



ERC RESOLUTION NO. 05, Series of 2006

**INSTITUTING A MANDATORY REGULATORY EDUCATION PROGRAM (MREP)
FOR THE REGULATORY COMPLIANCE OFFICER (RCO) AND OTHER KEY
OFFICERS OF DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES**

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9136, otherwise known as the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA) ensures the provision of quality, reliable, secure and affordable supply of electric power;

WHEREAS, Section 43 of the EPIRA required the ERC to promulgate rules, regulations and guidelines and perform such other regulatory functions as are appropriate and necessary in order to ensure the successful restructuring and modernization of the electric power industry;

WHEREAS, all rules, regulations and guidelines promulgated by the ERC are published and/or all entities under the jurisdiction of the ERC are notified of the existence of such;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the key officers of the distribution utilities must have adequate knowledge and understanding of these rules, regulations and guidelines for the effective and efficient implementation of the same;

WHEREAS, the continuing education of the Regulatory Compliance Officers and other officers of the DUs is vital for the effective and efficient implementation of the ERC's rules, regulations and guidelines;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, as this Commission hereby resolves to implement the following which will institute a Mandatory Regulatory Education Program (MREP) for the Regulatory Compliance Officers and Other Key Officers of Distribution Utilities, as follows:

1. The Mandatory Regulatory Education Program shall require the Regulatory Compliance Officer and other key officers of distribution utilities (DUs) to attend courses prescribed by the ERC to apprise them of the policies, rules, regulations and guidelines of the Commission.
2. The ERC shall identify regulatory courses or modules, required to be attended by key officers of distribution utilities.
3. In addition to the Regulatory Compliance Officers, other key officers of distribution utilities may be required to attend such courses. These key officers include the Presidents/General Managers, Finance Managers, Heads of the Technical Department and Heads of Customer Service Departments of distribution utilities. Nothing shall preclude the Commission from requiring additional officers and employees of DUs to attend the said regulatory courses.

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4. Certified true copies of their Certificates of Attendance for modules/courses conducted by entities other than ERC shall be submitted to the Commission within two weeks after the conduct of such regulatory courses for monitoring purposes.
5. Non-attendance of the required regulatory courses shall be a ground for the imposition of appropriate fines and penalties upon the utility.

Let copies of this resolution be furnished all DUs for the appropriate posting thereof in their bulletin boards.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Pasig City, February 15, 2006.

(On Leave)
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