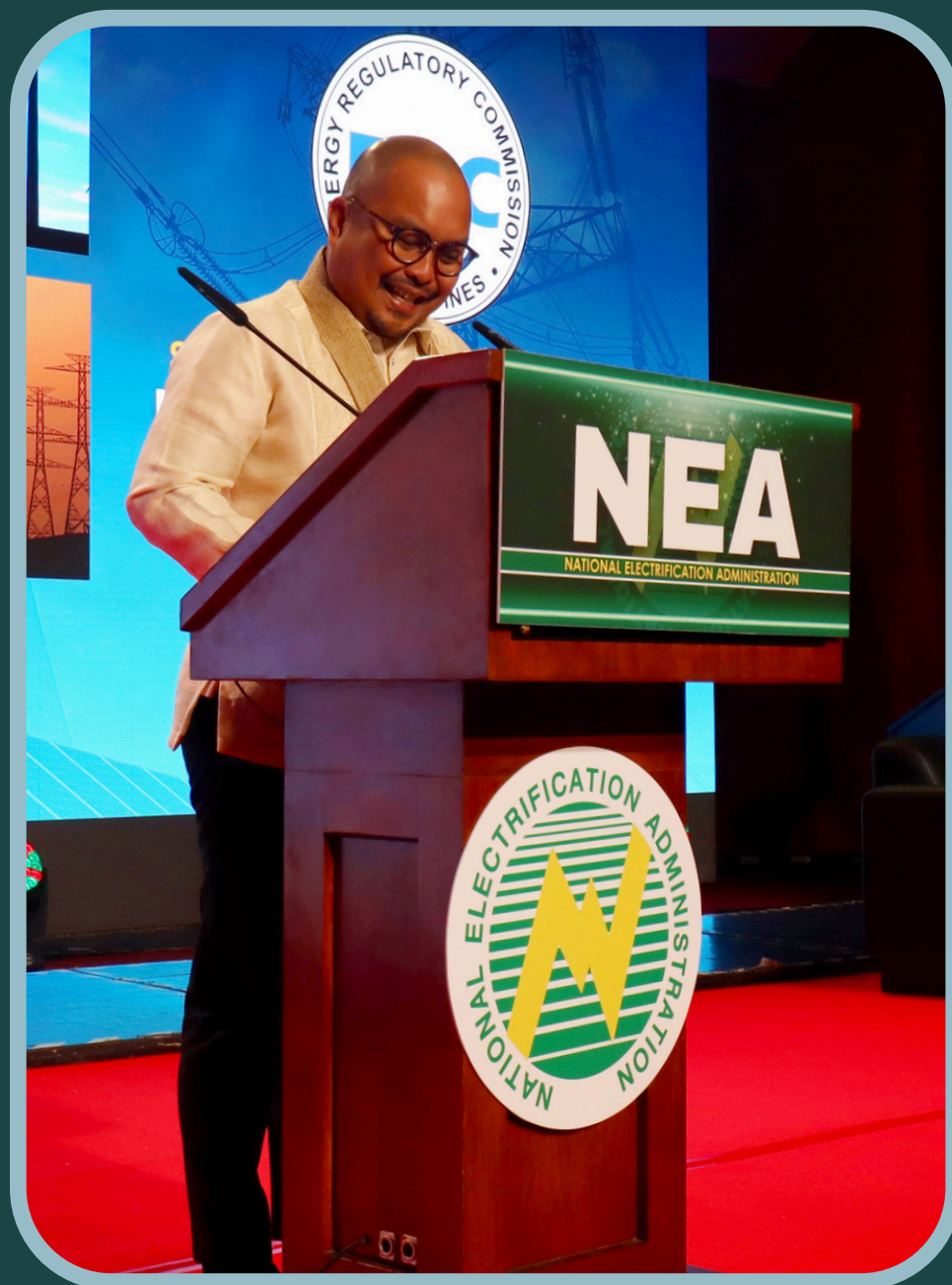
A transformative reform is evident in the new CSP guideline where DUs can opt for financial contracts and what is a financial contract? Financial contracts are non-power plant specific agreements with a fixed tariff structure for the entire contract term.

Importantly, fixed tariff remains constant despite inflation or changes in the price of coal or gas resulting in long-term cost effectiveness. And this stands in contrast with physical contracts, which are plant-specific agreements allowing adjustments based on inflation and the cost of coal and gas.

We now move forward to pushing the envelope on energy affordability. In today's rapidly evolving energy landscape, ensuring that all Filipinos have access to affordable energy is more critical than ever. Energy affordability is not just a matter of economic necessity, but also of sustainability. As the ERC is duty-bound to continuously innovate and implement updated regulatory strategies that are reflective to needs of both energy stakeholders and consumers, we have been following measures to ensure that electricity costs remain fair and reasonable.

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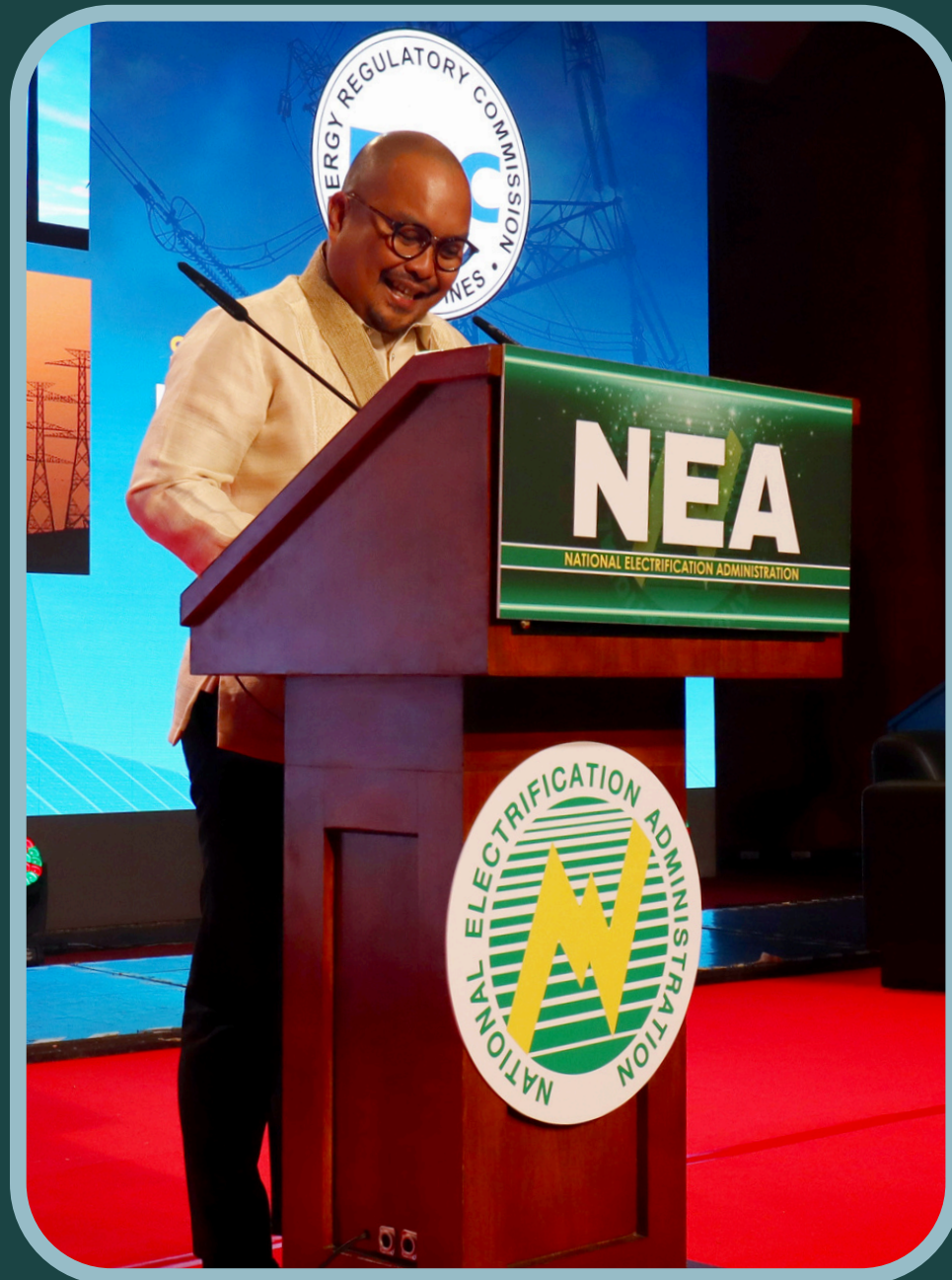


