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## CAGELCO II CONDUCTS DISTRICT ELECTIONS 2017



Dr. Vicente T. Manibog, a retired District Supervisor and an active MSEAC Member, recently won the District V (Camalaniugan, Lallo, & Allacapan) Directorial Election last March 11, 2017.



Engr. Wilfredo B. Dingayan, MSEAC Member, representing the Religious Sector of District VIII (Gattaran & Lasam), will be representing his district in the CAGELCO II Board.



Engr. Jacinto S. Semana was proclaimed the new director of District IX (Gonzaga & Sta. Ana) after outnumbering his opponent, Ms. Nenita Ayuyang by 1, 590 votes.

**CAGELCO II successfully conducted its three (3) District Elections in its coverage area particularly in Districts V, VIII, and IX last March 11, 18, and 25, respectively.**

Over the last three years, District V covering Lal-lo, Camalaniugan and Allacapan have not been represented in the CAGELCO II Board due to lack of qualified candidates, however, in June 2016, the MSEAC of the same district nominated and endorsed to the Board of Directors three candidates to serve the remaining term until the conduct of regular elections. Ms. Cristeta C. Balisi was appointed by the Board of

Directors and duly confirmed by NEA. Dir. Balisi shall turnover the directorial seat to Dr. Vicente T. Manibog, a lone candidate, as the elected Director of District V from the recently concluded directorial elections on March 11, 2017.

Dr. Manibog was a member of the Multi-Sectoral Electrification Advisory Council (MSEAC) representing the Civic Sector prior to his election as Board of Director.

While in District VIII covering Gattaran and Lasam, CAGELCO II steered the Directorial Elections on March 18, 2017 with only one candidate in the person of Engr. Wilfredo B. Dingayan from Lasam, Cagayan. He was also a member

of the MSEAC in the same district representing the Religious Sector prior to his candidacy. He garnered a total of 1, 080 votes in the said District. Mr. Romeo E. Castillejos, the outgoing Director and CAGELCO II Board President shall likewise pass on the responsibility as District Director to Engr. Dingayan after finishing two

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## CAGELCO II CONDUCTS...

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of Brgy. Paradise, Gonzaga, Cagayan. The Directorial Election was held on March 25, 2017 with a total of twenty three (23) precincts strategically located in various elementary schools in both municipalities.

Engr. Semana got the most number of

(2) consecutive terms.

Lastly, the member-consumer-owners of District IX covering Gonzaga and Sta. Ana will now be properly represented thru their newly elected Director, Engr. Jacinto S. Semana

votes at two thousand seven hundred thirty (2,730) while his opponent Ms. Nenita P. Ayuyang garnered a total of one thousand one hundred forty (1,140) votes.

During the District IX election,

one of the voters took note of the importance of participating in activities such as this because it creates transparency among member-consumer-owners as they exercise their right to vote on the candidate they favor.

Ms. Blandina Y. Madamba, the Officer-in-Charge (OIC), CAGELCO II and ISD Manager thanked both parties for the peaceful and successful election in their area.



**The Board of Directors is a body composed of representatives elected in every district to promulgate policies, rules and regulations necessary for the operations of the electric cooperative.**



terms of information dissemination, highlighting the use of social media as an effective tool in the instantaneous sharing of the coop's programs pertaining to membership development.

The National Grid Corp. of the Philippines (NGCP) operates and maintains the country's power transmission system.



**The power forum aimed to harmonize the Public Relations Group of NGCP and DUs especially in the dissemination of public advisories on schedules of power interruption.**



## CAGELCO II joins NGCP Power Forum



A must-have photo-op of the Luzonwide Power Forum of Information Managers and Officers of Distribution Utilities in front of Le Monet Hotel, Baguio City.

The Cagayan II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CAGELCO II) headed by the ISD Manager and Officer-in-Charge, Ms. Blandina Y. Madamba together with the staff of the Member Services and Media Relations Section, joined in the NGCP's (National Grid Corporation of the Philippines) Power Forum with Distribution Utilities' Information Managers and Officers on March 17,

2017 at Le Monet Hotel, Baguio City.

