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— The Philippines' Electric Cooperatives —

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ADVISORY-2023-A-155

FOR : ALL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

ATTN : GENERAL MANAGERS

SUBJECT : GUIDE FOR VISA APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2024 NRECA POWERXCHANGE

Greeting of Peace and Solidarity from PHILRECA!

This is in reference to our previously issued PHILRECA Advisory-2023-A-145 relative to the upcoming **2024 NRECA PowerXchange** on **March 3-7, 2024 at San Antonio, Texas, U.S.A.**

While the Association is waiting for the issuance of the NEA guidelines for ECs and their delegates in attending the said event, we would like to provide a guide for interested attendees on how to apply for their U.S. visa:

1. Determine appropriate type of visa

You may check the different types of visa here:
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/all-visa-categories.html>

2. Payment of visa fee

Based on your type of visa, pay the appropriate amount either at:

a. RCBC

Make sure to print the applicable U.S. visa application deposit slip before going to the bank. Present the printed deposit slip at the bank to pay your visa fee.

You may download your deposit slip here:
<https://www.ustraveldocs.com/ph/ph-niv-paymentinfo.asp>

Kindly take note as well of the expiration date on the deposit slip. If the deposit slip expires before you are able to make the payment, simply re-click the appropriate link to generate a new deposit slip.

After paying the visa application fee, **keep the BANK receipt for your records/ You will need this in scheduling you appointment at the U.S. embassy.**

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b. Online Payment

You can pay your visa fee online via PesoNet. If you are paying for more than one applicant, please DO NOT make a lump sum payment for all applicants. A UID/receipt number is required for each visa application fee payment for EACH applicant for scheduling an appointment. After you have paid the visa application fee, **please keep the fee receipt for your records.**

Visa fee depends on the type of visa. For B1/B2, applicants must pay Php 10,730.00.

3. **Complete the DS-160 form**

Kindly fill up the DS-160 form and ensure that all information are correct and accurate. Make sure to read the Guidelines for Completing the DS-160 Form here: <https://www.ustraveldocs.com/ph/ph-niv-ds160info.asp>. Take note that once the form is submitted, changes will no longer be allowed.

4. **Schedule your visa appointment**

Applicants must first create a profile in this link: <https://cgifederal.secure.force.com/?language=English&country=Philippines> then click New User. Complete all fields and create a password. Once you are in the system, you will see your dashboard. Click on Schedule Appointment on the left-hand side menu. This will start the process for scheduling your appointment. You will need:

- Your passport number
- The receipt number from your RCBC or PesoNet receipt
- The ten (10) digit barcode number from your DS-160 confirmation page

Ensure that you have provided a valid and correct DS-160 barcode number when you scheduled your appointment. If the barcode number is invalid or incorrect, you will not be admitted to the interview and your receipt will be locked, preventing rebooking, for 30 days.

As you go through the process you will be able to select your visa type, enter personal data, add dependents, select your document delivery location, confirm visa payment and finally, schedule your appointment.

5. **Visit the U.S. Embassy**

Visit the U.S. Embassy on the date and time of your visa interview. Be sure to check the Schedule My Appointment page for the necessary documentation needed for your appointment.

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You must bring a printed copy of your appointment letter, your DS-160 confirmation page, one photograph taken within the last six months, your current and with previously issued U.S. Visa, and **a copy of the invitation for the 2024 NRECA PowerXchange.**

You may get your NRECA invitation from PHILRECA after filling up the registration form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-IN3vw70ap2ipS5wIwY1CISM4YbzaRUmFu44AXyaF711MMg/viewform?usp=sf_link and paying the \$315.00 registration fee. For reference, kindly check previously issued PHILRECA Advisory-2023-A-145 which is also attached in this advisory.

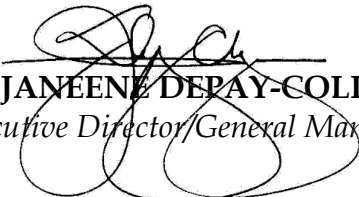
You may refer to this link for more information and details on U.S. visa application: <https://www.ustraveldocs.com/ph/ph-niv-visaapply.asp>

For other issues and concerns, you may reach us at philreca.nrecaconvention@gmail.com or at 0917.110.8751 / 0916.266.6888.

Supplemental advisories will be issued for updates and other reminders.

Thank you.

Respectfully Yours,


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SUBJECT : 2024 NRECA POWERXCHANGE

Greetings from PHILRECA!

It is with great pleasure to inform you that the NRECA International will be holding its **2024 NRECA PowerXchange on March 3-7, 2024 at San Antonio, Texas, U.S.A.** to celebrate the strength of co-op network, review the rural electrification plans and project designs, and acknowledge the achievements and success of the energy industry.

This coming 2024, the PowerXchange will showcase general and forum sessions, including TechAdantage® Exposition with more than 250 exhibitors for attendees to see the latest developments in software and powerline technology.

As tradition and in partnership of PHILRECA with NRECA, Electric Cooperatives from the country are invited to join the celebration and annual meeting.

Furthermore, PHILRECA has requested the National Electrification Administration (NEA) to issue the necessary guideline for the ECs' attendance to the PowerXchange. While we are waiting for the issuance of such, we would like to inform all interested EC delegates on the following for their guidance:

1. List of Delegates

Please send us the official list of delegates who will be attending the event through a board resolution AND by filling up this form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-IN3vw70ap2ipS5wIwY1CISM4YbzaRUmFu44AXyaF711MMg/viewform?usp=sf_link.

Attached herewith is the pro forma of the resolution for your reference.

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Kindly send a copy of the board resolution at philreca.nrecaconvention@gmail.com / PHILRECA Office, 2nd Floor PNB Bldg., No. 92 West Ave., Brgy. Philam, Quezon City **ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 8, 2024.**

2. NRECA Conference Registration Fee

A registration fee of **USD165.00** will be collected per delegate for the NRECA Conference and **USD 150.00** for the Filipino Night. You may deposit your payment at our bank account:

Landbank of the Philippines (Foreign Current Savings Account)
Account Name: Philippine Rural Electric Cooperatives Association, Inc.
Account Number: 6534010301

Please take note that we will only be accepting **US Dollars** and not any other currency.

3. Invitation

For the official invitations, please be informed that these will be released to each delegate only once payment of **USD315.00** is received with a copy of the deposit slip sent to philreca.nrecaconvention@gmail.com

4. US Visa

We highly encourage all delegates without a US Visa to process their applications as soon as possible.

5. Refund

Refund of payment is only allowed for valid reasons i.e. denial of visa.

Withdrawal of attendance can be made **ONLY UNTIL January 31, 2024**. Kindly send us a letter of request of refund and the document stating that the application for a visa was denied at philreca.nrecaconvention@gmail.com. Otherwise, registration will be considered paid and no refund will be allowed.

6. Hotel Accommodation

List of possible hotel accommodation will be sent the soonest.

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7. Communications

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Attachments:

- Pro Forma Resolution

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