We have also undertaken fuel cost audit and the issuance of provisional authorities for power supply agreements for the electric cooperatives and the distribution utilities to refrain from entering into EPSA. We also have undertaken the anti-bill shock program. I'm sure you are familiar with this. This actively promotes and supports, actively promoting and supporting Land Bank of the Philippines' Anti-Bill Shock Lending Program or the assistance to narrow and trim down incremental power cost increase via bridge financing initiative of Land Bank to lower and spread out hot summer-triggered monthly consumption on consumers' electricity.

We now move to realizing the goals of energy democracy. We have, on August 28, yesterday, we have promulgated the Omnibus Rules for Customer Choice. We also have partnerships with LGUs and other agencies to promote Net Metering Program and distributed energy resources. We likewise have been starting with our open commission meetings where stakeholders can observe the commission deliberation of the ERC and consumer empowerment programs.

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We in the ERC have been going around the country to conduct continuing regulatory education for the stakeholders. And we hope that when it is time for the ERC to be around your franchise area, we encourage your participation so that if you have questions or concerns, it may be addressed right away by the commission.

With this, ladies and gentlemen, I conclude the presentation or update on the affairs of the Energy Regulatory Commission. And again, we will be going around visiting electric cooperatives in coordination with the National Electrification Administration to undertake educational drives or to brief you about the new rules of the ERC. And so, we now proceed with the question and answer portion. May I ask Engineer Ronald and Engineer Gerard to join me here up stage for the question and answer portion. Please, if you have questions, you may ask it now. And if it will require for us to refer to the respective services or concerned services, please give us time to respond to you and maybe reduce it into an email and send it to us, and we will promptly address your concerns right away. Thank you again and good afternoon.



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Atty. Rossan Rosero-Lee: One of the concerns is the petition on the proposed other charges, such as reconnection fee, service fee, disconnection surcharges on overdue counts. This was a workshop conducted by PHILRECA on August 22 and 23. So specifically, the query that we are going to throw to our panel here from the ERC is, are there proposed modifications to ERC resolution No. 14, series of 2022 that is for the true-up mechanism or over and under recoveries as well as issues on the discontinuing of collection of other charges, which I have mentioned, which was the crooks of the workshop that was initiated by PHILRECA a week ago.

Atty. Alexis Lumbatan: Atty. Krisia, who is our director for Legal Services, told us that 'yung existing other charges will be continuously charged by the electric cooperatives for one year and then within that one year, they must file their application para sa adjustment nito. Well 'yung mga SCOs po na inissue ng ERC speaks of two violations. One is charging unappropriates and secondly is failure to file application within one year so kailangan po talaga magfile ng EC ng application nila for the other charges so that there will be an avenue for them to provide and submit justification with these other charges.

Engr. Roland Rivera: Good afternoon, Roland Rivera from the Regulatory Operations Service of the ERC. With respect to the Resolution No. 14, series of 2022, currently, we're on the final stage of drafting the proposed revisions on the

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rules. We already conducted the public consultation last July and we're on the final revisions and the version of the addressing the comments and issues of the electric cooperatives and other DUs.

Atty. Rossan Rosero-Lee: Surely, that's a welcome update on our electric cooperatives, but let me just go back to the other charges. I remember when I was making some personal exchange with our electric cooperatives, they really are very concerned on these other charges. As you mentioned, Commissioner, there have been several electric cooperatives that were issued with the show cause orders and because of there has been no resolution or policy whatsoever from the ERC, many of these show cause orders dates back. So the fear of our electric cooperatives is that what happens now if the ERC would direct or instruct them or mandate them to return or whatever, but it's reprieved to know that you, as you just stated, they have one year to apply for these other charges. So what happens to those show cause orders that were already issued to the electric cooperatives?

Atty. Alexis Lumbatan: Well they just have to respond and explain their side as far as the show cause orders are concerned. The Commission is not, of course we are applying the rules, but if there is a room for liberality in the evaluation of these explanations submitted by the electric coops pursuant to the SCOs issued against them, the Commission is conscious of the predicament of the electric cooperatives.

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Aside from the other charges and issues, there are other important concerns being raised by the electric cooperatives. In the past Commission meetings, when we discussed these issues, hindi naman namin kinukwenta na per day, one violation, we appreciate it in a bigger picture and of course in the light of the explanation that they have submitted to the Commission. So we urge the electric cooperatives, when you submit your SCOs, you just have to be candid and you have to put everything for us to get the whole picture and appreciate where you are coming from when you try to explain the SCOs, not only for the other charges, but for the other possible violations that they may have committed.

Atty. Rossan Rosero-Lee: Well, I hope all our ECs who are here now and have concerns relating to this issue will be able to be guided by what the good Commissioner here is telling us. Because, Commissioner, we are very aware of the prevailing issues over these electric cooperatives on the imposition of fees that are in reality normal part of its operations, but were not specifically included in the ECs allowable charges. So again, I refer back to the Senate hearing that I attended and I was really just beside Chair Mona. That was presided by Senator Mig Zubiri. Spare me to not mention the specific electric cooperative, but ang reklamo po ng LGU executive is that this electric cooperative is imposing a fixed charge in their contract, to which Chair Mona quite reacted, it took her in surprise that there are this. But accordingly, as I mentioned earlier, these are feedbacks from our electric cooperatives.

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It has become part of their normal operations. So what do you think can the ERC do? Formulate a policy? Come up with a policy or an advisory in order to help us, our electric cooperatives and how to deal with this, considering that for a long period of time, they might have been doing this without, of course, any malice of violating any existing ERC regulation or resolution.

