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Powerful “Ompong” left CAGELCO II coverage area in extreme devastation

It was early morning of September 15, 2018 when Typhoon “Ompong” barreled its way to Northern Cagayan causing the Cooperative to incur tremendous devastation in its 69KV Sub-transmission and distribution lines.

Before powerful *Ompong* entered the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR), which showed no signs of weakening, CAGELCO II immediately conducted a pre-disaster emergency meeting to systematize the resiliency program of the Cooperative in times of natural calamities or disaster, after



Broken concrete pole of 69KV Sub-transmission line at Sta. Ana, Cagayan.



Rehabilitation of one (1) of a total of 98 downed structures of CAGELCO II's 69Kv Sub-transmission line.

coming from an initial PDRRMC meeting conducted by the Provincial Government of Cagayan. The meeting recapped the Disaster Preparedness Plan of the Cooperative and its Emergency Restoration Organizational Structure with its OIC, General Manager Ms. Blandina Y. Madamba as the Emergency Restoration Manager and TSD Manager Engr. Prosperido S. Ignacio, Jr. as Assistant Restoration Manager. Likewise, standard technical protocols before-during and after disaster were also discussed amongst the Engineers and other focal personnel during a separate technical meeting.

CAGELCO II caused the emergency shutdown of some of its Substations due to the torrential rain and very strong winds as *Ompong* ravaged the Cooperative's coverage area. Amidst difficulty in communication due to intermittent loss of telecom signal, continuous coordination by our engineers and technical personnel was done to ensure immediate restoration of power.

Following the devastation, CAGELCO [▶ next page](#)



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II personnel reported and assembled immediately in each CAGELCO II office in order to start mobilization on line patrolling and assessment of damages, likewise clearing operations were also directed. CAGELCO II management and staff headed by OIC, GM Madamba conducted an initial meeting as to the management of the devastated lines and data collected from field reports that were submitted to the National Electrification Administration (NEA) for initial evaluation.

Restoration efforts were in full swing where Backbone Lines including Substation Equipment were prioritized, followed by the repair of lateral lines connecting Hospitals, Health Stations, water systems until eventually reaching individual households or Member-

Consumer-Owners.

Also, the Institutional Services Department (ISD) continuously strengthened its Information Education Campaign on the status of power restoration and safety protocols for our MCOs during restoration.

CAGELCO II's Management and Board of Directors also showed their support to our line workers through continuous field visits to extend words of appreciation and encouragement for their efforts from sun up to sun down extending beyond the call of duty.

The NEA Administrator Edgardo R. Masongsong together with other NEA key personnel also came to personally check on the extent of damages of the Cooperative and to discuss strategies to fast-track energization. The

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NEA Administrator Edgardo R. Masongsong is presented of CAGELCO II's status of restoration by OIC, GM Madamba.



CAGELCO II's OIC, GM Blandina Y. Madamba checking on the linemen on field during restoration efforts.



NEA Deputy Admin. for Technical Services Engr. Artis Nikki Tortola (upper photo: second from right) and Engr. Federico Villar, Jr., Acting Department Manager of NEA DRRMD (lower photo: third from right) also came to conduct evaluation of damages.



Pre-Disaster Technical Emergency Meeting headed by TSD Manager Engr. Prosperido S. Ignacio, Jr. in close coordination with OIC, GM Blandina Y. Madamba.

AGYAMAN KAMI! (THANK YOU)

Isang Adhikain
Lyrics and Music by: Jaylor U. Tablit
Mae S. Rabanal

Sa lahat ng pinagdaanan
Sa hirap at pag-subok
Isang pamilyang aahon
Sabay-sabay sa pagbangon
Isang lakas, isang pag-asa
Patungo sa bagong umaga

Chorus:
Diwa ng pagkakaisa
Damayan at balikatan
Damang, dama

Diwa ng pagkakaisa
Damayan at balikatan
Sa pamilya ng enerhiya

Diwa ng pagkakaisa
Damayan at balikatan
Damang-dama talaga

Bridge:
Mula hilaga't kanluran, timog, silangan
Isang adhikain, isang lakas
Patungo sa maliwanag na bukas
Patungo sa maliwanag na bukas



NEAM: A call for MCO empowerment



Top three winners of the 2018 Essay Writing Contest together with OIC-GM Ms. Blandina Madamba (center) and their coaches (L-R): Ms. Gensan Pauline Bermudez (3rd place); Ms. Christine Reños (2nd place); Mr. Gerald Ibarra (1st place).



Joint tree planting activity of the Ballesteros Sub-Office and Sanchez Mira Sub-Office employees at CSU Sanchez Mira, Cagayan.



Participants in San Mariano, Lal-lo get to walk for almost thirty minutes before they reached the site.



CAGELCO II Board of Directors and OIC, GM with the MSEAC Members of Districts I & II.

CAGELCO II joins the National Electrification Administration (NEA) in celebrating the 9th National Electrification Awareness Month through Member-Consumer-Owners (MCOs) related activities lined up for the month of August, 2018 with the aim to empower partnership between the Electric Cooperative and its MCOs.

