

ERC holds dialogue with PHILRECA, NEA, and EC Allied Organizations (ECAOs) on the Proposed Other Charges of Electric Cooperatives

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PASIG CITY - The Philippine Rural Electric Cooperatives Association, Inc. (PHILRECA) attended a consultative meeting with the [Energy Regulatory Commission](#) (ERC) to discuss and harmonize the observations of the Commission on the Proposed Other Charges of Electric Cooperatives (ECs).

On 01 July 2025, the Association laid out its response to the comments duly raised by the technical experts of the ERC on the Proposed Other Charges, with the end view of ensuring a unilateral understanding of its purpose and objectives.

The Proposed Other Charges of Electric Cooperatives encapsulate a standardized formula in creating a consistent and uniform approach for the imposition and collection of "Other Charges" from its respective member-consumer-owners (MCOs), which are all exclusively crafted for cost-recovery only.

To ensure proper representation, the ERC also invited the concerned EC Allied Organizations (ECAOs) such as the National League of Electric Cooperatives Finance Managers of the Philippines, Inc. (NLECFIMAP), the Philippine Association of Technical Managers of Electric Cooperatives (PHILATMEC), and the Philippine Association of Institutional Managers (PHILAIM) to discuss the requisites entailed in the Proposed Other Charges.

Present also at the consultative meeting was the [National Electrification Administration](#) (NEA) to provide technical knowledge as the supervisory agency of electric cooperatives.

The formulation entailed in the Proposed Other Charges reflects uniformity, facilitates cost recovery, enhances accountability, and most importantly, protects consumer interests through transparent charge calculations and ensuring that charges are applied judiciously and equitably.

The Proposed Other Charges embody the electric cooperative's commitment to transparency and consumer-centered governance. With this, it allows them to strengthen their financial viability for the furtherance and development of their operations, directly benefiting more than 16 million member-consumer-owners across the archipelago.

PHILRECA, as the national organization of electric cooperatives, remains steadfast in advocating consumer interests and strengthening the gains of rural electrification through regulatory reforms and discussions.