Atty. Alexis Lumbatan: I am pretty sure that there is no intention on the part of the electric cooperatives to commit something or to do something which is in gross violation of the basic principles and policies laid down by the DOE and the Energy Regulatory Commission. I get inquiries from time to time from general managers whom I have met before, whom I have known already. 'Comm, pwede ba, may concern kami sa ganito, ang taas-taas ng line rental namin, pwede n'yo kaming matulungan dito.' So what we ask them to do is to write us a letter so that there is something formal which we can refer to the respective services and for the services to evaluate their concern specifically for the particular electric cooperative. But if this will take a lot of time and resources on the part of ERC, probably NEA will have a bigger role to play to collate all these issues or practices may be undertaken before and which may now seem to be not in consonance with the rules. That's why aside from those which are laid down during public consultation, bukas po ang pintuan ng ERC kay NEA para po mapag-usapan po ang mga bagay na ito. We would rather that we have that dialogue dahil mabilis po 'yung aksyon ng komisyon.

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Hindi naman po sinasabi na kapag tag-isa-isang ang pag-raise ng bawat electric cooperative ay natatagalan. Hindi ho nalalaman na ang issue po pala ay shared by many of the electric cooperatives. That's why 'pag nag-issue kami ng SCO, isa-isa rin ang pagpasok nung explanation nila and when the legal service or ROS present the matter to us, it would seem to us, na parang unique lang siya doon sa electric cooperative dahil tag-iisa lang o tagda-dalawa 'pag umaakyat sa commission deliberation. But when we see the whole picture that really what to us is a problem seems to be a practice which has been accepted or which has been done over the years and which I think has to be corrected or clarified. So kaya mas maganda na kung buo nang iprisinta sa komisyon para mapag-usapan natin.

Atty. Rossan Rosero-Lee: Yes, that would be indeed a welcome thing for all our electric cooperatives who are affected by this concern. Now, let me just ask you candidly, Mr. Commissioner, regarding this particular issue or concern, is the ERC, aside from what you have mentioned that you are conducting consultations, if I may call it that way, developing rules on matters affecting other charges to ensure strict regulation over distribution rate system, particularly probably for the longest time during the existence of the electric cooperatives since the inception of their of their existence. Would that mean now, Mr. Commissioner, that this has to be specifically covered by an ERC policy and is the ERC now planning on making a uniform rates not only on this particular disconnection or reconnection but as to all other charges that an electric cooperative may impose?

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Atty. Alexis Lumbatan: These things are studied by the respective services of the commission and the public consultation as a matter of requirement for due process and as an integral part of the quasi-legislative authority or exercise of its quasi-legislative authority acknowledges the importance of the views of all electric cooperatives. There might be a classification which is justified for a policy not to be applied to all, but basically if ERC comes up with rules, it does not distinguish, but probably we can do that, but there are certain thresholds or conditions which should be satisfied by, of course, this classification and participation of the electric co-ops is very crucial at this point. So aside number one, public consultation is a requirement of our exercise of our quasi-legislative function and secondly, not only to satisfy the due process requirement, but we want to know if we're going on the right track, if you're adopting the right regulatory policy for adopting particular rules. So when it comes to disconnection or reconnection, it is important to explain properly to ERC the costs imposed on consumers.

Atty. Rossan Rosero-Lee: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Commissioner. Kasi matagal na ito na issue and I think this just blew up very recently and yet the practice has already been done by almost all electric cooperatives in the entire country.

Atty. Alexis Lumbatan: Towards the end of the year, we will go full throttle on this one kasi ngayon lang po we are just caught up with the reset of NGCP and Meralco and the other distribution utilities, PDUs, members of the first entrant, but we will be concluding our reset very, very soon, probably around September,

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so we will be able to focus more on these things, especially the issues raised by the electric cooperatives. I'm not saying that the issues concerned are sidelined, they are being evaluated as we speak, but it will be deliberately deliberated in the commission level at the soonest possible time.

Atty. Rossan Rosero-Lee: But on behalf of our electric cooperatives, do we get a reprieve for a year on those show-cause orders that the commission has already issued?

Atty. Alexis Lumbatan: Ma'am, if there is a letter which justifies for the reprieve to be given by the electric cooperatives, probably we can sit down. I myself will commit to that and will identify myself to any endeavor to sit down with the electric cooperatives regarding this one. Ang pinopoblema namin, we are undermanned. Kaya nga sinasabi namin sa mga, like for example IAD, ADJU ng ERC, ng ROS, sabi ko, andami nating ina-approve ng mga SCO, paano n'yo ine-evaluate ito? Habang tumatagal, so if there is something that, like for example imposition of charges, tapos hindi natanggap ng electric cooperatives ang SCO, nag-comply sila, nag-submit sila on time, pero naaksyunan ng ERC ilang buwan pa o baka one year after pa, natin at na-deliberate, eh 'yung counting ng penalty papaano 'yun, so 'yun po 'yung nagiging problema namin, but we are not unreasonable naman, so I hope we could have the dialogue soon with stakeholders, representatives from the electric cooperatives, of course from NEA to be able to lay down and

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draw where we are going forward with this one, kasi medyo maluwag na ho kami in a month's time para po sa concern na ito, and nakasasabi din po ni engineer na we have just concluded with a public consultation and we are in the final phases of the preparation of the advisory or resolution, amending the previous resolution, and I would like to think that this should embody those compelling issues being raised by the electric cooperative, and as soon as I get hold of that draft resolution, I will personally confer with admin, and probably with you if you have any additional inputs on the resolution. Because you'll see from your view what's more important, but more compelling. And maybe they were raised during public consultation, but it wasn't elaborated enough or the ERC wasn't captured enough. So maybe we can do that. Because no matter what the draft will be, that's our final and it won't be amended or fine-tuned or clarified. So I think that would be a great avenue for us all. So to sit down on, before we deliberate on the final resolution, I'm bending the previous one.

Atty. Rossan Rosero-Lee: Thank you so much, Mr. Commissioner. Our electric cooperatives here, so when the ERC goes around for the consultation, we just hope that you'll be actively participating and attending those consultations. So that, because Commissioner, peculiar, although common, because that's the other charges. Except that I think there is no specific or definite ruling or resolution issued before by the ERC on this matter. We are on top of this and we want to make sure that the ERC is not arbitrary.

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Commissioner Alexis Lumbatan: We are on top of this and we want to make sure that the ERC is not arbitrary. So we're opening our minds and even our hearts so that we will be able to strike a balance between the previous practice and the moving forward also. So I hope we will be able to come up with a resolution which will embody the concerns of the electric cooperative and also to embody also our mandate, protection of consumers.

Atty. Rossan Rosero-Lee: That's a very comforting assurance from you, Mr. Commissioner. Now, so let's leave that behind, considering that it is now being taken into consideration by the commission. I go to another concern. This is in regard to the increase of the national government subsidized approved generation rate application of NPC on the possible impact on the rates to the consumers, which you might probably know that this is quite opposed by our ECs and some LG uses, specifically on our off-grid areas, which are going to be affected in the event that the commission approves the application of the National Power Corporation. Is there anything concrete that the ERC is doing in terms of the possible impact on the power rates of the off-grid customers and on UCME as well, which is being shared among all customers nationwide?

