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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

No. 2016-22

**TO :** ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS,  
MUNICIPAL MAYORS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS,  
AND OTHERS CONCERNED

**SUBJECT :** REMINDER TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ON THEIR ROLES  
RELATIVE TO THE ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY REFORM  
ACT

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This has reference to Republic Act No. 9136, otherwise known as the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA), which, under Section 4(e) of the implementing rules and regulations, reads, quote:

*“Sec. 4 (e). Any application or petition for rate adjustment or for any relief affecting the consumers must be verified, and accompanied with an acknowledgment of receipt of a copy thereof by the LGU Legislative Body of the locality where the applicant or petitioner principally operates together with the certification of the notice of publication thereof in a newspaper of general circulation in the same locality.”*

Relative thereto, concerned local governments are reminded of their roles pursuant to the EPIRA, as specified in the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Energy Regulatory Commission, which requires that:

*“Before the Commission shall accept and docket rate applications and other applications or petitions for relief affecting the consumers, the applicant or petitioner must comply with the following requirements:*

- (a) The applicant or petitioner must furnish the Local Government Unit (LGU) Legislative Body (and not the Office of the Mayor) of the city or municipality where it principally operates, a copy of the application or petition, and note a mere notice of application/petition, with all its annexes and accompanying documents. If such principal place of operation is a component city or a municipality, the applicant or petitioner shall likewise furnish the LGU Legislative Body of the province of which such component city or municipality is part.*

*(b) The applicant or petitioner must cause the publication of the entire application or petition, excluding its annexes, and not a mere notice of filing or notice of application or petition, in a newspaper of general circulation within its franchise area or area where it principally operates.*

Strict compliance with the above provisions of the law, and proper attendance of local government representatives to ERC hearings, is hereby reiterated.

All DILG Regional Directors are hereby directed to cause the immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular to all local government units within their Regions.

  
**MEL SENEN S. SARMIENTO**  
Secretary 



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