Essay Writing Competition

This year, CAGELCO II launched an On-the-Spot Essay Writing Contest with Grade 11 students from different schools in the franchise area participating. Said activity was held thru our five (5) sub-offices on August 15, 16, and 20, 2018

with the theme, "Electricity Access for All: A Platform for Nation Building."

The essay writing contest aims to mark the milestone of the Rural Electrification Program through the use of words and stories from our young people's point of view and an opportunity to influence the youth on the importance of electricity in our day-to-day lives.

During the elimination round, top three (3) entries were selected and qualified to join in the championship level. Gerald Ibarra from Academy of St. Joseph emerged as the first place winner followed by Christine Reños from Logac National High School while Gensan Pauline Bermudez from Apayao Science

High School came in 3rd place.

The cooperative-wide competition was successfully conducted with the participation of its Board of Judges namely CAGELCO II Board President Ms. Eva Antiporda; OIC-General Manger Ms. Blandina Y. Madamba; Bombo Radyo Radio Broadcaster Mr. Marvin Cangcang; Macanaya Elem. School Principal Dr. Judith Baclig; and retired instructor from Aparri School of Arts and Trades (ASAT) Mr. Alberto Erasm Madamba.

National Tree Planting and Line Clearing Day

One of the highlights of the annual celebration [▶ next page](#)



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is the conduct of the National Tree Planting and National Line Clearing Day held simultaneously on August 31, 2018 participated by all 121 Electric Cooperatives in the country.

For CAGELCO II, the 30-minute walk and long drive to tree-planting sites in San Mariano, Lallo and Nagbaranganan, Sanchez Mira was worth the experience as our small contribution in the preservation of Mother Earth.

The tree-planting activity led by Board President Eva M. Antiporda and OIC, General Manager Blandina Y. Madamba was conducted in observance of the 9th National Electrification Awareness Month celebration last August 31, 2018 at six o'clock in the morning.

Five hundred fifty (550) seedlings were planted by more than two hundred employees and volunteers composed of CAGELCO II's Multi-Sectoral Electrification Advisory Council (MSEAC), Member-Consumer-Owners Organization (MCOO), Board

of Directors, Management and Staff, who were assisted by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Community Environment and Natural Resources (CENRO) and CSU Sanchez Mira personnel.

The annual event is one of the advocacies of the National Electrification Administration (NEA) in support to the government's National Greening Program and a call to raise awareness of the society on the importance of planting and saving trees, and lessen the unfavorable effects of climate change.

The tree seedlings which include Mahogany, Bignay, and Philippine Cherry, were placed within the municipality's reforestation site.

On the other hand, the Technical Services Department of CAGELCO II spearheaded the Nationwide Line Clearing activity which started at six o'clock in the morning simultaneously conducted in six (6) different locations within CAGELCO II's franchise area. Area

engineers together with their linemen crews cut branches of trees touching the power lines in order to prevent unscheduled power outages and provide safety lines to the member-consumer-owners.

Member-consumer-owners (MCOs) in the nearby line-clearing sites extended their appreciation of the activity and showed support as some of them helped gather the fallen branches of trees and cleared the roads.

Engr. Prosperido S. Ignacio, Jr., Technical Services Manager of CAGELCO II cited that these efforts greatly contribute to the improvement of the technical performance of CAGELCO II, thus it was proposed that a quarterly line clearing to be participated by all CAGELCO II employees is to be conducted to maintain strong and clean lines within the franchise area.

National Candle Lighting Ceremony

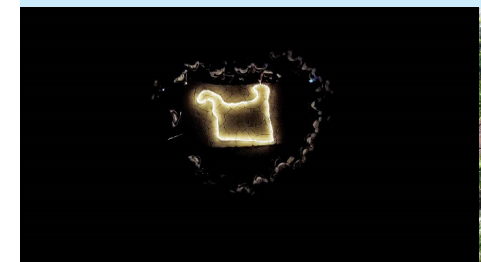
As dusk fell, CAGELCO II employees gathered for a Candle [▶ page 12](#)



Aparri Sub-Office, Gonzaga Sub-Office, Gattaran Sub-Office, and Main Office employees together with Dir. Marilyn B. Donato (District IV).



CAGELCO II employees in their hard hat and gloves as they join the first simultaneous nationwide line clearing activity initiated by the National Electrification Administration.



Drone shot of lighted candles in the shape of CAGELCO II's geographical coverage area signifying its commitment to energize its 192 remaining sitios.



CAGELCO II OIC-General Manager, Ms. Blandina Y. Madamba began the signing of the Pledge of Commitment to solidify the goal of the Rural Electrification Program.