The power forum aimed to harmonize the PR Group of NGCP and Distribution Utilities such as CAGELCO II especially in the dissemination of public advisories on scheduled power interruption.

Ms. Blandina Y. Madamba, OIC, CAGELCO II/ISD Manager was given a chance to share the best practices of the cooperative in



# CAGELCO II participates in coastal clean-up



CAGELCO II Main Office and Aparri Sub-Office employees together with Philippine National Police- Aparri during the conduct of Municipal Wide Coastal Clean-Up last May 20, 2017.

Nineteen (19) CAGELCO II employees participated in the Municipal Wide Coastal Clean-up initiated by the Local Government of Aparri last January 20, 2017 at Brgy. Macanaya, Aparri, Cagayan.

The event targeted to clean the area along the Cagayan River shoreline which was also participated by different agencies such as the Philippine Coast Guard, Philippine National Police and

other associations.

The coastal clean-up was a success having yielded a number of garbage bags composed of plastic materials, broken glasses, old clothes, and various debris discarded by nearby

communities. Joining the nationwide efforts to clean the ocean and its coastlines, CAGELCO II is committed to undertake such activities in line with its corporate social responsibility and civic duties.

# CAGELCO II partakes in blood-letting program

Last March 09, 2017, ten (10) CAGELCO II employees participated in the conduct of Blood-letting Activity initiated by Charles W. Selby Memorial Hospital, Inc. at Aparri, Cagayan.

Dubbed as "Give Blood, Give Life", the event aimed to maintain adequate

supply of the municipality's Blood Bank for the use of the people in times of need.

Aside from helping others, the said activity promotes health consciousness among the donors.

CAGELCO II has been actively

joining in the said program for the last three (3) years.

The said program was successfully done in cooperation with the Department of Health – Cagayan-Kalinga-Apayao-Batanes (CKAB) Chapter.





## 1-CARE PARTY-LIST CORNER

1<sup>st</sup> CONSUMERS ALLIANCE FOR RURAL ENERGY, INC.

# 1-CARE grants educational assistance thru CAGELCO II

1-CARE Party-List thru CAGELCO II offers scholarship grants to marginalized students as part of consumer relations development program.

Last February 07, 2017, ISD Manager Blandina Y. Madamba visited the grantees at Cagayan State University (CSU) Aparri Campus to personally meet the twenty (20) students and hand-in the stipend amounting to Php 3,000.00 for the first semester.

Ms. Matilde Malana, the OSSW (Office of the Student Services & Welfare) Officer of said university was also present to personally thank CAGELCO II Management and 1-CARE Party-List, represented by Ms. Blandina Y. Madamba. She expressed how valuable the program was to the students, helping them to pursue their goals and uplift their financial burden.



Ms. Blandina Y. Madamba, ISD Manager (center) together with Ms. Matilde Malana, OSSW Officer (8th from left), CSU-Aparri Campus Cashier, CAGELCO II PARO and scholarship grantees

## 1-CARE proposes house bill 3351

On March 7, 2017, Representative Carlos Roman Uybarreta presented to the Committee on Energy House Bill No. 3351 or the Anti-Power Line Disturbance Act.

During his presentation, Representative Uybarreta explained to the committee that the main cause of toppled electric poles during typhoons are the structures or vegetation/trees that usually falls over the electric lines.

Representative Uybarreta backed this up with data coming from the various Electric Cooperatives, NGCP and NEA which shows the cost of damages caused by said structures/vegetation. House Bill No. 3351 will prohibit the construction of structures and the planting of vegetation/trees on the right of way corridors of transmission and distribution lines. Furthermore, the bill also prohibits the conduct of hazardous activities along the said right of way corridors.

