

[ERC RESOLUTION NO. 23, S. 2010, December 15, 2010]

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES IMPLEMENTING THE DISCOUNTS TO QUALIFIED SENIOR CITIZEN END-USERS AND SUBSIDY FROM THE SUBSIDIZING END-USERS ON ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION UNDER SECTIONS 4 AND 5 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2010, Republic Act No. 9994 (R.A. No. 9994) entitled, "An Act Granting Additional Benefits and Privileges to Senior Citizens Further Amending Republic Act No. 7432, as Amended, Otherwise Known as "An Act to Maximize the Contributions of Senior Citizens to Nation Building, Grant Benefits and Special Privileges and for Other Purposes" was enacted which further expanded the coverage of the benefits and privileges being enjoyed by senior citizen end-users to include the entitlement to discounts on their electricity consumptions;

WHEREAS, On June 18, 2010, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) promulgated the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of R.A. No. 9994;

WHEREAS, under Sections 4 and 5 of R.A. No. 9994 and Article 12, Section 3 of its IRR, the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) is mandated to formulate the supplemental guidelines on the rate recovery mechanism in the implementation of the senior citizen discounts by electricity distribution utilities;

WHEREAS, on September 22, September 29, and October 6, 2010, the ERC conducted public consultations on the proposed "Rules Implementing the Senior Citizens Discounts and Subsidy on Electricity Consumption Under Sections 4 and 5 of Republic Act No. 9994";

NOW, THEREFORE, the ERC, after considering the various views and comments submitted by all interested parties, hereby RESOLVES, as it is hereby RESOLVED, to APPROVE and ADOPT, the "*Rules Implementing the Senior Citizens Discounts to Qualified Senior Citizen End-Users and Subsidy from the Subsidizing End-Users on Electricity Consumption Under Sections 4 and 5 of Republic Act No. 9994*", hereto attached as Annex "A*" and made an integral part of this Resolution.

This Resolution shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the country.

Let this Resolution be posted on the ERC website and filed with the University of the Philippines Law Center Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR).

Adopted: 15 December 2010