Heart of Service

by Gerald Ibarra, Academy of St. Joseph
Champion, CAGELCO II On-The-Spot Essay Writing Contest

Darkness covers the haven at night. Tension grows in each human committing crimes. Some people use the night to hide their misdeeds. There are only two main light sources; the moon which governs the night and the light from candles and lamps which enable us to see the sad faces of families. It is indeed a world of black and white, a world of some of the scenes depicting a life without electricity. Electricity is one of the vital needs in the society. Most of our modern technologies need electricity in order to function. These technologies made the life of humanity easier and more efficient. "Electricity Access for All" is not that easy as accessing the internet or like magic that works through magic spells. But as the well-known adage goes, "Nothing is impossible", that platform of the National Electrification Administration (NEA) is never far from possible. The government allots budget for the improvement and implementation of programs/projects that benefit the electricity



Mr. Gerald Ibarra (wearing white polo shirt) during the awarding Ceremony last September 01, 2018.

consumers and to provide electricity to remote, rural, and far-flung communities. I still remember when we has a 2-week brownout due to the on slaught of a typhoon. It was really difficult because we have to use candles every night, we have to deal with the mosquitos. We lack information/news, less communication to our families abroad. We have to wave our fans to fight the heat and not all of us can afford generators. But when the power came back on, everyone was filled with excitement and joy. Everyone was rushing to outlets with their phones and chargers and you can hear almost everyone shouting "Adda kuryenten." (There's already power.) In that case, it was

just a temporary brownout but happiness overflowed when the power came back on. But how much more to those who have no access to electricity at all? Imagine them, those living in the outskirts, especially our native or ethnic brothers and sisters living in the mountains, that for the first time in their life, they got to access electricity. It would be a refreshing satisfaction to see their big smiles carved in their hardworking faces. The realization of this

is that, not just the electricity was brought to them but something more important or valuable was given to them, it was genuine happiness. "Electricity Access for All" is a stepping stone to nation building. In nation building, we consider its people for they are the most important factor. All of us should be connected with one another through a medium. Electricity is one of those mediums giving us connection leading to cooperation and participation among people to build our nation. "Electricity Access for All" is possible but it does not guarantee a 100% satisfaction to its consumers. We experience fluctuations, unexpected high electricity bill, on and off power disabling our appliances and we

give our negative feedbacks to electric cooperatives. The reason for this is not that there are so many consumers but it has something to do in the government who lives in the slavery of corruption. The fate of our nation lies in our hands, as citizens. We emphasize the employees in electric cooperatives who are committed in their responsibilities. These employees do their best to prioritize our sake, needs, and demands. They do their part in nation building through service, credibility, accountability, and being responsible. If the employees do their part in nation building, we too, as electricity consumers should do our part as well. We inculcate in ourselves the discipline in energy conservation and proper usage. We participate in the Earth Hour. We turn-off appliances if they are not needed, so we don't have to blame the cooperatives if they got broken. We should use our common sense and initiative as consumers. If the employees and electricity consumers collaborate, cooperate, and understand

and trust each other, then we can make the platform "Electricity Access for All", possible. And through the spirit of unity, we will be able to build not just a nation, but a great, productive and progressive nation. Nobody is left behind and together we can make this nation great again, as President Ferdinand Marcos said. We should eradicate our selfish intentions that could destroy our future and the future of the younger generations. The "Electricity Access for All; A Platform for Nation Building", should not be blocked by our greedy ambitions. We can make that goal into reality but it all depend on what is in the hearts of people and I suppose and hope that it is a heart of service.



1st Joint PHILRECA-PHILFECO Convention and 39th PHILRECA Annual General Membership Meeting conducted in Beautiful GenSan



NEA Administrator Edgardo R. Masongsong leading the thrust for the 121 ECs which were reunited during the convention



CAGELCO II's OIC GM Blandina Y. Madamba and BOD Pres. Eva M. Antiporda during the Parade of ECs.



Unveiling of the symbolic marker of NEA, PHILRECA and PHILFECO's tripartite alliance as vanguards in leading the ECs through the goals and challenges of electrification. The marker is made out of recycled materials.

One hundred twenty (121) Electric Cooperatives nationwide were reunited during the 1st Joint PHILRECA-PHILFECO Convention which was conducted simultaneously with the 39th PHILRECA Annual General Membership Meeting held at SMX Convention Center, General Santos City, South Cotabato last August 16-18, 2018.

Leaders in attendance were the NEA Administrator Edgardo R. Masongsong, PHILRECA President Presley De Jesus together with PHILRECA's Executive Director/General Manager Atty. Janeene Depay-Colingan and PHILFECO Chairman David Solomon Siquian. Top management and Board of Directors of the different Electric Cooperatives were present which included CAGELCO II's Board of Directors headed by President Eva M. Antiporda, OIC General Manager Blandina Y. Madamba, its Department Managers and one Division Chief.

With the more than twelve (12) million households energized thru the leadership of the National Electrification Administration (NEA) and combined efforts of the Electric Cooperatives (ECs), NEA Administrator Edgardo R. Masongsong encouraged the ECs to be more determined and assertive to the rising challenges in the power industry. Likewise, he emphasized that in order to be comprehensively viable and competitive; the ECs should embrace modernization and should engage in continuous improvement to a better delivery of quality, efficient and reliable services. The convention, he said, "is a great opportunity to foster a great collaboration" towards a stronger partnership and inspired the delegates to continuously work together for the pursuit of rural electrification and development.

Philippine Rural Electric Cooperatives Association (PHILRECA) President Presley De Jesus in his speech stated how honored he is to be standing in front of history makers and that he is certain that the goal for total electrification by 2022 which is anchored in the present administration's thrust will be realized by working together, supported by the ECs towards the 1 EC-MCO movement.