Atty. Alexis Lumbatan: Yes, there is a pending application by NPC and we have conducted, NPC has made expository presentations in the areas concerned. The ERC, we found it very important for us, commissioners or members of the commission, to be at these hearings. So I was able to go to Siquijor, Camotes, Cataduanes to participate or to preside over this application.

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And you can see, we can sense that some electric cooperatives and LGUs are opposing this. And number one, may nagsabi pang isang LGU, sabi niya, pwede bang next year na aksyunan iyong application?

Dahil parating 'yung election eh, nadadamay kami diyan sa increase ng kuryente, and which I think is true. So, ini-explain ko during the expository presentation na hearing. This is an application by NPC, a national agency. This has nothing to do with the LGU. Of course, pinipresentan ng NPC why there is a need for it to ask for an increase for the subsidized straight or SAGAR. Tinitignan namin ng mabuti 'yung application because now they're asking for two rates. One is for residential, the other is for commercial industrial, no? So, pinapa-justify namin sa kanila 'yung application nila. And the basis also of their increase, the data that they are relying upon is, ang nakukuha nila, regional. So, ang sinasabi ng iba, like for example, sa Siquijor, why will you rely or base your increase on data which is regional in nature? Eh, kami sa Siquijor malayo kami sa kasama, at the time, region seven pa yata sila. Hindi kami katulad ng, for example, Dumaguete, iba 'yung purchasing power ng konsumanti ng Dumaguete, iba 'yung sa Bohol. Samin dito, malayo, kasi ang baba-baba namin, dati walang airport, we're recovering from the pandemic. Unlike those who are on grid, madali sinang makabangon, eh kami, isolated kami. So, yun yung sinasabi din namin kay NPC, you have to justify, because if you want that a particular rate be applied for this particular franchise area, the data that you should be using will come from this particular area. Wag grid yun, kasi hindi ma-justify yan. So, yun yung medyo nuances na nakikita namin, but the NPC undertook to provide the information.

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The, all the members of the commission actually went around and presided over these hearings nationwide. So, I'm not certain as, dahil, of course, magdi-deliberate pa kami, we're not certain kung how much ang ibigay na-increase, when, so sabi ko nga, depende sa timing, timing nung increase, but I would like to think that we are in the final stages of the evaluation. So, we are, of course, we encourage, ngayon naman kasi barang may general order of default, eh, kada hearing namin, but a lot of the LGUs and some of the electric cooperatives also undertook that they will file their opposition, and of course, we will consider all of that, and we will see probably, and I can see, during the question and answer, they propound the same questions, if it's not the same questions, it's the same context. So, we will be able to identify yung mga penultimate issues nila, and then, ibabangga namin 'yun sa justification ng application.

Atty. Rossan Rosero-Lee: Well, allow me to ask this, Mr. Commissioner. Is the ERC working on a fixed time frame in coming up with a decision by way of an ERC resolution to this application of the National Power Corporation?

Atty. Alexis Lumbatan: I cannot really anticipate. We, the ROS and LS, will come up with a recommendation, a memorandum to come up to the Commission, and from there, we will deliberate on it.

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Kaya nga po, sabi ko, kung anong 'yung time frame n'ya, or is it going to be facing 'yung increase, gagawin natin kung pagbibigyan ng ERC ang NPC. So, at lahat po na mga bagay na yun, magiging bahagi dun sa decision or resolution ng application ng NPC for SAGAR increase.

Atty. Rossan Rosero-Lee: Now, just allow me to ask this, Mr. Commissioner. Of course, we are all aware that this possible increase of the SAGAR will surely give way or be a factor to diminishing the subsidy or eventually the elimination of the same as envisioned in EPIRA. Is this the direction that the Commission is taking?

Atty. Alexis Lumbatan: The claim of NPC actually is, their concern is, that they deplete the UCME so that they need to fill the fund. But I may be mistaken but I don't see, I don't recall any allegation in the application that the purpose or end of this is ultimately to do away with UCME. I don't know if there may be some other way we will leave it to DOE, but when it comes to policies or funding, we may not be able to answer that. We in the ERC will be confined with the allegations of the application. So that's it. The prominent thing that they are saying is, the fund is lacking, where the subsidy is being used because the true cost of generation is too high.

Atty. Rossan Rosero-Lee: I just hope on behalf of the electric cooperatives that the Commission will be able to strike a balance, especially that the electric cooperatives which will be affected by any increase in the SAGRA are our

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isolated electric cooperatives which surely are not so, more of the connections are residential. There might be some commercial spurring in our island electric cooperatives but surely the bulk of this will be the residential consumers of our island cooperatives.

Atty. Alexis Lumbatan: That will be the challenge of the Commission now in resolving the application. Well, NPC's application will sink or swim on the basis of the data that they are relying upon, their justification. Because we will not ignore the approval. So it depends on what they justify. We have asked for additional data on some regions or provinces to be fair to consumers and to electric cooperatives. And surely ERC will see through the application with the end that the consumers will, if there's an increase at all, will not be surprised or be surprised because we can see the need that the NPC is impressing on the Commission that our UCME is going down. We need to go up. By how much, we do not know. It depends. But yes, we will endeavor to do everything to strike a balance between the interest of the fund and, of course, the interest of the consuming public.

Atty. Rossan Rosero-Lee: Thank you, Mr. Commissioner. Certainly we will trust in the wisdom and better discretion of the Chair as well as the rest of the members of the Commission. Now, well, we are pressed for time. There are so many other concerns varied. But let me just, before we end up on this one, this is also one of the most concerns of our

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electric cooperatives. The pending and resolved cases filed with the ERC such as CAPEX over and under recoveries and approval of the PSAs.

Atty. Alexis Lumbatan: 'Yan ang laging tono 'pag nangungumusta tayo sa mga GM. Sabi ko, 'pag umaattend ako ng AGMA, pinapalista ko na. Sabi ko sa mga GM, ilita n'yo na dahil pupukpukin natin ang mga kasamahan natin sa ERC. But we have an update with that regarding the OU and the capital expenditure application.

Engr. Gerard Bobis: With regards, ma'am, to the capital expenditures, we're already working on it, prioritizing, in terms of prioritizing the cases. And right now, we are also crafting rules in order to streamline the process. Right now, we don't have a final draft, but we're working on it to improve the process of the ERC in terms of evaluation of capital expenditure.

Atty. Alexis Lumbatan: We have a CAPEX checklist, which is ang purpose po nito ay para mabilis ang evaluation and approval namin dahil hindi naman po kada application ay pabago-bago yung inaapply ng mga EC, most likely may mga recurring yan na mga expenses so we are actually, one of the those being considered is that yung CAPEX application hindi na aakyat sa komisyon, mga direktor na lang ang mag-a-approve eh. Maglalagay kami ng thresholds.

