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Giving Back!



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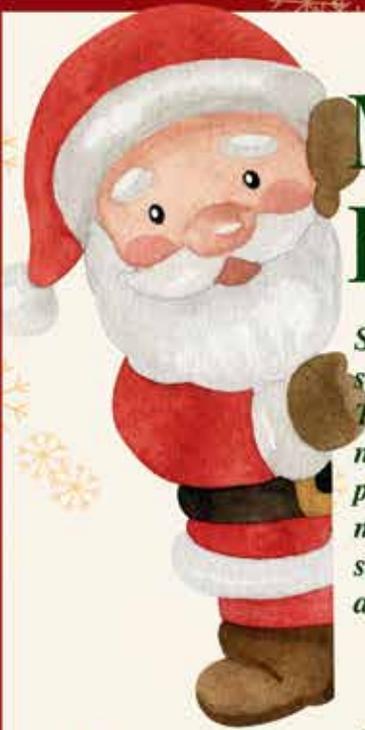
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Mensahe sa Kapaskuhan

Sa pagtunog ng mga kampana ng Pasko at sa nalalapit na pagsalubong sa Bagong Taon, puno ng kagalakan ang aking puso na bumati sa bawat isa sa inyo. Ang panahong ito ay hindi lamang tungkol sa mga pagdiriwang, kundi isang mahalagang sandali upang lumingon sa mga biyayang ating natanggap sa buong taon.



DIR. OSIEL ALEXIS P. PAR
Board President



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Napatunayan natin na, tunay ngang kapag ang Board of Directors, ang Management, at kasama kayo na aming mga MCOs ay nagkakaisa, walang

bundok na hindi natin kayang akyatin at walang kadiliman na hindi natin kayang bigyan ng liwanag.

Ipagpatuloy natin ang pagtutulungan upang mas mapabuti pa ang serbisyong nararapat para sa bawat miyembro ng SOCOTECO I.

Isang Mapayapang Pasko at Manigong Bagong Taon sa inyong lahat!

ERC APPROVES SOCOTECO I'S INDIVIDUALIZED DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM LOSS CAP

South Cotabato I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SOCOTECO-I) has secured the approval of its Individualized Distribution System Loss (IDSL) Cap from the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) on December 9, 2025.

As part of its long-term strategy to ensure financial, institutional, and technical stability, SOCOTECO I conducted a comprehensive operational review in 2023 and subsequently filed an application with the ERC. The assessment revealed that the Cooperative's existing Distribution, Supply, and Metering (DSM) revenue, while compliant with regulatory requirements, was insufficient to fully cover operating expenses, potentially affecting the quality of service delivered to end-users.

Previously classified under Group F, SOCOTECO-I sought regulatory intervention to address the identified revenue gap. In response, the ERC, through ERC Case No. 2024-012 RC, approved a feeder loss cap of 10.57%. The approved cap consists of 7.51% Feeder Technical Loss and 3.06% Non-Technical Loss.

In line with this approval, SOCOTECO-I also submitted its Manifestation/Compliance, which includes a Strategic Approach on System Loss Reduction. This document outlines the Cooperative's current operational status and its commitment to progressively reducing system losses through improved operational efficiency and strengthened loss-reduction initiatives in the coming years.

SOCOTECO-I reaffirmed its dedication to delivering reliable and quality electric service to its member-consumer-owners (MCOs) while ensuring regulatory compliance and long-term sustainability.



Warriors of Light

SOCOTECO-I Task Force Kapatid takes part in the nation's power restoration after Typhoon Uwan

In the spirit of unity and bayanihan, South Cotabato I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SOCOTECO-I) deploys Power Restoration Team under Task Force Kapatid to the Bicol Region. The team will assist areas severely affected by Typhoon Uwan for a 30-day mission that begins on November 13, 2025.

Electric cooperatives across the country stand as one family, especially in times of calamity. Following the devastation brought by Typhoon Uwan, SOCOTECO-I responds to the call for help to support fellow cooperatives and communities in restoring electricity services as quickly and safely as possible.

SOCOTECO-I General Manager Raffee Edsel B. Epistola emphasizes the importance of the mission, stating, "Sa ganitong pagkakataon, tunay na lumalabas ang diwa ng bayanihan. At bilang isang kooperatiba, ang misyon natin ay tiyaking tuloy-tuloy ang distribusyon ng kuryente sa mga pamamahay. Ngayon, kailangan ng ating kapwa electric cooperative ang ating tulong."

