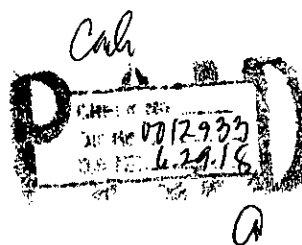


Republic of the Philippines
ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Pacific Center Building
San Miguel Avenue, Pasig City

IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION FOR
APPROVAL OF
ADJUSTMENT IN RATES
BASED ON THE FOURTH
TO SIXTH REGULATORY
YEARS OF THE FIRST
REGULATORY PERIOD FOR
THIRD ENTRANT ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVES UNDER
THE TARIFF GLIDE PATH
(TGP) RULES, WITH
PRAYER FOR
PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY

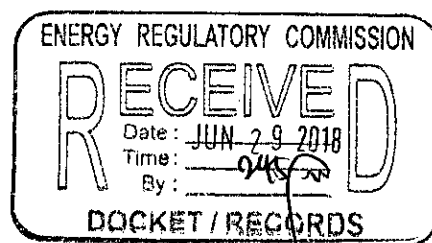


2018-070
ERC Case No. _____ RC

BILIRAN ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC.
(BILECO),

Applicant.

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APPLICATION
With Motion for Provisional Authority

Applicant, **BILIRAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (BILECO)**, through counsel, and to this Honorable Commission, respectfully alleges that:

THE APPLICANT

1. BILECO is a non-stock, non-profit electric cooperative duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with principal office at Brgy. Caraycaray, Naval Biliran.

2. It holds an exclusive franchise from the National Electrification Commission to operate an electric light and power distribution service in the seven (7) municipalities of the Province of Biliran, namely: Naval, Biliran, Cabucgayan, Caibiran, Culaba, Kawayan and Almeria.

NATURE OF APPLICATION

3. The instant Application is being filed for the approval of Applicant's proposed adjustment in its Distribution, Supply and Metering (DSM) Rates based on the Fourth to Sixth Regulatory Years of the First Regulatory Period and to be implemented on the First to Third Regulatory Years of the Second Regulatory Period for electric cooperatives belonging to the Third Entrant Group under the Tariff Glide Path Rules (TGP Rules) and pursuant to said Rules, as well as other pertinent laws and rules.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

4. Sometime in 2015, Applicant filed with the Honorable Commission an application for approval of the proposed adjustment in its DSM Rates pursuant to the TGP Rules, docketed as ERC CASE No. 2015-125 RC.

5. In the said application, Applicant prayed for the approval of either of the following two (2) proposed alternative DSM rates, to be implemented effective January 2016, to wit:

A. WITH PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE "S"

	UNITS	CUSTOMER TYPE		
		Residential	Low Voltage	Higher Voltage
Distribution Charges:				
Demand Charge	PhP/kW			323.16
Distribution System Charge	PhP/kWh	1.1278	1.2367	
Supply Charges:				
Retail Customer Charge	PhP/Customer/Mo		45.74	45.74
Supply System Charge	PhP/kWh	1.0984		
Metering Charges:				
Retail Customer Charge	PhP/Meter/Mo.	5.34	31.11	31.11
Metering System Charge	PhP/kWh	.6187		

B. EXCLUDING PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE "S"

	UNITS	CUSTOMER TYPE		
		Residential	Low Voltage	Higher Voltage
Distribution Charges:				
Demand Charge	PhP/kW			319.23
Distribution System Charge	PhP/kWh	1.1141	1.2217	
Supply Charges:				
Retail Customer Charge	PhP/Customer/Mo		45.19	45.19
Supply System Charge	PhP/kWh	1.0850		
Metering Charges:				
Retail Customer Charge	PhP/Meter/Mo.	5.28	30.73	30.73
Metering System Charge	PhP/kWh	.6112		

6. Foregoing application was Applicant's initial application for DSM rate adjustment pursuant to the TGP Rules, under which electric cooperatives are given an opportunity to adjust their rates once every three (3) years, which may occur at the start of the fourth year of the First Regulatory Period and every three (3) years thereafter.

7. Applicant belongs to the Third Entrant Group under the TGP Rules, whose first regulatory period is from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2018. Having filed its initial application for DSM rate adjustment intended to take effect on the fourth year of the First Regulatory Period, BILECO is filing the instant Application in the current year 2018, the sixth regulatory year of the First Regulatory Period, for the proposed adjustment of its DSM rates to be implemented on the First to Third Regulatory Years of the Second Regulatory Period for the Third Entrant Electric Cooperatives under the TGP Rules.