Chairman of the Philippine Federation of Electric Cooperatives (PHILFECO) Mr. David Solomon Siquian in his turn to address the delegates also expressed that the partnership is not of convenience but "a meaningful union founded for the fulfillment of common objectives, a coalition meant to serve and advance the best interest of our member-consumer-owners."

Davao City Mayor Sarah Duterte-Carpio was also one of the key note speakers commending the alliance for the fundamental programs designed to respond to the various needs of the ECs towards institutional viability and service efficiency and to continue working together for sustainable development of the entire nation.

The 39th PHILRECA meeting meanwhile presented an overview on the regulatory reforms and concerns, legislative developments and operational highlights of the association thru its Executive Director/General Manager Atty. Janeene Depay-Colingan.

Also during the convention, a Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), NEA and the PHILRECA was also signed realizing the National Broadband Plan project. With this agreement, the DICT will tap the Electric Cooperatives acting as Internet Service Providers (ISPs) by using their existing infrastructures to bring internet connectivity to the countryside.

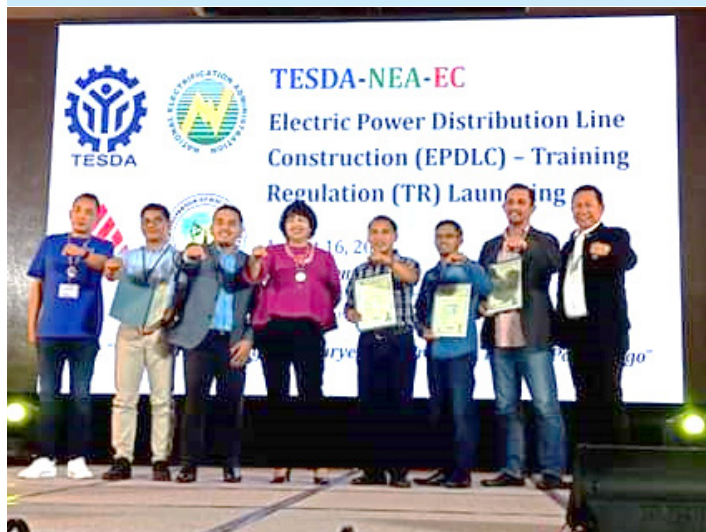
A special citation was also awarded to our CAGELCO II employee Engr. Elmer Francisco, for serving as a Technical Expert in the TESDA-NEA-EC collaboration on the development of Training Regulations (TR) and Competency Assessment Tools (CAT) for Electric Power Distribution Line Construction (EPDLC) NC II, and Electric Power Distribution Operation & Maintenance (EPDOM) NC III and NC IV.

Similarly, CAGELCO II delegates were awarded "Best Dressed Delegation" during the NGCP-PHILRECA's "Rock, ECs, Rock!" fellowship night where they donned their "Dekada Sitenta" outfit as each EC came with their themed regalia.

Though delay in flights and traffic were insistent during their travel, these did not hamper our CAGELCO II delegates in reaching beautiful GenSan and participate in this central unification to join the 121 ECs nationwide fortifying the adage "United We Stand, Divided We Fall" towards a stronger and more unified alliance, confirming there is power in togetherness. (Photo credits to LEXICON) ###



Davao City Mayor Sarah Duterte-Carpio delivering her speech.



Engr. Elmer P. Francisco, CAGELCO II's Engineering Division Chief together with the other members of the Technical Experts Group during the launching of the Training Regulations together with TESDA representative Ms. Imelda B. Taganas.



CAGELCO II's delegates during the fellowship night.



SUSTAINING EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT



2017 EC Overall Performance Assessment

In the 2017 EC Overall Performance Assessment, it showed an increase in the number of power distribution utilities that are fully compliant with the key performance standards (KPS) of the NEA. Based on the result, the ECs that were rated AAA rose to 87 from 78 in 2016. Of these, 33 ECs received an overall score point 100, which is higher than the 24 ECs that garnered 100 points from the previous assessment.

LOAN TYPE	AMOUNT RELEASED (in million Pesos)	NO. OF RECIPIENTS
RE Loan-Capital Projects	755	36
Credit Facility for Emergency, Unplanned, and Contingency CAPEX Projects	80	4
Short-Term Credit Facility	20	1
Stand-by Credit Facility	145	1
Modular GenSets	74	3
RE Loan-Working Capital	220	6
	1,294	51 *

* Five ECs availed more than one credit facility

NEA P1.294-B worth of loans extended to 46 power coops in first semester

The financial assistance extended by NEA to different ECs has reached P1.294 billion from January to June this year, 23% higher compared to the P1.050 billion registered in the same period of the previous year. NEA records show, at least 46 of the 121 ECs supervised by NEA have availed of the P1.294 billion worth of loans, including calamity loans, during the first six months of the year.



Solar PV Mainstreaming

PV mainstreaming is a program of the DOE, funded by the EU-ASEP through the World Bank. The LGU Guarantee Corporation (LGU-GC) serves as program manager while the NEA acts as an implementing arm, being the supervisory body of all ECs in the country.



The President's Directive

"I also directed the newly-created DICT to develop a National Broadband Plan to accelerate the development of fiber optic cables and wireless technologies to improve internet speeds."

