

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



**IN THE MATTER OF VIOLATION OF
ERC ORDERS, RULES AND
REGULATIONS**

**ERC CASE NO. 2007 – 434 MC
RE: Late Remittance of
Universal Charge Collections**

**NORTHERN SAMAR ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC.
(NORSAMELCO),**

Respondent.

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D O C K E T E D

Date: **NOV 18 2008**

By: *[Signature]*

DECISION

On July 4, 2007, the Commission issued a Show Cause Order directing Northern Samar Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NORSAMELCO), among other Electric Cooperatives (ECs), to submit an explanation under oath why no administrative penalty and/or criminal action should be imposed upon it, its directors and officers in view of its late remittance of universal charge collections.

On September 18, 2007, NORSAMELCO submitted a "Justification/Explanation" manifesting that it has already remitted the universal charge collection to Power Sector Asset & Liabilities Management Corporation (PSALM). This was affirmed by the PSALM through its letter to the Commission dated October 28, 2008.

Finding this as substantial compliance with the Commission's directive, albeit done belatedly, in the interest of justice, the Commission deems it

proper, at this time, to simply issue a reprimand to NORSAMELCO for its failure to comply with the Commission's directive on time.

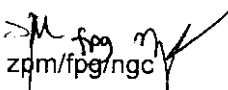
WHEREFORE, the foregoing premises considered, respondent Northern Samar Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NORSAMELCO) is hereby **REPRIMANDED** for its late remittance of universal charge collections and **WARNED** that a similar offense in the future shall be dealt with more severely.

SO ORDERED.

Pasig City, November 11, 2008.

FOR AND BY AUTHORITY
OF THE COMMISSION:


ALEJANDRO Z. BARIN
Commissioner


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