

## FAQ on Distribution Sector

**Question:** HOW WILL YOU DESCRIBE THE DISTRIBUTION SECTOR?

**Answer:** Section 22 of the EPIRA specifies that the distribution of electricity to end-users shall be a regulated common carrier business requiring a national franchise. The distribution of electric power to all end-users may be undertaken by private distribution utilities, cooperatives, local government units presently undertaking this function and other duly authorized entities, subject to regulation by the ERC

The distribution sector has a total of 119 electric cooperatives (ECs) and 19 private utilities (PUs). These Distribution Utilities (DUs) are subject to the ratemaking powers and the quality of service standards promulgated by the ERC.