### FAST FACT:

1-CARE is a consumer advocacy alliance which seeks to protect and promote consumer rights to avail quality and affordable goods and services from utilities such as electricity, water, telephone and transportation. It is represented by Atty. Carlos Roman Uybarretta.

Representative Uybarreta commended the electric cooperatives and our transmission utility for making sure that electric and transmission poles are built as per the standard set in the Philippine Electric/Grid Code but he stressed the need for this bill to be passed so we can avoid experiencing

power interruption caused by the aforementioned problem.

The Committee decided to create a technical working group which is set to meet on March 28, 2017 to harmonize the provisions of the bill with other existing laws.

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# NEA vows to intensify electrification of rural communities, empowerment of electric coops



Administrator Edgardo R. Masongsong provides feedback on one of the proposed statements of the NEA during the Agency's 2017 Strategic Thinking Conference-Workshop held on December 26-28, 2016 at the NEA Building, Diliman, Quezon City. Present were select General Managers and Board of Directors of the electric cooperatives and 61 management officials and staff of the Agency

THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION (NEA) HAS CRAFTED PLANS ANEW TO INTENSIFY THE RURAL ELECTRIFICATION (RE) PROGRAM AND CAPACITATE ITS PARTNER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES (ECS) FOLLOWING NEA ADMINISTRATOR EDGARDO MASONGSONG'S VOW FOR A MORE STRENGTHENED PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE AGENCY AND THE ECS.

In the NEA 2017 Strategic Thinking Conference-Workshop held on December 26-28, 2016 at the NEA Building, Diliman, Quezon City, Administrator Masongsong batted for multi-pronged initiatives that will not only accelerate the energization of unlit areas in the country, but will also make the services of the Agency more responsive to the needs of the ECs and the electricity consumers.

"Under my leadership, I want the NEA to be more consumer-focused. We will work together with the electric cooperatives in rolling out programs that fully tap the potential of rural

electrification to enhance people's productivity and make them active partners in building sustainable rural communities," Administrator Masongsong said.

The Administrator added, "Definitely, we will have to fast-track the implementation of the Sitio Electrification Program and the Barangay Line Enhancement Program to be able to introduce empowerment programs for our

member-owner-consumers. Without electricity in the remote areas, it will be difficult for us to push programs that can complement the productivity skills of our rural folks."

## ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMS

The Sitio Electrification Program (SEP) and the Barangay Line Enhancement Program (BLEP) are interrelated electrification projects of the NEA which started in 2010.

For 2017, the Agency has committed 2,140 sitios for energization with a total evaluated project cost of Php1.8 billion. This covers 825 programmed sitios in Luzon, 878 in Visayas, and 707 in Mindanao.

Meanwhile, NEA is also targeting to complete a total of 104 BLEP projects nationwide, of which seven are submarine cable installations and six are tapping point upgrading. 48 of the total BLEP projects are programmed for Mindanao, while 42 and 14 are expected

to be accomplished in Visayas and Luzon, respectively.

Funding for these projects is sourced from 2013, 2014, and 2015 BLEP subsidies and the 2013 PAMANA development fund.

## NEW VISION STATEMENT

During the Strategic Thinking Conference-Workshop, the assembly has likewise moved to formulate a new vision statement that will significantly align the direction of the Agency to the salient provisions of EPIRA.

The new vision statement of the NEA reads: "A dynamic and responsive NEA that is a vanguard of sustainable rural development in partnership with globally-competitive Electric Cooperatives and empowered Electricity Consumers."

Administrator Masongsong said "the vision will serve as NEA's pledge to perform better in exercising its mandate of totally electrifying the countryside and in putting to fore the interest of the member-owner-consumers, which remains a primary concern for President Rodrigo R. Duterte and Secretary Alfonso G. Cusi. Their espousal of a pro-people government is a clear proof that change, indeed, has come."

