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Dear Admin. Almeda:

Greetings of Peace PHILRECA!

May we provide a report on the recently conducted PHILRECA Survey regarding the Status of ECs' submission of their 2023 Power Supply Procurement Plan (PSPP), along with an analysis of the challenges faced during the preparation phase.

To address challenges encountered by the ECs, we have integrated training sessions and workshops in our 2024 Training Calendar. These sessions aim to offer valuable support and guidance in the preparation of Distribution Development Plan (DDP), Power Supply Procurement Plan (PSPP), and the conduct of Competitive Selection Process (CSP).

For further issues and concerns, your staff may reach us at core@philreca.org or 0965.533.3318 or 0917.110.8751.

Thank you very much!

Respectfully yours,

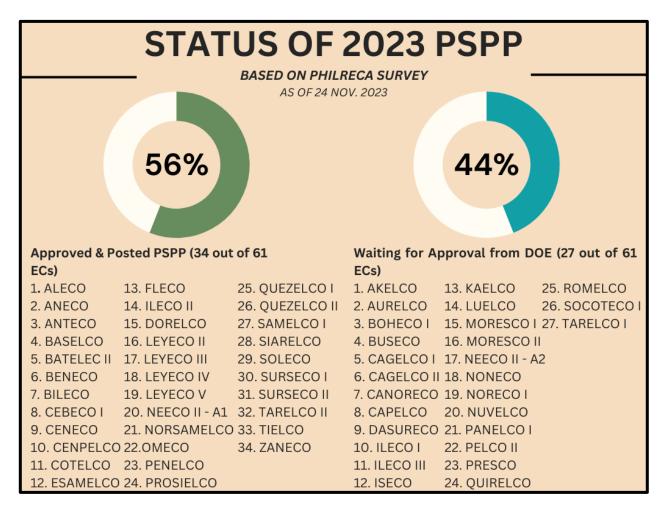
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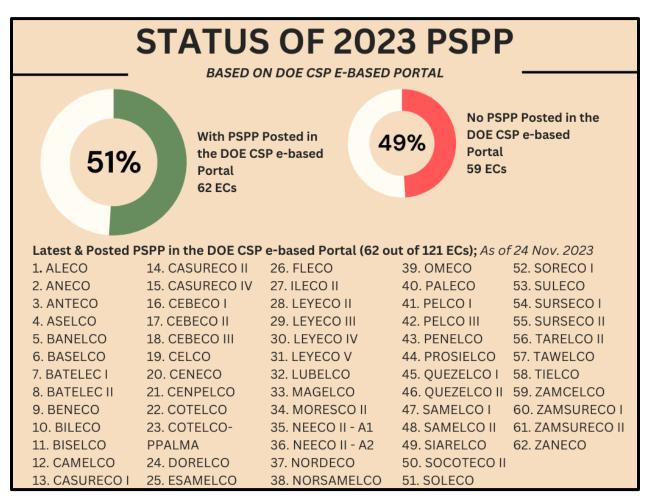
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• Survey Results on Status of the 2023 PSPP

A. STATUS OF 2023 PSPP



• This signifies that after conducting surveys on the Power Supply Procurement Program (PSPP) statuses of the 34 Electric Cooperatives (ECs), PHILRECA has found that the PSPPs for these cooperatives have received official approval. The noteworthy aspect is that the approved statuses of these PSPPs are consistent with the information provided by the Department of Energy (DOE) through the CSP e-based Portal. In other words, the data and approval status collected by PHILRECA match the records and information maintained by the DOE through their online portal dedicated to Competitive Selection Process (CSP). This alignment adds a layer of validation and reliability to the approval status of the Electric Cooperatives' Power Supply Procurement Programs.



 The data presented here is sourced from the DOE CSP e-based Portal. Notably, there are no Power Supply Procurement Programs (PSPP) reported for the following islands:

Luzon - 33 ECs (26 On-grid & 7 Off-grid)

Visayas - 11 ECs (11 On-grid)

Mindanao - 15 ECs (12 On-grid & 3 Off-grid)

In essence, the data from the DOE CSP e-based Portal indicates ECs with the latest and posted PSPP in the said e-based Porta. This information is crucial for understanding the status of PSPPs across different regions in the Philippines.

B. COMMON CHALLENGES

- 1. A challenge exists due to the lack of hands-on workshops for new employees responsible for overseeing the Distribution Development Plan (DDP) and Power Supply Procurement Program (PSPP).
- 2. A challenge is encountered when integrating data from the Distribution Development Plan (DDP) and Power Supply Procurement Program (PSPP) into E-ICPM. This difficulty stems from inconsistencies found in the data originating from various departments.
- 3. A challenge lies in the approval process, where the timely approval of the Power Supply Procurement Program (PSPP) is critical for a short-term Competitive Selection Process (CSP).
- 4. Challenges arise from concerns about the delayed evaluation and forecasting of the Power Supply Procurement Program (PSPP) due to Retail Competition and Open Access (RCOA) and the General Expansion of Open Access Program (GEOP). Additionally, the cooperative is currently in the process of finalizing data for compliance with Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS).
- 5. A challenge arises in the NEA and DOE processes, where a delay in PSPP approval is caused by the absence of an invitation for deliberation. NEA is anticipated to evaluate and then submit to DOE. Prolonged waiting for DOE-approved PSPP may lead to delays in filing the Competitive Selection Process (CSP) documents, especially given the imminent expiration of the current Power Supply Agreement (PSA).

C. REMARKS/RECOMMENDATIONS

On item No. 1 - The association can facilitate a comprehensive workshop program incorporating practical workshops and mentorship to address the need for more handson workshops for new employees overseeing the Distribution Development Plan (DDP) and Power Supply Procurement Program (PSPP).

On item No. 2 - For the data integration challenge, it is advised to establish standardized data protocols, conduct regular quality checks, and provide training programs to enhance data management skills.

On item No. 3 - For the timely approval of the Power Supply Procurement Program (PSPP), we must establish clear communication channels between regulators and set up expedited review processes for critical components.

On item No. 4 - To counter concerns about delayed evaluation and forecasting due to factors like Retail Competition and Open Access (RCOA) and the Green Energy Option Program (GEOP), enhanced coordination between relevant departments, proactive planning, and leveraging technology for streamlined forecasting processes are recommended.

On item No. 5 - To tackle delays in the NEA and DOE approval process for PSPP, improvements in communication, coordination, and the implementation of measures for expedited evaluations are essential. These recommendations aim to foster efficiency, collaboration, and proactive problem-solving within the organization