



ADVISORY 2025-04-002-SEC

TO : ALL DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES (DUs)

FROM : SECRETARY RAPHAEL P.M. LOTILLA

SUBJECT: ENSURING THE RELIABILITY OF ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLY

BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE 2025 NATIONAL AND

LOCAL ELECTIONS (NLE)

DATE : APR 2 2 2025

To fully realize and ensure the effectiveness of the implementation of Department of Energy (DOE) Department Circular No. DC2018-05-0014, titled "Creating the Energy Task Force Election to Ensure Adequate and Reliable Energy Supply Before, During, and After Elections", the DOE hereby enjoins all DUs to undertake the following actions:

- 1. Ensure continued normal operations of all its substation facilities/distribution lines;
- 2. Expedite all viable options to complete the corrective/remedial works on critical distribution lines prior to the critical election period;
- 3. Ensure continuity of electricity supply with all possible contingencies in areas with data centers dedicated for 2025 NLE;
- 4. Deploy special and emergency line crews to undertake the following:
 - a. Check the integrity of distribution line structures and ensure that they are clear from obstructions;
 - b. Ensure the integrity of connection points to polling places by checking, and correcting, if necessary, proper breaker and fuse ratings;
 - c. Provide or disseminate information within respective franchise areas on how to avoid power supply overload/short-circuits during elections; and
 - d. Immediate response to emergency cases affecting electric power supply.
- 5. Provide logistical support to special and emergency line crews such as, but not limited to:
 - a. Availability of tools and equipment for all crew members/lineman;
 - b. Service vehicles and drivers; and
 - c. Adequate supply of replacement parts and power line devices and equipment.
- Ensure availability and reliability of embedded generators and/or Gensets within their franchise area, if any;
- 7. In coordination with the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP), ensure that polling places and local government offices are excluded from load shedding;

- 8. Conduct an inspection of the Voting and Canvassing Centers¹ of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) within respective franchise areas;
- Ensure stable electric power supply in facilities where the COMELEC Canvassing Centers will operate during the canvassing of votes;
- 10. Inspect the physical status of electrical facilities such as service drop, service entrance, source distribution transformer, wires, poles, meters, etc. as listed in the form and provide recommendations if the current state is feasible and reliable during elections; and
- 11. Consolidate and prepare a report using the attached Canvassing Center Inspection Form to be submitted <u>on or before 30 April 2025</u> to the following:
 - For Private Distribution Utilities, submit to the DOE-Energy Task Force on Election through email address doe.etfe2022@gmail.com, copy furnished doe.epimb.etfereporting@gmail.com; and
 - b. For Electric Cooperatives, submit to the NEA-Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Division through email address nea.drrmdts@yahoo.com.

For guidance and strict compliance. Thank you.

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Cc: National Electrification Administration

¹ Please refer to this link for the List of COMELEC's Voting Centers: https://tinyurl.com/2025NLEforinspection