NEA and DICT inked MOU to provide high-speed internet service to rural areas

A memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed on August 17 between the DICT, NEA and the Philippine Rural Electric Cooperatives Association, Inc. (PHILRECA) in General Santos City, formalizing the tripartite collaboration "to realize the objectives of the NBP, including but not limited to the co-use of fiber optic cables."



9th National Electrification Awareness Month and 49th NEA Anniversary

In August this year, NEA celebrated the 9th National Electrification Awareness Month (NEAM), which coincides with the agency's 49th Founding Anniversary. NEAM is celebrated annually every month of August in accordance with Proclamation Order No. 1743, recognizing the significance of the electrification program in nation building with the theme: "Electricity Access for All: A Platform for Nation Building."



KEEPING THE ALLIANCE STRONG IN PURSUIT OF RURAL ELECTRIFICATION



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CAGELCO II rep attends Public consultation on Bill Deposit conducted by the ERC

OIC of CAGELCO II's Finance, Retail, Supply and Services Department, Ms. Amelia Paludipan attended the group discussion conducted by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) regarding the "Draft Rules to Govern the Monitoring and Reporting Process of Bill Deposits" held at BENEKO Headquarters, Baguio City last July 18, 2018, together with other representatives from the ECs of Northern Luzon.

A review of the resolution on power bill deposits and a group discussion on the procedure and period as to

when to reimburse the bill deposits to the Member-Consumer-Owners was conducted. Likewise, the timeline of submission of reports to ERC was also deliberated including the needed power bill Statement of Account to include a single line for bill deposit refund and interest.

The bill deposit is an amount mandatory from all member-consumer-owners of every distribution utility as a guarantee for payment of electric bills but not as an advance payment for subsequent bill consumption. The bill deposit amount shall be equivalent

to the consumer's estimated monthly billing and which can be reimbursed provided the consumer is a prompt payor within three (3) years; credited to the Statement of Account every first quarter of the year. The deposit, however, is re-imposed once the consumer fails to continue as prompt payor after reimbursement. Meanwhile, when the electric service is voluntarily terminated by the consumer provided there are no sustained arrears, the bill deposit can be reimbursed anytime. The bill deposit interest earned shall be credited back every first quarter of the year. ###

CAGELCO II extends assistance to BATANELCO



BATANELCO employees headed by their General Manager Ms. Victoria Mata (seated, 4th from left), together with CAGELCO II representatives.

Kaychanarianan, Basco, Batanes.

Three CAGELCO II representatives flew off to BATANELCO to administer a 2-day in-house training which covers warehousing procedures, institutional development activities, and accounting procedures among others. These topics were thoroughly presented and discussed by the Officer-in-Charge of Institutional Services Department, Ms. Kristine Basquez, Officer-in-Charge of Finance Services Department, Ms. Amelia C. Paludipan, and Chief, Construction, Operations, and Maintenance Division Engr. Ericson Pasion who made sure that all sixty-one (61) BATANELCO employees are well-informed and equipped with knowledge to further improve the services of their Electric Cooperative (EC).

The said seminar is a manifestation of the solid partnership of Electric Cooperatives to continuously safeguard the gains of Rural Electrification program and serve the consuming public with the best professional service they can get.

CAGELCO II extends its manpower assistance to Batanes Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BATANELCO) through the conduct of seminars and

trainings in relation to Institutional, Financial, and Technical operations of a Distribution Utility last August 9-10, 2018 at BATANELCO Office, Brgy.



NEA BIT EC SUMMIT conducted

Five (5) of CAGELCO II's key personnel headed by OIC-GM Blandina Y. Madamba which included the FRSD Manager Ms. Amelia Paludipan, OIC-ISD Manager Ms. Kristine Basquez, Planning and Evaluation Head Engr. Darwin Guimay and MIS Head Mr. Leonard Sandoval went to Benguet Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BENEKO) Headquarters, Baguio City on September 12, 2018 to attend the NEA Business Intelligence Technology or NEA-BIT Summit which was attended by representatives from eighteen (18) Electric Cooperatives under Regions 1, 2 and CAR.

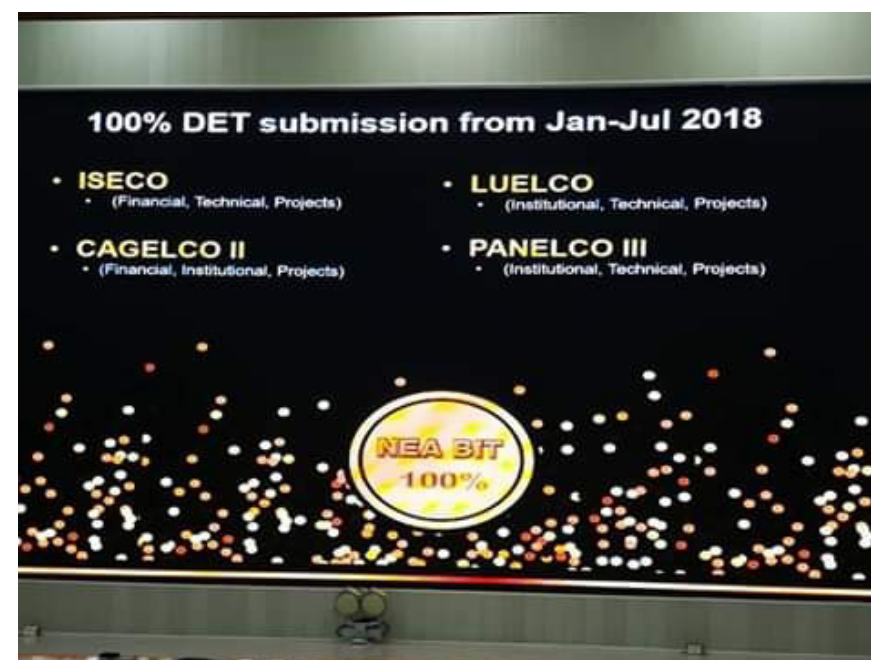
The summit was conducted as an avenue to solicit comments and common usage problems encountered by the NEA-BIT users as well as suggestions and constructive feedbacks to further augment and improve the system.

