



April 14, 2020

**MEMORANDUM NO. 2020-016**

**TO : All Electric Cooperatives**

**SUBJECT : Extended Enhanced Community Quarantine**

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In reference to the declared national policy in RA No. 11469 or the "Bayanihan to Heal as One Act", and the various issuances of the Office of the President (OP), Office of the Executive Secretary (OES), Department of Energy (DOE), Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC), Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and the latest Memorandum from the OES dated 7 April 2020 upon the recommendation of the IATF-EID in its Resolution No. 20 (s.2020), extending the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) until 11:59 p.m. of 30 April 2020, and which was adopted by Local Government Units (LGUs), NEA pronounces:

All Electric Cooperatives are directed to continue implementing existing Guidelines, Memoranda and Advisories during the extended period, without prejudice to this Agency's modification of such existing guidelines.

While the national policy is primarily to mitigate, if not contain, the transmission of COVID-19, the ECs' mandate to provide reliable, stable and uninterrupted supply of electricity in its franchise area during this time of national emergency cannot be overemphasized.

For ECs who have provisions for voluntary payment of electricity bills in their respective offices, the DOH directive on social distancing must be strictly observed. For those who have flexible or work-from-home arrangements, the same must be in consonance with the advisories issued by the DOLE. We reiterate DOE Memorandum dated March 14, 2020 implementing the Memo from the OES ensuring the unimpeded delivery of energy services relative to the management of COVID-19.

Thus, NEA enjoins all ECs to implement its Business Continuity Plan (BCP) / EC Risk Management and Sustainability Plan (ECRM-SP) to ensure and take a proactive stance that the recitations therein will be put to action and be fully operational for the continuous supply of electricity even on periods of forced outages and preventive maintenance schedules (PMS).

Further, it is urged and expected that all actions and initiatives of ECs whether individual or aggrupation should and must be thrust in the direction of the spirit and letter of RA 11469 and all issuances of government agencies.

For immediate compliance.

  
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Administrator

