

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

RESOLUTION NO.____, Series of 2017

**AMENDMENTS TO THE “RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR
THE TEST AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRIC METERS OF
DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES”, AS ADOPTED IN RESOLUTION
NO. 12, SERIES OF 2009**

ARTICLE I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1.1 Title

These Rules and Procedures shall be known as Amendments to the “Rules and Procedures for the Test and Maintenance of Electric Meters of Distribution Utilities”, as adopted in Resolution No. 12, Series of 2009 as amended.

Section 1.2 Objectives

The objective of these Rules and Procedures for the Testing and Sealing of In-Service Meters of Distribution Utilities (DUs) is to ensure that all electric meters placed in service are tested once every two (2) years in accordance to a statistical sampling program approved by the ERC.

Section 1.3 Applicability

All DUs and consortium of DUs and Third Party Test Facilities that take part in the implementation of statistical sampling program for in-service meters should comply with these Rules and Procedures.

Section 1.4 Definition of Terms.

Act Republic Act No. 9136, otherwise known as the “Electric Power

Industry Reform Act 2001”.

Certificate of Authority (CA)

The authority granted by the ERC to a person or entity to undertake testing, repair, and calibration of electric meters and other auxiliary devices and equipment essential to the metering of electric power and energy.

Distribution Utility (DU)

Any electric cooperative, private corporation, government-owned utility or existing local government unit which has an exclusive franchise to operate a distribution system in accordance with its franchise and the Act.

Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC)

The independent and quasi-judicial regulatory agency created under Section 38 of the Act.

Meter Shop (MS)

A place where meters are inspected, repaired, tested and adjusted.

Third-Party Meter Shop

Any facility owned by a person or entity other than a DU which has the required equipment that will qualify it as a Meter Shop and has the qualified personnel capable of testing and calibrating electric meters.

Watt-hour meters

An energy measuring device at specific time.

ARTICLE II

IN-SERVICE TESTING

Section 2.1 Statistical Sampling Program for In-Service Meters

A statistical sampling program shall be used to comply with the regulatory requirement of conducting periodic testing of all individual meters in service.

Section 2.2 Sample Testing Plan Application

Every DU shall be required to submit a sample testing plan application to the ERC for approval on or before the first quarter of the year preceding the sample testing year.

All sample testing plans of DUs must contain all information required for the sample testing plan application enumerated in Section 6.2 of Resolution No. 12, series of 2009 as amended. The template of which is downloadable from the ERC website.

Section 2.3 Sampling Inspection Procedures for In-Service Meters

All DUs must comply with the sampling inspection procedures set by the Commission **under Section 6.3 of ERC Resolution No. 12, series of 2009.**

Whenever, in the course of the sampling inspection, sample meters are pulled-out for testing at the Meter Shop, these should be replaced with **meters** calibrated and certified by the ERC **within the preceding two (2) years**. Sample meters tested at the customer's premises which were found non-conforming should be similarly replaced with **meters** calibrated and certified by the ERC **within the preceding two (2) years**.

In cases where in-service meters belonging to the **accepted** lot are found to have no ERC seals or questionable seals, these meters shall be pulled-out for testing and sealing **and/or be replaced with meters** calibrated and certified by the ERC **within the preceding two (2) years**.

All meters comprising the rejected lot should be removed and be replaced with new or reconditioned meters within a period of time stated in the meter replacement program to be submitted by the DU; Provided, however, that such period shall, in no case, be more than one (1) year. All meters removed from service may be reconditioned or permanently retired.

Section 2.4 ERC Evaluation of Sample Testing Program

The [progress report](#) of the sample testing program submitted by the DU, as stipulated in [Section 6.3.13 of ERC Resolution No. 12 series of 2009](#), shall be evaluated by the ERC and the decision to increase or reduce the validity period for each type of meter shall be based on it.

The ERC shall conduct [validation of the DU's report on their sample testing program, through examination of the DU's processes in selecting random samples, testing of sample meters and preparation of the report, and the results of the sample testing.](#)

Section 2.5 Extension of the Validity Period of Meter Certification

All meters in the accepted lot may be retained in service, including [sample meters tested at the customers' premises found conforming, without further accuracy adjustments.](#) No ERC stickers need to be attached to the concerned meters as only meters bearing intact ERC seals shall continue to be used in service.

The validation tests conducted by ERC shall be subject to the applicable fees and charges approved in Resolution No. 12, series of 2009.

ARTICLE III

FINAL PROVISIONS

Section 3.1 Imposition of Fines and Penalties

Violation of any of these Rules shall be subject to the imposition of fines and penalties in accordance to the "Rules to Govern the Imposition of Administrative Sanctions in the Form of Fines and Penalties Pursuant to Section 46 of Republic Act No. 9136, As Amended."

Section 3.2 Exception Clause

Where good reason appears, the ERC may allow an exception from any provision of these Rules, if such exception is found to be in the public interest and is not contrary to law or any other pertinent rules and regulations.

Section 3.3 Separability Clause

If any of the foregoing amendments is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions which are not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect, unless such declaration would render the whole rules unenforceable or non-implementable.

Section 3.4 Repealing Clause

All articles, sections, sub-sections and tables not expressly revised herein shall remain in force and effect.

Rules and Guidelines, or portion thereof, issued by the ERC, which are inconsistent with these Rules are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 3.5 Effectivity

These **Amendments** shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of generation circulation in the country.

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