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We are very considerate of that, 'yun na nga po, although we had before, mayroon tayong existing checklist, but ini-improve natin para ma-streamline pa and we are expecting that towards the end of the year, we'll be able to finalize that, because we're again concluding the big resets being undertaken by NGCP and MERALCO. May mga pailan-ilan na ring umaakyat na mga resolution or decision ng komisyon regarding CAPEX application. Babalik na rin ang komisyon sa pag-isyu ng notice of resolution para agad ang mga electric cooperative maka-proceed na with their projects or probably obtain a loan.

Atty. Rossan Rosero-Lee: We are also hopeful that with the restructuring of the ERC, of course, moving forward, that the manpower and employees of ERC will be beefed up, meaning to cope with the bulk of all these applications eh matulungan po natin ang ating mga kooperatiba.

Atty. Alexis Lumbatan: Tama po. Ang isa pong bagay na probably gusto n'yo rin pong are those pending PSAs with the Energy Regulatory Commission. About two weeks ago, the Commission requested the ROS to give us a list of those electric cooperatives who are exposed to WESM. But the highly exposed ones, pinapalista na ho namin at kung sino ho 'yung mga may pending PSA application para po hindi exposed sa volatile market ang mga konsumante ng mga electric cooperative. We see that moving, as a matter of fact, yung one plant one rate namin, pinatutupad na rin

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namin para mabilis 'yung evaluation ng mga PSA application. Ang iba ho nagrereklamo, 'Bakit naman si ERC, eto yung applied rate naman, binibigay naman pagkababa-baba, hindi tuloy tumatakbo 'yung genco namin.' Tinitingnan namin 'yan ngayon na, kasi kung minimum risk, medium risk, kung straight forward naman yung application, yung rate niya, yung set up ng rate eh ibigay na natin 'yung FA, hindi lang 'yung PA para direktso na 'yung evaluation dun sa actual na data na, which will justify the applied rate. So isa po 'yun sa mga priority din namin. And umaasa kami na bago matapos ang taon ay madadagdagan ang mga desisyon namin. Naka-clog lang kami ngayon sa drafting that's why we issue notices of resolution to the stakeholders or parties to the cases para maka-deliver na sila ng power or maka-undertake na sila ng CAPEX program nila but ang mismong desisyon ay ilalabas po, medyo matatagalan dahil ang dami naming unpromulgated but now the Chair and the whole Commission has hired more lawyers for the drafting of these decisions. So makakaasa ho na in the coming months, bibilis ang promulgation ng mga decisions which have been deliberated on by the ERC.

Atty. Rossan Rosero-Lee: Thank you, Mr. Commissioner. On behalf of our electric cooperatives this afternoon, we hope that the three concerns over the other more concerns will be resolved just before your term ends.

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Atty. Alexis Lumbatan: Salamat po. Well, ako naman po ay open. Any time ako ay pwedeng tawagan ni NEA, Admin and of course lahat ng mga GMs, especially 'yung mga dialogue para ma-fast track number 1 'yung mga applications. para update din po. We had of course previous dialogues together with NEA. May mga little milestones na pong nagagawa ang ERC so probably, as I could remember, suggested by Admin Nani, that we could do more dialogue next time on a regular basis, quarterly probably for updating the issues of the electric cooperatives at maaksyunan kaagad kasi minsan 'yung issue naa-outdate na, tapos na. For example, I have a problem with, 'Paano po ba 'yung staggered payment, pwede po ba yun i-apply sa ganito, naaaksyunan namin, nababasa or nai-evaluate namin, tapos na 'yung period so hindi na timely. Batid namin na importante hindi lang 'yung pagde-decide pero 'yung desisyon sa tamang panahon, at timely. So we are open and I personally commit to that, that I will help the electric cooperatives through NEA para po maisulong natin ang kapakanan ng bawat member-consumers.

Atty. Rossan Rosero-Lee: Thank you so much. You heard all of that from our Commissioner Alexis Lumbatan. His term is soon to end by July and we're counting on him that at least our three concerns many as there are more. Thank you so very much.

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Atty. Vic P. Alvaro

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NEA Deputy Administrator Vic P. Alvaro



Distinguished guests, delegates, and esteemed colleagues, ladies and gentlemen, good afternoon. Good afternoon to all of us. To everyone who joined us today, this milestone is not just a marker of time, but a statement to our dedication, hard work, and collective commitment to ensuring sustainable development in rural areas through rural electrification.

I genuinely express my appreciation to each of you, most especially to our guest speakers for their inspiring messages, and to all individuals and employees who contributed to the success of today's event. Today's gathering commemorates the shared success attained by NEA, the Electric Cooperatives (ECs), and our partners in the energy sector. The speeches, messages, and presentations today underscored the impact of our work, notable among which is the 16 millionth connection in the country. This was complemented by the inspiring stories of those who implemented and benefitted from the Rural Electrification Program. I do not want to delay the excitement any further because I know how eagerly you have been anticipating the remainder of today's festivities, our fellowship night. However, before we dive into the celebrations, I ask you to take a moment to look around.

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The faces you see today, including our dedicated front liners who remain steadfast in their posts together with the trailblazers who paved the way before us, are the true reason we have achieved 55 remarkable years of bringing reliable and sustainable energy to every rural home we have reached.

As we reflect on 55 years of unwavering dedication, you will see a common thread that weaves through every moment of NEA's journey. It is the shared vision that has driven us to not only light up communities but also to ignite boundless opportunities, foster innovation, and forge a brighter future for every Filipino. This tireless quest to bring light into the lives and hope into the hearts of our rural folks is the essence of the National Electrification Administration, and it is what has sustained us through every year, every challenge, and every triumph.

To the employees of the Electric Cooperatives, I cannot thank you enough for your unwavering dedication to our cause. Please know that you are crucial to our success.

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Your tireless efforts and sacrifices do not go unnoticed, and today we honor and celebrate each one of you. Your firm commitment lights up not just rural homes, but the very future of our nation.

Similarly, I extend my sincerest thanks to our various partners in the government and private sectors. NEA can continue its noble mission because of your support.

To our NEA Officials and employees, led by our resolute Administrator Nani Almeda, please take to heart that there are truly heavenly proportions to the toil that we do on this side of rural electrification, and in so knowing are moved to entrust every outcome to a higher purpose, so that we may witness, albeit gradually, the fulfillment of our mandate to bring light to every rural home.

While we have achieved many milestones, we recognize that much remains to be done. As we set targets, it is important to remember the real impact behind these figures. There are still people who live without reliable access to electricity, affecting their ability to effectively participate in society.

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Therefore, I hope that today's event inspires every one of us to continue working towards our goals and in doing so, demonstrate integrity and solidarity. Let us not forget that the welfare of our communities is at the core of our mission.

As we bring this momentous celebration to a close, let us carry forward the work we have begun, the lessons we have learned, and the achievements we have accomplished. May we stay true to our mission, not only to keep the lights on in a literal sense but also to illuminate and elevate the lives of our fellow Filipinos through rural electrification.

Good afternoon to everyone, and may our collective light continue to guide us in the days ahead. Mabuhay tayong lahat at mabuhay ang Rural Electrification Program.