The Administrator added, "I hope that during my tenure as your NEA Administrator, and with the help of the general constituency of the institution, the aggregate of the employees and officers of the ECs, the support of industry stakeholders, and the involvement of electric consumers, members and leaders alike, all over the country, the NEA will be able to achieve meaningful and emphatic changes for rural progress and development that are inclusive and sustained in the generations to come." #

# CAGELCO II Board President attends 2017 NRECA Convention



CAGELCO II Board President Dir. Romeo E. Castillejos attended the 2017 National Rural Electric Cooperatives' Association (NRECA) Convention held last February 26-March 02, 2017 at San Diego, California, USA to represent the Cooperative among the 66 delegates from the country.

It was approved by the Board of Directors thru Board Resolution No. 001-0105 that Dir. Castillejos shall appear for the Cooperative in the said event bearing CAGELCO II's mission and vision as we work towards service excellence

and operational development of CAGELCO II.

On the other hand, NRECA is an American organization that represents 900 non-profit and consumer-owned electric cooperatives serving 42 million people in 47 states. The said convention aimed to gather electric cooperative leaders which provides the participants a chance and opportunity to observe the conduct of the annual meeting of American electric cooperatives. This also enables them to interact with its officials on similar field of interests and with more than 200 companies to showcase the most current items and state-of-the-art technologies of interest to electric power distribution.



**PHOTOS**

(upper photo) Dir. Romeo E. Castillejos dress-up for the Philippine Night during the second night of the event. (lower photo) Dir. Castillejos take a photo together with Engr. Tito R. Lingan, General Manager of CAGELCO I and Engr. Jaime Pe Benito, Jr., General Manager of IFELCO.

## CAGELCO II Board Resolutions for the 1st Quarter of 2017

BR NO.	TITLE	DATE
009-0217	RESOLUTION WAIVING THE FRANCHISE TO OPERATE IN TWENTY-NINE (29) SITIOS IN THE PROVINCE OF APAYAO IN FAVOR OF A QUALIFIED THIRD PARTY	Feb. 17, 2017
013-0314	RESOLUTION APPROVING THE OPENING OF THE SELECTION AND HIRING PROCESS FOR THE POSITION OF CAGELCO II GENERAL MANAGER	March 14, 2017
016-0321	RESOLUTION APPOINTING MS. BLANDINA Y. MADAMBA, ISD MANAGER AS OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, GENERAL MANAGER	March 21, 2017

STATUS OF ELECTRIFICATION	
MUNICIPALITIES	100% ENERGIZED
BARANGAYS	100% ENERGIZED
HOUSE CONNECTIONS	112, 950 95%

## PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYEES

# EMPLOYEES celebrate “DISCO-Themed” FELLOWSHIP



CAGELCO II celebrated a “DISCO-themed” Bi-Monthly Fellowship last March 17, 2017 held at CAGELCO II Multi-Purpose Hall highlighting the birthday celebrators for the months of January and February.

Series of exciting parlor games were prepared which displayed enthusiasm and teamwork for the employees. This was also a high time for the employees to develop camaraderie and enjoy the company of each other. The program started with a Thanksgiving Mass followed by a short celebration for the birthday celebrants and practiced the

traditional greeting of “beso-beso”. The celebration was hosted by the TSD-Engineering employees, Hotline Crew, Tellers, APSO Area Manager, MRCDs, and Technical Crews.

### JANUARY CELEBRANTS

DIR. ROMEO CASTILLEJOS.....	02
JOHN PECHON .....	10
DOMINADOR TAPURO.....	11
GEORGE QUITORIANO.....	12
ATTY. CAESAR CATRAL.....	1
RAYMOND OGALINO.....	13
ARDEN OÑATE .....	15
PABLO TABIOS.....	15
HERALD UNCIANO.....	16
HARVEY MIRANDA.....	17
CLIFFORD PABLO.....	18
MARIO MALSIT .....	20
TERESITA ORDILLO .....	23
GIL ALVIAR .....	23
SUZETTE VALLANGCA.....	24
LEONARD SANDOVAL.....	24
LEONARDO JOSE.....	24
RICHARD MEDINA.....	25
RONNIE COSTALES.....	27
EPITACIO VILORIA, JR.....	31