The NEA-BIT is an online-system designed as a general database of all reports submitted by the Electric Cooperatives pertaining to Financial, Institutional, Technical and Project Monitoring Schedules specifically on energization, Sitio Electrification and Barangay Line Enhancement Programs. The pooling of reports serves as analytical instrument for the NEA to further assess the condition of the ECs operational performance, also catering data pooling for the ERC and PSALM. It was designed in order for the NEA to provide needed assistance of the ECs based on the analysis results of the submitted reports.

Launched last August 2017, the NEA-BIT Phase 1 covered Institutional and project monitoring schedules, Phase 2 involved Technical and Rates while Phase 3 included Finance and Data Entry Templates (DETs).

During the summit, a workshop was also done to present the challenges or problems encountered with the use of the NEA-BIT, how it was hurdled and how the NEA-BIT helped in the EC operations. The OIC, ISD Manager and the MIS Head had the opportunity to present the ISD-IT group output while the Planning and Evaluation Section Head was tasked to perform a demo work on the downloading and uploading of Data Entry Templates (DETs) in the NEA-BIT.

The summit also recognized the achievement of the ECs which were compliant and timely in submitting reports for which CAGELCO II received a citation for its prompt submission of Finance, Institutional and Project Monitoring Reports from January to July 2018. ###



CAGELCO II holds Upgrading Course for Line Workers



CAGELCO II Linemen were tested with their strength and endurance in climbing electrical poles during the course of their training.



Engr. Felipe Radin, seminar's Resource Speaker, introduced the transformer polarity and voltage ratio test as part of the training.

As part of its efforts to improve its distribution line services, CAGELCO II launched an upgrading program for its Linemen entitled "Power Distribution System Line Workers Enhancement Course" in two batches last July 9-14 and July 16-21, 2018 at CAGELCO II Multi-Purpose Hall, Aparri, Cagayan.

CAGELCO II held its first Lineman Upgrading Program to its sixty-one (61) "Warriors of Light" capacitating the workforce to meet the demands of

the increasing number of household connections in the Coop's franchise area.

Ms. Blandina Y. Madamba, OIC-General Manager recognizes the importance of the said training tool which will help "level-up" the knowledge and skills of our technical workers and also equip them with strategies to further reduce system loss.

The 6-day training includes basic topics on lineman course to upgrading proficiency on adequate staking and design, construction, operation and maintenance of distribution line, and also to update the participants in the use of current technologies. And more importantly, to imbibe work values and safety awareness in their duties.

The speakers and trainers who are both from the National Electrification Administration (NEA) were Engr. Felipe B. Radin and Mr. Belarmino V. Ombrog, Jr. of the Management and Consultancy Services Department.

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NEAM: A call for MCO

Lighting Ceremony still in celebration of the 9th National Electrification Awareness Month (NEAM) at the Main Office compound, Macanaya, Aparri, Cagayan led by OIC, General Manager Blandina Y. Madamba.

The first-ever lighting ceremony was conducted to conclude the month-long celebration of NEAM intensifying the Cooperative's commitment to light up the remaining 192 unenergized Sitios in its coverage area fulfilling the mandate of the Rural Electrification program.

OIC-GM Madamba led the prayer for total electrification which was followed by an acapella singing of the CAGELCO II hymn which shows the solidarity of the employees of the cooperative in the realization of the Sitio Electrification Program (SEP) with the support of the Local Government Units.

In her closing remarks, OIC-GM Madamba conveyed her strong urge to the employees of the Cooperative to give their utmost support to the projects and programs of the National Electrification Administration headed by Administrator Edgardo R. Masongsong.

CAGELCO II, Fortified at 40!

Cagayan II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CAGELCO II) marked its 40th Founding Anniversary with the theme, CAGELCO II: Fortified @ 40! last September 01, 2018 with spirit-boosting activities participated by its member-consumer-owners and employees.

Incorporated on September 01, 1978, CAGELCO II is one of the two electric cooperatives operating in the Northern part of Cagayan and Lone District of Apayao. Today, CAGELCO II is serving twenty (20) municipalities in its franchise area and has a total of 126, 512 household connections as of this date.

