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NEA: Electric coops register over 148K new consumer connections in 1st quarter

Electric cooperatives (ECs) have recorded an additional 148,792 consumer connections in the first quarter of the current year, data submitted to the National Electrification Administration (NEA) showed.

The NEA Information Technology and Communication Services Department (ITCSD) said the figure, which is equivalent to 37 percent of the corporate target, is slightly higher than the 134,435 new connections registered in the first quarter of last year.

"A significant level of accomplishment at 148,792 or 37 percent of the target 400,000 new connections for this year has been monitored. It is slightly higher than the previous year's 134,435 new connections," ITCSD Manager Roderick Padua said.

The additional consumer connections bring the overall level of energization to 90 percent with 14,446,299 consumer connections within the coverage areas of 121 electric cooperatives nationwide.

Broken down into major islands, Luzon is now 95 percent energized with 6,745,982 connections; Visayas at 93 percent with 3,826,682 connections; and Mindanao at 80 percent with 3,873,635 connections.

Meanwhile, the NEA data also showed the number of unserved consumers within the 121 ECs' franchise areas across the country is now down to 1,452,425, based on the 2015 Census of Population and Housing. ###

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