### FEBRUARY CELEBRANTS

FREDIE SIRUNO.....	01
CHRISTIAN PERDIDO.....	01
FIDEL BALDIVINO-.....	05
KRISTINE BASQUEZ.....	06
REYNALDO CALIBUYO, JR. ....	06
EDGAR SALVADOR.....	07
GAIL RUTH CARAG .....	09
CLIFFORD ILARDE.....	13
BRYAN DAET.....	15
MICHAEL JOHN LAMBINICIO.....	16
RODEL ANTONIO .....	17
REY MALAZZAB .....	17
RUDOLPH ADVIENTO.....	18
DAROLDVIN UDASCO.....	18
FREDDIE LABBAO.....	19
ERICSON MACASIRAY .....	21
GLENNFORD MALAZZAB .....	24
JOEY LABUGUEN .....	25
CARLOS EDMUND DELA CRUZ.....	25
GABRIEL TORDESILLAS .....	27
NATHANIEL REYES.....	28
GERALD VALDEZ .....	28
RENATO LOPEZ .....	28
JOHNRENZ TORWEL.....	29

**“And in the end, it’s not the years in your life that count. It’s the life in your years.”**

~Abraham Lincon



## CAGELCO II Board designates Officer-in-Charge!



Ms. Madamba shall be the Officer-in-Charge of CAGELCO II while waiting for the appointment of the new General Manager.

The CAGELCO II Board of Directors has resolved to designate Ms. Blandina Y. Madamba, ISD Manager as the Officer-in-Charge of the cooperative as GM Gabriel A. Tordesillas retires from his thirty-five (35) years of service

with CAGELCO II. The said designation was duly confirmed by Mr. Edgardo R. Masongsong, Administrator of the National Electrification Administration (NEA) last March 27, 2017.

Ms. Blandina Y. Madamba has joined the cooperative during its early years. A teacher by profession, she started her career as an Information Officer and climbed her way up as the Institutional Services Department (ISD) Manager in 1993 up to present.

Her passion in the rural electrification industry has earned her a position in national organizations such as the Philippine Association of Institutional Managers (PHILAIM), etc. With her unsurmountable commitment in this industry, she became well known with the other electric cooperatives and recognized her inputs with regard to institutional concerns especially with membership development.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

For the first three (3) months of year 2017, the Coop's Collection Efficiency showed a positive remark with a percentage of 105.05, surpassing the National Electrification Administration (NEA) Compliance Standard of 95%.

This attainment is due to the on-time payment of power bills of the member-consumers, thus, improving and stabilizing the Coop's financial viability.

This also enables the Cooperative to pay its financial obligations to its power suppliers, transmission services and other charges promptly.

Having achieved this, it empowers the Cooperative—its Management Staff and employees to provide more reliable electric service to its member-consumers. Further, it gives the Coop available funds to purchase equipment needed for the betterment of CAGELCO

## TECHNICAL REPORT

The Technical Services Department (TSD) has also achieved a favorable

SYSTEM LOSS (as of)	
January	13.07%
February	12.29%
March	11.81%

standing in its Average System Loss as it decreased to 10.85% for the month of March.

Coop activities such as Right-of-Way (ROW) Clearing, re-conductoring of deteriorated lines and service drop upgrading are being conducted to lower system loss.

Moreover, member-consumer-

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## POWER RATE

January	Php 10.022
February	Php 12.1915
March	Php 11.5831

II operations.

This was the first time in the history of CAGELCO II to attain such milestone of acquiring more than a hundred percent in its Collection Efficiency for the first quarter.

owners (MCOs) can also contribute to decrease system loss thru reporting of electricity pilferage in their area and informing CAGELCO II Office if there are lines and poles that have been covered by trees or vines.

The Cooperative continuously strives to lower its system loss and exerts effort to be a Single Digit Electric Cooperative in the country.