Tested through time and challenges, the CAGELCO II has stood strong and sturdy for the past four (4) decades and remains committed to serve its member-consumer-owners with its more than two hundred (200) workforce.

COLOR FUN RUN FOR A CAUSE

To kick-off the celebration of CAGELCO II's 40th Founding Anniversary, two hundred (200) MCOs joined the 5-km Advocacy Color Fun Run dubbed as "Don't Just Run, Run for a Cause".

The fund-raising event was able to raise Forty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Pesos (Php 43,200.00) which shall be donated to an underserved community or school in the area of Sanchez Mira Sub Office.

Certificates of recognition with a corresponding cash prize were awarded to our member-consumer-owners with the following recognition: Youngest Runner- Mr. Mark Daniel Mape; Oldest Runner-Rosan Balao;

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Member-consumer-owners (MCOs) together with CAGELCO II employees run from the start of the race.



Youngest Runner Mr. Mark Daniel Mape (center)



Oldest Runner Ms. Rosan Balao (center)



3rd finisher Mr. Brian Jay Antonio (center)



2nd finisher Mr. Jophet Labuguen (center)



1st female finisher Ms. Mary Jane Elhas (center)



1st male finisher Mr. Brandolf Aquileña (center)



Most number of participants by an Agency-Banco De Oro (Aparri Branch)



Ms. Blandina Y. Madamba, OIC General Manager of CAGELCO II leads the Color Fun Run.



A Zumba presentation led by CAGELCO II employees concluded the first CAGELCO II Color Fun Run.

Most number of participants by an Agency-Banco De Oro (Aparri Branch); 3rd Finisher-Brian Jay Antonio; 2nd

Finisher-Jophet Labuguen; 1st Female Finisher-Mary Jane Elhas; 1st Male Finisher Brandolf Aquileña.

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THANKSGIVING MASS

"Fortified at 40 means to ask more strength from the Almighty to go on to your mission to illuminate the nation." These were some of the words of wisdom delivered by the officiating priest Rev. Fr. Arsenio dela Cruz during the Thanksgiving Mass at CAGELCO II Main Office last September 01, 2018.

During the homily, Fr. Dela Cruz encouraged the CAGELCO II Family to serve the community as likened to being a servant of the Lord and to express thanks to God for the grace bestowed to the Cooperative for the past four (4) decades.

The Holy Mass bears great importance to the employees of CAGELCO II as faith and commitment to God's call keeps the Cooperative in overcoming the challenges in the electrification sector and to continuously reap blessings throughout the years.



OIC, Institutional Services Department Manager Ms. Kristine T. Basquez gave her opening remarks during the program and introduced the New Vision and Mission of the Cooperative.



"Progress can only be pursuit for people working hard together." -Ms. Eva M. Antiporda, Board President.

CHEERS TO FORTY!

As the day unfolds, the yearly celebration was made more memorable for the employees as they take a time-off from work duties and glam-up with their coat and tie and elegant evening gowns for the Grand Ball held at CAGELCO II Multi-Purpose Gymnasium, Aparri, Cagayan.

Forty-four employees received a Loyalty Award for having rendered 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 years of dedicated service to the Cooperative and Special awards such as Star of the Night and Couple of the Night were also given in that awe-inspiring night.

One of the highlights of the occasion is the launching of CAGELCO II's new Vision and Mission presented by OIC, Institutional Services Department Manager Ms. Kristine T. Basquez, which

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aims to boost employees' horizon of the distinct and clear goal of the Cooperative in promoting the rural electrification program and becoming a dynamic Electric Cooperative in the region.

The glamorous night was a success as the employees took a step back, reflect, and capture the beautiful memories of the struggles and victories of CAGELCO II through a video presentation which further strengthened the unity of the CAGELCO II family.

In her anniversary message, CAGELCO II Board President Dir. Eva M. Antiporda congratulated the management and staff thru the leadership of its OIC, General Manager Ms. Blandina Y. Madamba for their perseverance for the past forty (40) years. She further encouraged everyone to continue their good works to attain a sustainable rural development and total electrification.

OIC- General Manager Ms. Blandina Y. Madamba proposed a toast to the weather-proof men and women of CAGELCO II for their hardwork and patience over the years. She thanked the management and staff for the support she has been receiving during her administration.

Another highlight of the celebration was the unveiling of the CAGELCO II Coffee Table Book 40th Anniversary Edition Book Cover. A video teaser of the contents of the book was shown featuring stories and experiences of selected employees of CAGELCO II.

As CAGELCO II marks its 41st year in the industry, the book shall be launched in 2019 to showcase the solid and dedicated workforce of the Cooperative who as a team has achieved greater heights in the previous years and shall continue doing so as a corporation attaining greater milestones in the rural



OIC-GM Madamba proposing a toast as she ended her speech with "Here's to a more blessed and stronger CAGELCO II years to come! Cheers"

electrification and beyond.

The employees let their guards down and danced the rest of the night away as a guest band rendered nostalgic songs. It was truly a day to remember!



CAGELCO II Board of Directors slips off the velvety red cloth to unveil the front cover of the Coop's Coffee Table Book 40th Anniversary Edition.



