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AN ACT EXTENDING AND ENHANCING THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIFELINE RATE,  
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 73 OF  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9136, OTHERWISE KNOWN  
AS THE “ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY REFORM  
ACT OF 2001”, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT  
NO. 10150

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of  
the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1           SECTION 1. *Extension of Lifeline Rate.* – Section 73 of  
2   Republic Act No. 9136, otherwise known as the “Electric  
3   Power Industry Reform Act of 2001”, as amended by  
4   Republic Act No. 10150, is hereby further amended to read  
5   as follows:

6                   “SEC. 73. *Lifeline Rate.* – A socialized  
7           pricing mechanism called a lifeline rate for [~~the~~]

1 QUALIFIED marginalized end-users shall be set  
2 by the ERC which shall be exempted from the  
3 cross subsidy phase-out under this Act for a  
4 period of [~~twenty (20)~~] THIRTY (30) years,  
5 unless otherwise extended by law. The level of  
6 consumption and rate shall be determined by the  
7 ERC after due notice and hearing: *PROVIDED*,  
8 THAT THE ERC SHALL UTILIZE DATA  
9 FROM THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS  
10 AUTHORITY (PSA) IN THE DETERMINATION  
11 OF THE LEVEL OF CONSUMPTION.

12 “QUALIFIED MARGINALIZED END-  
13 USERS SHALL REFER TO ANY OF THE  
14 FOLLOWING:

15 “(A) QUALIFIED HOUSEHOLD-  
16 BENEFICIARIES UNDER REPUBLIC ACT  
17 NO. 11310, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
18 “PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO  
19 PROGRAM (4Ps) ACT”, AS REGULARLY  
20 SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF

1 SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT  
2 (DSWD) TO THE DOE, THE ERC, AND THE  
3 DISTRIBUTION UTILITY; OR

4 “(B) MARGINALIZED END-USERS WHO  
5 HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED AS SUCH BY THEIR  
6 DISTRIBUTION UTILITY BASED ON A  
7 CRITERIA DETERMINED BY ERC:

8 *PROVIDED*, THAT THE CRITERIA SHALL

9 TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE POVERTY

10 THRESHOLD SET BY THE PSA, AND SHALL

11 CONTAIN AN EXCLUSIVE LIST OF

12 REQUIREMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO

13 THE DISTRIBUTION UTILITY: *PROVIDED*,

14 *FURTHER*, THAT THE EXCLUSIVE LIST OF

15 REQUIREMENTS SHALL NOT BE

16 BURDENSOME FOR THE APPLICANT:

17 *PROVIDED, FINALLY*, THAT THE

18 DISTRIBUTION UTILITY SHALL ACT ON

19 THE APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION AS

20 MARGINALIZED END-USER WITHIN TWO (2)

1 WORKING DAYS FROM SUBMISSION OF  
2 COMPLETE DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS.

3 “THE ERC SHALL PROMULGATE  
4 RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR QUALIFIED  
5 MARGINALIZED END-USERS WHOSE  
6 METERS ARE NOT REGISTERED IN THEIR  
7 NAME.

8 “THE ERC SHALL SUBMIT TO THE  
9 JOINT CONGRESSIONAL ENERGY  
10 COMMISSION AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE  
11 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIFELINE  
12 RATE, AND A COMPREHENSIVE  
13 EVALUATION OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION  
14 EVERY THREE (3) YEARS TO INCLUDE A  
15 COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS AS WELL AS  
16 MODES OF VALIDATION AND PREVENTION  
17 OF LEAKAGES.”

18 *SEC. 2. Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The  
19 ERC, together with the DOE and DSWD, in consultation  
20 with the PSA and other public and private stakeholders,

1 shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations  
2 of this Act within ninety (90) calendar days from its  
3 effectivity.

4       SEC. 3. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any  
5 provision of this Act or any part thereof shall be held  
6 unconstitutional and invalid, the other parts or provisions  
7 of this Act, which are not affected thereby, shall remain in  
8 full force and effect.

9       SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders,  
10 rules, and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with  
11 any of the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed,  
12 amended, or modified accordingly.

13       SEC. 5. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect  
14 fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette*  
15 or one (1) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,