

ERC and PHILRECA Partner to Empower Electric Cooperatives with New PSP Toolkit

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Press Release

The Philippine Rural Electric Cooperatives Association, Inc. (PHILRECA) and the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) strengthen ties to empower electric cooperatives with its newly inaugurated Power Supply Procurement (PSP) Toolkit today, 07 July 2025. This toolkit was dedicated by the Commission to PHILRECA and to its member-electric cooperatives, underscoring a collaborative effort to fortify the regulatory process and heighten transparency in power supply procurement.

ERC Chairperson and CEO Atty. Monalisa emphasized that the PSP Toolkit fulfills a key promise made to stakeholders, particularly PHILRECA, and to all electric cooperatives in the archipelago.

"This toolkit is a promise fulfilled," Atty. Monalisa stated, emphasizing its role in supporting Distribution Utilities (DUs), especially electric cooperatives, in conducting the Competitive Selection Process (CSP) efficiently, effectively, and in compliance with regulatory standards," she remarked.

PHILRECA Executive Director and General Manager Atty. Janeene Depay-Colingan welcomed the new toolkit, acknowledging its significant benefits for electric cooperatives.

"The PSP Toolkit is set to revolutionize how electric cooperatives navigate power supply procurement," Atty. Depay-Colingan stated. "By providing detailed checklists of requirements, clear process flows, and defined timelines, it will bring several key benefits. This includes a streamlined procurement process, making it easier and faster for ECs to secure a vital power supply," she stated

"It also significantly bolsters emergency preparedness, allowing electric cooperatives to respond more swiftly and effectively to unforeseen power disruptions. Ultimately, this leads to greater regulatory efficiency, ensuring compliance while reducing administrative burden, particularly with the ERC's expedited approvals of Power Supply Agreements (PSAs)," she highlighted.

Atty. Depay-Colingan further added, "This PSP Toolkit will guide not only electric cooperatives in the effective conduct of the Competitive Selection Process. This will also ensure transparency and accountability for participating Generation Companies (Gencos), and most importantly, empower more than 16 million member-consumer-owners (MCOs) of electric cooperatives."

To ensure widespread accessibility, the ERC has made the PSP Toolkit available as a downloadable e-book. PHILRECA has also issued an advisory to all its member electric cooperatives, ensuring they are well-informed about this important regulatory development. We eagerly anticipate the ERC's expedited Power Supply Agreement (PSA) approvals, which will further accelerate the benefits of this groundbreaking toolkit for our electric cooperatives and the millions of Filipinos they serve.