8. Applicant's first TGP application under ERC CASE No. 2015-125 RC is still pending evaluation of the Honorable Commission but in spite thereof, Applicant adopted and used the proposed DSM rates in the said application as its bases in computing the proposed adjustment in the instant Application.

THE PROPOSED DSM RATE ADJUSTMENT

9. Under the TGP Rules, the concerned electric cooperative shall use the following formula in determining the TGP for the fourth to sixth years of the Regulatory Period, to wit:

$$TGP_B = TGP_n + TGP_{n+1} + TGP_{n+2}$$

where

$$TGP_n = I_n - X_n + S_n$$

n= the fourth year of the Regulatory Period and succeeding Regulatory Periods

The TGP calculated for each of the three years will be summed to determine the possible rate adjustment starting on the First Year of the next Regulatory Period.

10. Applying the methodology embodied in the TGP Rules, Applicant calculated the values of the "I", "X" and "S" and came up with the following results, to wit:

	"I"(B)	"X"(B)	"S"(B)	TGP B	TGP B (excluding S)
YEAR 2016	0.00%	0.00%	0.90%	0.90%	00.00%
YEAR 2017	0.00%	2.48%	0.90%	-1.58%	-2.48%
YEAR 2018	4.06%	0.00%	1.30%	5.36%	4.06%
TOTAL				4.68%	1.58%

11. Utilizing the above values will result in adjustments in Applicant's DSM Rates to be implemented on the First to Third Years of the Second Regulatory Period for electric cooperatives belonging to the Third Entrant Group, as follows:

A. WITH PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE "S"

	UNITS	CUSTOMER TYPE		
		Residential	Low Voltage	Higher Voltage
Distribution Charges:				
Demand Charge	PhP/kW			338.30
Distribution System Charge	PhP/kWh	1.1806	1.2947	
Supply Charges:				
Retail Customer Charge	PhP/Customer/Mo		47.89	47.89
Supply System Charge	PhP/kWh	1.1498		
Metering Charges:				
Retail Customer Charge	PhP/Meter/Mo.	5.59	32.57	32.57
Metering System Charge	PhP/kWh	.6477		

B. EXCLUDING PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE "S"

	UNITS	CUSTOMER TYPE		
		Residential	Low Voltage	Higher Voltage
Distribution Charges:				
Demand Charge	PhP/kW			324.29
Distribution System Charge	PhP/kWh	1.1317	1.2410	
Supply Charges:				
Retail Customer Charge	PhP/Customer/Mo		45.90	45.90
Supply System Charge	PhP/kWh	1.1022		
Metering Charges:				
Retail Customer Charge	PhP/Meter/Mo.	5.36	31.22	31.22
Metering System Charge	PhP/kWh	.6209		

12. Consequently, Applicant respectfully prays that it be allowed to implement either of the above two calculated alternative DSM rates, effective January 1, 2019 and up to December 31, 2021.

SUPPORTING DATA AND DOCUMENTS

13. In support of the foregoing computations, Applicant is submitting herewith the following documents, which are being made integral parts hereof, to wit:

Annex Markings	Nature of Document
A to A-2	Proposed TGP Calculations and supporting documents using the prescribed templates: Index "I" Calculation Efficiency Factor "X" Calculation Performance Incentive "S" Calculation
B	MFSR - Sections B and E (2014-2017)
C	Billing Determinants Template (2014-2017 kWh Sales, No. of Customers and kW Demand)
D	Sample Bills per customer type (2014-2017)

E	Regional CPI (2014-2017)
F	RFSC Utilization (2015-2017)
G	Consumer Complaints Summary or Tracking Form (2015-2017)
H	Audited Financial Statements (2015-2017)

**ALLEGATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION FOR
PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY**

14. Applicant respectfully repleads herein the foregoing allegations.

15. Applicant respectfully prays that it be allowed to implement the proposed rate adjustment starting January 1, 2019, considering that it is expressly prescribed under the TGP Rules' provision on Regulatory Period and Process, which provides in part, as follows:

“2. Regulatory Period and Process

2.1 On or before each Fourth month of the Third and Sixth regulatory year of their respective Regulatory Periods, the electric cooperative may file before the Commission an application for a rate adjustment reflecting the values for the “I”, “X” and “S” as determined in accordance with these rules. ***The initial tariff caps of the respective ECs shall be adjusted by the “I, “X” and “S” effective at the start of the Fourth Regulatory Year of the First Regulatory Period x xx*** (Emphasis ours)

16. Under the TGP Rules, the regulatory period is six (6) years for each entry group. For the Third Entrant Group, the first regulatory period is from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2018 and the start of the Fourth Regulatory Year is January 1, 2016. Applicant belongs to the Third Entrant Group, accordingly, its initial DSM Rates under the TGP Rules should be adjusted through the proposed TGP B Rates starting January 1, 2019.

17. Aside from the foregoing, Applicant further prays for provisional authority to implement the proposed rates effective January 1, 2019 and even during the pendency of the instant Application, considering that Applicant urgently needs additional funds to be able to cope with the rising costs of its operations. Among the major factors that added to its operating costs is the implementation of the Sitio Energization Program (SEP) of the government consisting of massive extension of its distribution lines up to the remotest and far-flung areas which considerably increased its operations and maintenance costs and likewise resulted to increased system losses which the cooperative is constrained to absorb.

18. Further, the rising cost of materials, tools, equipment, supplies, fuel and other costs incidental to its daily operations has considerably increased these past several years and the funds being generated from Applicant's DSM charges, the rates of which were granted by the Honorable Commission way back in Year 2010 by virtue of the Rules for Setting the Electric Cooperatives' Wheeling Rates (RSEC-WR), are no longer sufficient to cover those costs, and if not addressed accordingly with the further adjustment of its rates, Applicant's service to its consumers will be prejudiced.

19. Considering the foregoing, it is respectfully prayed that Applicant be allowed to implement the proposed DSM Rates effective January 1, 2019, even while the instant Application is pending hearing or evaluation of the Honorable Commission.

COMPLIANCE WITH PRE-FILING REQUIREMENTS

20. Finally, in compliance with the pre-filing requirements under the ERC Rules of Practice and Procedure, Applicant is likewise submitting herewith the following documents, which are being made integral parts hereof, to wit:

Annex Markings	Nature of Document
I	Judicial Affidavit in support of the Motion for Provisional Authority
J and series	Proof of furnishing copies of the Application to the Sangguniang Bayan of Naval and Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Biliran

K and series	Proof of publication of the Application in a newspaper of general circulation in BILECO's franchise area or where it principally operates
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PRAYER

WHEREFORE, premises considered, it is most respectfully prayed of this Honorable Commission that effective January 2019, whether upon initial evaluation hereof or after due notice and hearing, Applicant BILECO be allowed to implement either of the following two (2) alternative proposed new rates for its Distribution, Supply and Metering (DSM) Charges, to wit:

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Other relief, just and equitable in the premises, are likewise prayed for.

Pasig City, Metro Manila, 20 June 2018.

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Partners	MCLE Compliance No.	Date of Issuance
Joseph Ferdinand M. Dechavez	V-0005240	Jan. 7, 2015
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VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION OF NON-FORUM SHOPPING

I, Engr. GERARDO N. OLEDAN, of legal age, Filipino and with office address at the main office of the Biliran Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BILECO), Brgy. Caraycaray, Naval, Biliran, after being sworn to according to law, depose and state that:

1. I am the Officer-in-Charge of the Biliran Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BILECO), duly authorized to represent the cooperative in filing the instant Application, the corresponding Board Resolution is attached hereto.

2. I caused the preparation and filing of the foregoing Application; have read the allegations contained therein, and certify that the same are true and correct based on my personal knowledge as well as authentic records.

3. BILECO has not heretofore commenced any other action or proceedings involving the same issues and parties before any court, tribunal or quasi-judicial agency; to the best of my knowledge no such action or proceeding is pending, and if I should learn that the same or similar action or proceeding has been filed or is pending, I undertake to report such fact to this Honorable Commission, within five (5) days therefrom.

Further, affiant sayeth naught.


ENGR. GERARDO N. OLEDAN
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me in Naval Biliran, this 25th day of June 2018, by the affiant who exhibited to me his Professional Driver's License bearing No. H07-99-003868.

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