VISION:
A leading electric cooperative of choice in the country bringing delight to member-consumer-owners

MISSION:
To provide quality services towards socio-economic progress in Northern Cagayan and Lower Apayao



CAGELCO II commemorates 40th year through MCO day



Dir Mary Ann R. Canosa (3rd from right), and OIC-ISD Manager Ms. Kristine Basquez (2nd from right) together with Sanchez Mira's Area Manager, Member and Institutional Services Section Head, Consumer Accounts Officer and Member Services Division employees.



MCOs may take a sip of coffee or juice while waiting for their turn to pay for their bills at Sanchez Mira Sub-Office.



Aparri Sub-Office consumer winning a commemorative mug (left photo) and an umbrella (right photo) from CAGELCO II.

In celebration of its 40th year, a Member - Consumer - Owner Appreciation Day was held to honour the continued support of the member-consumer-owners and four (4) decades of service within CAGELCO II franchise area.

Commemorative items such as umbrellas, mugs, shirts, and keychains

were given away as a prize to lucky forty (40) consumers who visit the action centers and sub-offices within the month of September. Aside from these, consumers were also offered to enjoy a hot cup of coffee or a cold drink and snacks as they pay their power bills.

This simple act of appreciating

our Member - Consumer - Owners resounded with a positive vibe and strengthened partnership between the electric cooperative and its consumers and served as a gesture of our sincere gratitude for their utmost support and cooperation to the activities of the Cooperative throughout the years.



Area Manager of Ballesteros Sub-Office Engr. Rudolph Adviento facilitates the MCO Appreciation Day activity.



Gonzaga Sub-Office employees turns the day of MCOs to a bright one!



Member-Consumer-Owner having won a shirt with CAGELCO II's 40th anniversary logo!



Lucky Member-Consumer-Owners from Gattaran Sub-Office with gift items from CAGELCO II.



District V Director Dr. Vicente Manibog hands in a simple token for our Member-Consumer-Owners for their continued support.



SAY NO TO PASSAGE OF HOUSEBILL 8179: SAY NO TO SOLAR PARA SA BAYAN CORPORATION NATIONWIDE MEGA-FRANCHISE

House Bill 8179 granting Solar Para Sa Bayan (SPSB), a private company owned by Leandro Leviste, of a nationwide mega-franchise to operate in the entire country has been hastily approved in just one (1) hearing in the committee level. This was done without due public consultation depriving the civil society and private sectors' position against HB 8179 to be heard.

The suspicious railroading of House Bill 8179 which apparently awards Solar Para Sa Bayan Corporation (SPSBC) monopoly in the renewable energy sector, has warranted mass opposition from the Electric Cooperatives and its associations, together with its Member-Consumer-Owners nationwide including other key players in the renewable

energy sector.

Moreover, approval of the House Bill 8179 is a clear violation of the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA) Law of 2001 which already provides entry of a qualified third party or renewable energy sector without the need to apply for a nationwide franchise if indeed it envisions total electrification of missionary, unserved and underserved areas. Clearly, Rural Electrification is not a priority of SPSBC, which undermines the Electric Cooperatives' achievement of energizing the country for almost (50) years.

Contrary to the promise of reduced rates by SPSB, being a private company and not being under the control of the National Electrification Administration

(NEA) and the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC), rates are deregulated for profit and return of investment, which in time will bring burden to our member-consumer-owners.

Also, solar power is not viable to stand alone. Backup generators are needed to maintain sustainability of the power source.

Lobbying the approval of the franchise in congress by political backers is a clear manifestation of underhanded maneuvers. We do not want a sugar-coated promise for our Member-Consumer-Owners. Let's stand and be heard!

To sign online petitions opposing HB 8179, please visit this link, <https://chn.ge/2PX1vh0> ###

Powerful "Ompong" left CAGELO II...

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Administrator's visit was remarkable as this was the first time that a NEA Administrator visited the Cooperative after a devastation. NEA Deputy Administrator for Technical Services Engr. Artis Nikki Tortola also came to conduct further assessment on line damage including Engr. Federico Villar Jr. the Acting Department Manager of NEA's Disaster Risk Reduction Management (DRRMD) and Manager for Technical Operation of its Engineering Division. A team of NEA Engineers namely Engr. Gerardo Pomoy and Engr. Rainier Ramos together with Mr. Guy Rivera were also deployed by the NEA to supervise the Cooperative's rehabilitation activities until full energization is completed.

A total of two hundred twenty-

eight (228) Engineers and linemen composed the Power Restoration Rapid Deployment (PRRD) Taskforce which was deployed to assist CAGELCO II in the immediate rehabilitation and restoration of its damaged lines. Six (6) ECs from Northeast Luzon Electric Cooperatives Association (NELECA), three (3) ECs from Central Luzon Electric Cooperatives Association (CLECA), seven (7) ECs from Bicol Electric Cooperatives Association (BECA), two (2) ECs from Region 1 Electric Cooperatives Association (RECA 1), and Region IV-A form part of the Task Force "Ompong" including four groups namely LMPR Electrical Supply and Services (LMPRESS), SM Baccud Electrical Supply and Services, MERALCO, and NGCP to further assist in the rehabilitation.



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