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It's a real joy and pleasure to finally make it. Maraming maraming salamat sa NEA at sa PHILRECA sa pagkakataong ito na makasama kayo sa 2024 Lumens Awards at PHILRECA Awards from the Wires. It's a really special day and a unique recognition of what has come to pass. Ngayong palang binabati ko na ang ating mga awardees. Congratulations! I'm sure this is hard-earned and truly deserved. You're recognized for your exemplary performance and commitment to the pursuit of total electrification and rural development, which is no other noble cause. So nais ko rin batiin ang 55th birthday ng NEA. Happy founding anniversary po sa inyo at maraming salamat sa pagbibigay-liwanag sa buhay ng mga Pilipino.

Siyempre, Agosto rin ang 15th National Electrification Awareness Month. Kaya naman, like they say, electric co-ops, keep the lights on. Truly, we need you. Napakahirap talaga kapag walang liwanag ang buhay. Ang sabi nga, ilaw ka ba ng buhay ko? Pagka't binigyan mo ng liwanag ang madilim kong mundo, ayan, kayo yun, sa PHILRECA, sa Lumens Awardees at sa lahat ng mga taga-NEA.

We had our very first experience of electrification in Manila in 1890. I was looking it over during the 60's, it was entirely in private hands and went very very slowly, always determined by commercial success and profit, and as a result, the government nearly regulated the power and electric installation, a very marginal role indeed. Mas tumutok ang private utilities sa electrification ng matataong siyudad dahil kailangan nila kumita.

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At 'yung mga lalawigan, 'yung mga probinsya sa malalayong lugar, sa mga isla, sa mga bundok, talagang napag-iwanan nang todo-todo. 1936, NPC finally came about, at tinutukan 'yung hydropower and then government finally realized it had to establish an agency. And thereafter, in 1960, itinatag ang Electrification Admin (EA), and the reality was it still went terribly, terribly slow, an agency to oversee the countryside electrification, still a mere share of six to eight hours.

'Yun lang ang ilaw sa mundo natin noon hanggang kayo ay dumating. Ayan ang mga pabrika, mga industriya. Eh nasa malalaking syudad, pero doon sa ating mga rural areas, wala talagang power pa rin. Kaya para sa akin, kahit ano pang hirap ang biniyahe namin na makapunta rito, galing sa Banaue, sa Ifugao, sa lahat ng malalayo, pinilit kong magkaroon ng pagkakataon na makapiling kayong lahat. This is in every way a sentimental journey for me because I know full well the commitment, hardship and sacrifice that went into this. For my parents, this has become a family crusade, that we should light up the countryside like my father said, long long ago.

Long ago in 1966, my father was a newly elected President and he went to the United States to determine, to get funding and help from the USAID to assist in the Rural Electrification Program.

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Thereafter he discovered that his friend the late great senator, Daniel Inouye from Hawaii, another war veteran, was the head of the Appropriations Committee in the United States Congress. S'ya 'yung barkada ng tatay ko, kapwa beterano, na 'yung iba siguro naaalala s'ya 'yung senator ng Hawaii, putol lang kamay noon. Sabi ng tatay ko, 'Oh beterano ka, ganito, we are together. We are both comrades in arms. We survived the WWII, and you need the votes of the Filipinos in Hawaii. So sabi ni Senator Inoue, 'oh, the Ilocanos, you mean? Yes, I need their help.' 'Well, I also need your help to fund my Rural Electrification Program.' So mula noon, naging biruan na sa barkada, eto 'yung ex-deal nila.

'Tulungan mo akong magpa-ilaw ng aming mga bukid at mga malalayong lugar. Tutulungan kita kahit papaano sa mga Ilokanong botante.' I don't think it was a very fair deal. I think we got the better end of the stick. But having said that, we managed to get the Rural Electrification Program up and running, as well as the USAID support for what became NEA and PHILRECA.

Our government was assisted in creating the first two pilot cooperatives na sa awa ng Diyos, buhay pa naman, Misamis Oriental Rural Electric Service Coop, MORESCO. Andito pa rin. Matibay pa rin. At nagtipon-tipon tayo, kaya tuwang-tuwa ako. At Victorias Manapla Cadiz Rural Electric Service Coop, ang VRESCO. 'Yung mga sinauna, mga orig, kayo 'yung OG.

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'Yan talaga ang ating kauna-unahang electric co-op. And kinuha ng MORESCO ang enerhiya mula sa Maria Cristina Hydroelectric Plant ng NPC, habang mga generator naman ang ginamit ng VRESCO sa power generation. Isang malaking eksperimento ika nga. Noong August 4, 1969, sa bisa ng RA 6038, itinatag na ang NEA at idineklarang national policy ang rural electrification at total electrification ng ating bansa at iniutos ang buong suporta ng gobyerno sa mga electric co-op.

Nilagdaan ng tatay ko noong August 6, 1973, PD 269, at ginawang korporasyon ang NEA na buong pag-aari ng gobyerno. Tinaasan ang kapital. At that time, 1 billion pesos para masuportahan ang mga electric co-op.

Noong 1973, 'yung 1 billion, trillion, trillion na 'yun. Kaya nasindak lahat na ganoon kalaki ang pagmamahal at pagtangkilik sa electric co-op. We all understood that this was the most important order of the day. And within a year, nakapagloan tayo sa USAID at sabi ng nanay ko, ilan ba ang iilawan? At sabi nila, 'Oh ganito siguro ang kaya natin within this year.' And my mom said, 'Bisaya ako, hirap na kami. Makurihin duro, lisug ka ayo walang ilaw, dublihon iton.' Kaya nadoble tuloy. Ayan talaga ang nangyayari noon. At 'yan ang totoo kung bakit kayo masyadong malapit sa aming pamilya.

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Taong 1975, may PD na naman, PD 1645. Pinalawak ang pautang and regulatory power of NEA. Itinaas hanggang 5 billion ang capital stock nito. Kaya sabi ng nanay ko, 'Bilib naman ako, bilyon-bilyon ka na pala.' Sabi sa tatay ko, 'hindi ka pala Ilokano kapag Rural Electrification ang pinag-uusapan. Sabi niya, 'Parang hindi dahil masyadong mahalaga ito para sa ating mga kababayan.'

Itinatag ng aking ama ang DOE noong October 6, 1977, with the attached agencies of NEA, PNOG, and NPC. Alam natin na binuwag ang DOE, pero agad-agad nakita nilang kailangan pala, ibinalik muli. Kaya ito nga, tuwang-tuwa ako at narito ang lahat ng NEA, ang ating minamahal, Nani Almeda, APEC Partylist, Congressman Dagooc, ang Board Administrators, ang ASEC natin, Mario Marasigan, BM Tikbong Badelles, ang congressman natin dati, BM Rene Gonzales, and Jojo Maddatu.

