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TO : ALL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

**SUBJECT : ENSURING THE CONTINUOUS ELECTRIC SERVICES WITHIN THE
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES FRANCHISE AREAS**

The uninterrupted electricity supply to every house, building, and the like is very crucial nowadays amidst the COVID-19 that is being experienced in the country.

In NEA's Memorandum No. 2020-009, the Electric Cooperatives (ECs) shall ensure the continuous delivery of electricity service within their franchise coverage areas particularly to critical loads such as hospitals and medical/health institutions, government offices, basic utility service providers, Disaster Risk Reduction Offices, PNP and AFP offices, and the like.

To be able to ensure continuous delivery of electric services specifically in the off-grid areas, the conduct of power plant preventive maintenance shall be scheduled such that the total supply capacity contracted will not result to inadequacy, and further resort to load shedding and rotational power interruption.

Any type or technology in Off-Grid Areas shall adhere to the annual plant maintenance schedule submitted to the system operator. In case it is imperative that a plant or unit will be on shut down outside of the approved annual maintenance schedule, the unscheduled outage request shall be submitted by the generator and the EC to the system operator for proper coordination and appropriate action in compliance to the Philippine Small Grid Guidelines (PSGG).

The System Operator or the EC shall be notified by the power provider on the request for the conduct of preventive maintenance schedule at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the planned preventive maintenance. The System Operator or the EC after evaluation of said request shall inform the power provider of its action not later than fifteen (15) days from the request. Approval shall be posted to EC and NEA websites.

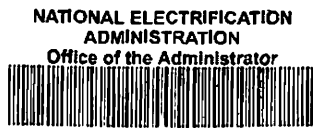
In the case that the request is not approved without compromising the reliability of the power plant and power system as a whole, the EC shall submit a detailed report to NEA containing the reasons and recommendations.

Notification to the consumers that will be affected by the scheduled power interruption in connection to the power supply provider's preventive maintenance schedule shall be in accordance with the policy of the Energy Regulatory Commission.

In the case the owner of the power plant is the EC, the above shall be followed accordingly.

Please be guided accordingly.


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