

R.A. 11039



ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES EMERGENCY AND RESILIENCY FUND

- On June 29, 2018, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed into law R.A. 11039 or An Act Institutionalizing the Electric Cooperatives Emergency and Resiliency Fund and Appropriating Funds Therefor
- Rep. Carlos Roman L. Uybarreta, the principal author of this measure, filed this law as HB No. 3353 on August 25, 2016. This was adopted by Sen. Sherwin Gatchalian who filed its counterpart bill in Senate – Senate Bill No. 1253.
- R.A. 11039 took two (2) years to materialize. After going through a deliberation in the House of Representatives Committee on Energy, a Technical Working Group (TWG) was formed that was headed by Rep. Carlos Roman L. Uybarreta. The TWG conducted three (3) meetings to harmonize the provisions of the bills. It also went through the House of Representatives Committees on Appropriations and Rules before it was passed in the Plenary.



ECERF ACT HIGHLIGHTS

Objective of the ECERF: **support and assist the electric cooperatives adversely affected by a fortuitous event or by force majeure** by providing an orderly and continuing means of **financial assistance**

Creation of an **Electric Cooperatives Emergency and Resiliency Fund (ECERF)** that **will be managed and administered by the National Electrification Administration (NEA)**.

(Sec. 5 of R.A. 11039)

The **Electric Cooperatives (ECs)** shall **ensure the protection, preparedness and mitigation of the adverse impact of any fortuitous event or force majeure** as well as to find out the ability of their manpower to undertake emergency response for the immediate restoration or rehabilitation of their damage infrastructures.

(Sec. 7 of R.A. 11039)

All **ECs shall submit to the NEA and update their respective Vulnerability and Risk Assessments, Resiliency Compliance Plans, and Emergency Response Plans every year**. The failure to submit said assessment and plans shall bar the ECs from accessing the ECERF. NEA shall monitor and evaluate the use and disbursement of the ECERF based on the submitted assessments and plans of the ECs.

(Sec. 8 of R.A. 11039)



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A sum of Seven hundred fifty million pesos (Php 750,000,000.00) for the initial implementation of the Act shall be taken from the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund. The initial amount of the ECERF shall be immediately released to the NEA Quick Response Fund for proper release to the qualified ECs. **Thereafter, such amounts for the sustainable implementation of the ECERF shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.**

(Sec. 9 of R.A. 11039)

The ECERF **shall be allocated exclusively for the restoration and rehabilitation of ECs' damaged infrastructures** after a fortuitous events or force majeure.

In case of deficiency of the fund, NEA shall seek for the allocation of a supplementary budget from the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund, subject to the approval by the President of the Republic of the Philippines.

(Sec. 10 of R.A. 11039)

The **NEA shall take the necessary measures to ensure that the provisions of the Act shall be properly implemented** and **submit quarterly reports** on the implementation of the program and the utilization of the ECERF to **DOE, the JCPC and the Office of the President** of the Republic of the Philippines.

(Sec. 12 of R.A. 11039)