Our PHILRECA President, General Manager Jose Sanial, the Board of Directors, General Managers, officials, employees of the electric co-ops here in the Philippines. Ang bonga-bonga ninyo, first time ko kayo nakikita na nakabihis nang ganito. Mula 2024 hanggang 2028, balak natin bigyan ng kuryente, 3.677 million kabahayan. 2.706 million nito, nasa franchise area ng electric co-ops. Kaya napakalaki ng inyong responsibilidad. Umaasa kami lahat sa inyo na talagang magampanan ang lahat ng mga pangarap natin. Malaki ang papel ng NEA para masuportahan kayo.

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As of June 30, we have 873 million in loans from NEA. Palakpakan naman natin ng NEA. Tulad ng sinabi ng nanay ko, 'doblehin pa 'yan. Walang Ilokano kapag electrification ang pinag-uusapan. Walang tipid-tipid, ibigay hilig. Kailangan naman ng NEA at DOE ng 70 billion, mahigit P70.473-B na subsidy upang masuportahan ang electrification project.

PHILRECA, over four decades, in the meantime, has served as the national organization of all co-ops and allied organizations in our country. Aside from giving all kinds of support, technical training, and capacity building, we know that you are also the voice of government in the private sector so that we can protect and defend the member electric co-op, allied organizations and consumers.

For the Lumens Award, I know that this began in 2007 and the overall assessment has become more and more complicated, more and more stringent. For the Best Performing Co-op, the Most Improved Regions, Diamond Awardees, Special Awardees, and the electric co-op na talaga naman malaki ang ambag sa Sitio Electrification Program, I congratulate you all and look forward to discovering who these winners are.

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The PHILRECA Awards from the Wires recognizes the co-ops with great leadership, Gladiator leadership. Ano kaya yun? Parang mga Avengers kayo nito? Legends of the Movement, Outstanding Allied Organization, Excellence in Leadership, at iba't iba pa. Kaya bonggang-bongga talaga, sigurado ako na Avengers nga kayo ng mga susunod na taon.

I am presently, you may or may not have heard, the Chairperson of the Cooperative Committee in the Senate. And pending before us is the Co-op Charter. And in that Co-op Charter, there are many, many amendments that have been prioritized. And one of the critical areas is the turnover of electric co-op entirely to the NEA and not the CDA any longer. The confusion and the duplication of requirements to my mind is unnecessary and should be done away with. And I need your help to expedite, facilitate, and make certain that this turnover is done at the earliest possible time.

Public utilities is limited up to 40 percent. No foreign equity is allowed in co-op except investments of foreign Filipinos. My pending bill, however, allows foreign investment up to the constitutional cap so that there will be non-Filipinos who are allowed to invest at the federation level. Perhaps, we can make an exception also for PHILRECA and for other levels. Hindi pwede sa primary co-op, pero pwede sa federation level para mabigyan ng diin at talaga mapabilisan na natin ang pagpapailaw ng mga bukid at makapagbigay ng liwanag sa ating mga lalawigan.

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Nais din natin isama sa tax exemption ng electric co-op upang mapababa ang singil ng kuryente. Kaya po, humihingi ako ng tulong ninyo kasi lahat ng taong bayan umiiyak na ibagsak ang presyo ng kuryente. Wala naman tayong magawa dahil ang buwis ay napakalaking bahagi ng kanilang binabayaran. Dapat bilisan ang ating mga issue tungkol sa halaga ng kuryente. Bilisan din ng CDA ang pagproseso ng requirements at busisiin nang maigi sa tulong ninyo ang paglilipat sa mga electric co-op sa kompletong hurisdiksyon ng NEA. Sana pumayag sila pero kasama pa rin ang mahiwagang tax exemption.

Experts express there will be an annual power demand to grow at 4.6% in the next following years. And I have a bill for the proper installation and maintenance of overhead electric distribution and communication lines to improve the reliability of our transmission and telecoms as well as all the other electrical requirements. Alam natin na makakatulong 'to kaya sana alalahanin ninyo na meron kayong boses sa Senado.

As I said, rural electrification and matters relating to NEA and PHILRECA have from the beginning been a family affair, a family commitment, and really, we have seen it as a challenge. In the last few decades, we have seen perhaps slower progress. Now is the time to ratchet up for so many of our countrymen are counting upon it.

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Let us therefore double and triple our efforts in transmission and distribution in the off-grid and isolated community. Let us attempt to finally finish the assignment in 2028, even if there are so many causes and reasons for delay. Kailangan natin mamuhunan sa enerhiya, dahil ang ating mga cost of power ay isa sa pinakamahal sa ating region at sa Southeast Asia, sa buong mundo. Kinakailangan gawan natin ng paraan. For investors to invest in us, let us boldly invest in various resources of power. Already, you know that Ilocos Norte, experimental under my brother, in my case, it became commercial, the sources of energy whether they be renewable, or clean or otherwise, are always areas that we must engage, that we must try to discover.

Gaano man kahirap ang mga hadlang, laging may solution. Ang sabi nila, 'Imeesolusyon.' Pero para sa akin, kayo ang mga winners, ang mga outstanding employees, members, and cooperatives, ang tunay na solusyon. 'Imeesolusyon,' pero kayo ang solusyon sa NEA, PHILRECA, at sa lahat ng allied organizations. Happy, happy birthday! 55 years old na ang NEA. Congratulations sa lahat.

Maraming, maraming salamat sa inyo!



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Maayong buntag po sa inyong tanan! Maayong buntag po. Naimbag nga bigat yo amin apo sa mga nanggaling sa Norte. Nasaan po sila? Ayun, siguro ito Ilocos Norte o Nueva Vizcaya o Pangasinan, Ilocos Sur o kung saan man. Sa atin po mga minamahal na, mga kasama natin sa Bicol Region, Dios marhay na aga. Nandoon po sila. Ayun sa mga kasama natin dito sa Katagalugan. Magandang umaga po sa inyong lahat. Gusto ko munang ipalam sa inyo. Tama 'yung sinabi ni Nani Almeda na ako po yung majority leader. At bilang majority leader, ako po 'yung nagsasalang ng mga naka-agenda sa Senado. At kabilang po dito, 'yung mga franchise renewal. Napakahirap pala nitong ginagawa kong trabaho ngayon kasi bilang isang reelectionist din ay kailangan nasa labas ako. 'Yun palang majority leader ay kailangan huling umalis ng Senado, alas 10, alas 9 ng gabi at dapat po na una rin dumating. Ganoon po siguro mangyayari din sa budget hearing.

Kung maaalala ninyo, mayroon tayong isang karanasan. Noong mayroon tayong isang karanasan na karanasan niyo, karanasan ko rin, karanasan ng bawat Pilipino, karanasan ng buong mundo. 'Yung nangyaring pandemic, COVID-19 pandemic. Alam ko lahat kayo apektado, lahat tayo apektado. Ayun, may nakaamba na naman 'yung monkeypox.

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Naalala ko po noon na habang meron tayong pandemic, isa lang po 'yung palagay kong mahalagang batas na naisulong ko. At 'yung batas pong 'yun ipinasok po du'n sa Bayanihan Act bilang isang mahalagang probisyon, ay napakinabangan silently ng marami. Ito po 'yung Three-Gives Law. Ang ibig sabihin po noon, lahat ng dumaan sa pandemic, merong tatlong pagkakataong magbayad ng tubig, internet at kuryente, hulugan. Nakikita ko po ngayon na kailangan po nating palawigin 'yun. At nakikita ko po ngayon na ang ating mga kababayan, kahit po sa mga probinsyang naririto, Kabadbaran, kahit po sa mga ayun nagpapi-picture sa akin kanina, kahit po 'yung mga taga-Legazpi, magaganda po 'yung serbisyong ibinigay ninyo. No doubt about it. Du'n po sa kapitbahay na probinsya ko, taga-Cavite po ako, 'yung BATELEC sa Batangas, maganda po 'yung service nila. No doubt about it.

Sa kuryente po ang tanong, are the Filipino people, even those residing in the hinterland, our IPs, our Aetas, kaya po ba nila magbayad ng kuryente? Si Senator Tolentino ay mayroong iniisip na batas. Humihingi po siguro ako sa inyo ng inyong boses at opinion, ang iniisip ko po ngayon, with your permission, the permission of our good NEA Administrator, is to have a Philippine Low Income Energy Assistance Program, which would enable the marginalized sector, those really below or near the poverty line as per PSA records, as per DSWD records, as per Pantawid Pamilya records.

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I believe that if we can offer assistance in the form of utility discount program, our marginalized Filipinos, and I'm now talking of around 45% of the Filipino population, would greatly benefit without sacrificing the income of electric operators. Kung paano po gagawin 'yan, hayaan n'yo na po ako ang sumakit ng ulo. Mayroon po tayong mga tutularan, halimbawa sa New York, mayroon pong Home Energy Assistance Program. Kung saan po 'yung mga mas mahirap po 'yung problema nila dahil pag-winter ay kailangan ng heating utilities. So, pilitin po natin na matulungan ang ating mahihirap na kababayan. Naniniwala po ako sa pagdiriwang ng inyong 55th Founding Anniversary, bilang mga lingkod bayan, naniniwala po ako na ang National Electrification Administration ay matibay na katuwang ng Sambayanang Pilipino sa pagpapanday ng mas maliwanag at maunlad na kinabukasan. Isama rin po natin sa anibersaryong ito ang inyong consumers. Isama rin po natin sa anibersaryong ito ang inyong mga pinaglilingkurang mga consumers sa iba't ibang sulok ng ating bansa. Sana po magkita-kita ulit tayo at naniniwala ako sa 75th anniversary ninyo, pag-uusapan po natin 'yung pinag-usapan natin ngayon kung paano makakatulong sa mga Pilipinong nangangailangan ng inyong serbisyo. Ito po si Sen. Tolentino.

Mabuhay po ang NEA. Mabuhay po ang ating mga electric cooperatives. Pagpalain tayo ng po ang may kapal. Dios mabalos! Maraming salamat po.



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TOP ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES RECOGNIZED AT 2024 NEA LUMENS AWARDS

For keeping the lights on in the countryside amid the increasing challenges of our times, the National Electrification Administration (NEA) honored on Saturday (31 August 2024) multiple electric cooperatives (ECs) across Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao at the 2024 Lumens Awards.

This year, the NEA presented the Best Region Award to three administrative groups namely CALABARZON, Central Visayas, and CARAGA for ensuring that all their ECs sustained the delivery of top-notch power distribution services to their member-consumer-owners.

The ECs in Calabarzon include First Laguna Electric Cooperative, Inc. (FLECO), Batangas I and II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BATELEC I and II), and Quezon I and II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (QUEZELCO I and II).

Central Visayas is comprised of ECs in Negros Oriental (NORECO I and II), Cebu (CEBECO I, II and III), Bantayan and Camotes Islands also in Cebu (BANELCO and CELCO), Siquijor (PROSIELCO), and Bohol (BOHECO I and II).

Caraga, which represents Mindanao, is made up of ECs in Agusan del Norte (ANECO), Agusan del Sur (ASELCO), Surigao del Norte (SURNECO), Siargao Island (SIARELCO), Dinagat Islands (DIELCO), and Surigao del Sur (SURSECO I and II).

Of the said ECs, CEBECO I—based in Dumanjug, Cebu—took home the ‘Best Electric Cooperative Award.’ The NEA selected this power co-op for “maintaining a perfect score” and an “AAA rating” for five consecutive years.

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Consequently, CEBECO I general manager Engr. Getulio Crodua earned the 2024 Lumens Award for 'Best General Manager.' At least 31 power-coops received the 'Outstanding EC Awards' and a total of 77 ECs, meanwhile, accepted the 'Top Performing EC Awards.'

Eight ECs were also acknowledged for making significant improvements in their services including those in Ilocos Norte (INEC), Central Pangasinan (CENPELCO), Benguet (BENECO), Ifugao (IFELCO), Kalinga (KAELCO), Albay (ALECO), Misamis Occidental (MOELCI I) and Davao del Norte (NORDECO).

KAELCO bagged the 'Most Improved EC Award' for its remarkable transformation. It was previously rated as 'B' but recently achieved an 'AA' rating based on its latest overall performance assessment.

The Pangasinan III Electric Cooperative, Inc. (PANELCO III), Cagayan I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CAGELCO I), and Leyte III Electric Cooperative (LEYECO III) obtained 'Household Electrification Champion Awards' while QUEZELCO II received the NEA Compliance Award.

Power co-ops that received major awards this year were chosen based on the latest overall performance assessment the NEA conducted. Their track record, consumer connections, and implementation of state-funded electrification programs also factored in the selection process.

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Special awards and citations were also conferred on notable ECs that delivered advance loan amortization payment, achieved highest amortization rate, reported fully liquidated subsidy funds, made remarkable corporate and community programs, addressed the least number of consumer complaints, received ISO certifications, and recorded high attendance in their respective annual general membership assemblies.

The NEA also acknowledged all community-owned distribution utilities that have the best collection efficiency, sustained single-digit feeder losses, made great strides in adopting renewable energy initiatives, and consistently placed themselves in the 'Green' classification.

The state-owned corporation also revived the Sinag Awards to acknowledge the ECs that registered 100 percent energization, made remarkable contributions to the total electrification drive, leveled up their size classification, and exerted greater efforts to electrify unserved households in 2023.

The 2024 Lumens Awards ceremony coincided with the 2024 Awards from the Wires organized by the Philippine Rural Electric Cooperatives Association, Inc. (PHILRECA), which culminated the three-day 55th Founding Anniversary celebration of the NEA and the 2024 NEA-EC Convergence.

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BEST GENERAL MANAGER

Engr. Getulio Crodua
CEBECO I



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BEST REGIONS

Region IV-A
Region VII
CARAGA



OUTSTANDING LINEWORKERS

LUZON

Engr. Efren A. Loretcha
(CAGELCO II)

Allan B. Sobredo
(LUELCO)



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OUTSTANDING LINEWORKERS

VISAYAS

Jerald P. Bibanco
(ILECO I)

Renato V. Mana-ay, Sr.
(ILECO II)



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OUTSTANDING LINEWORKERS

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