SOCOTECO-I salutes the courage, commitment, and selfless service of its lineworkers who have answered the call of duty beyond their home service area.



SOCOTECO-I reaffirms commitment to solidarity, service, and cooperation—especially in times when unity matters most.



TFK POWER RESTORATION UPDATES

Super Typhoon Uwan

November 13, 2025



STATUS:

DEPLOYED

NUMBER OF CONTINGENTS

3

- ZYREL ESTOCADO BAGLIOS
- ANTHONY TRONGCO MENDOZA
- HECLER BINAS MANINGO

Need to pay your power bills?

HERE OUR ACCREDITED PAYMENT PARTNERS

UPPER VALLEY AREAS

ONLINE



OVER-THE-COUNTER



DRIVE-THRU

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BRGY. POBLACION,
NORALA



SOCOTECO-I BARANGAY COLLECTION CENTERS

NORALA	Norala Satellite Office Brgy. Poblacion
SURALLAH	Haguisan Food Court Brgy. Centrala Brgy. Hospital Brgy. Lamian Brgy. Hall Upper Sepaka
LAKE SEBU	Municipal Hall Brgy. Poblacion

BANGA	Old Day Care Center Brgy. Poblacion Old Brgy. Hall Brgy. Lamba
STO. NIÑO	Brgy. Gym Brgy. Poblacion Panay Brgy. Hall Brgy. Panay
TBOLI	Poblacion Gym Brgy. Poblacion

LOWER VALLEY AREAS

ONLINE



OVER-THE-COUNTER



DRIVE-THRU

SOCOTECO-I MAIN
OFFICE, BRGY.
MORALES, CITY OF
KORONADAL



SOCOTECO-I BARANGAY COLLECTION CENTERS

KORONADAL IA	Brgy. Paraiso Brgy. Sta. Cruz Sto. Niño, BO 2 Saravia, BO 8 Carpenter Hill
KORONADAL IB	Namnama Esperanza Zulueta Avanceña Rotonda San Jose Mabini

TANTANGAN	Bukay Pait Dumadalig New Iloilo San Felipe Poblacion
TAMPAKAN	Liberty Poblacion
LUTAYAN	Tamnag Brgy. Gym



Mensahe sa Kapaskuhan

Kasabay ng pagdiriwang ng Pasko at pagsalubong sa Bagong Taon, muli nating balikan ang mga tagumpay at pagsubok na lalong nagpatibay sa ating pagkakaisa.

Nais kong ipaabot ang aking tapat na pasasalamat sa inyong walang sawang suporta. Ngayong 2025, marami tayong mahahalagang proyektong naisakatuparan. Una na rito ang paghahatid ng PVM-SHS sa mahigit 1,800 kabahayan sa malalayong lugar upang bigyang-liwanag ang kanilang pamumuhay. Gayundin ang pagtatapos ng San Isidro Substation na nagbibigay ng sapat at maasahang kuryente para sa lumalagong ekonomiya sa Lungsod ng Koronadal. Bukod dito, ang pag-apruba ng Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) Case No. 2024-012 ay isang malaking hakbang upang higit pang mapabuti ang ating serbisyo at muling maibalik sa Triple A Category ang SOCOTECO-I batay sa Overall Performance Assessment ng National Electrification Administration (NEA).



ENGR. RAFFEE EDSSEL B. EPISTOLA
General Manager

Ang lahat ng ito ay bunga ng ating pagtutulungan—mula sa BODs, Management, Member-Consumer-Owners (MCOs), Media Partners, Stakeholders, SAEA, BAPAs, Congressional Office, hanggang sa Provincial at Local Government Units.

Kayo ang aming inspirasyon sa patuloy na pagpapabuti ng SOCOTECO-I. Tandaan natin: ang bawat isa ay mahalagang bahagi ng ating tagumpay.

Para sa mas-masanag nga tuig 2026, padayon nga amligan naton ang aton kooperatiba, kay ang SOCOTECO-I aton ini!

Maligayang Pasko at Manigong Bagong Taon!



SOCOTECO-I secures recognitions and new service vehicle at Alsons Power Event

SOCOTECO-I Management and Board of Directors attended the Alsons Power Group Customer Appreciation Night on November 26, 2025, where the cooperative was recognized for its operational excellence.

The cooperative brought home two major awards: the High Capacity Utilization Award - TOP 1 and the Alsons Power Partner Award. These accolades reaffirm SOCOTECO-I's commitment to efficiency and its strong strategic partnership with Alsons Power.



Adding to the evening's success, SOCOTECO-I also won a brand-new service vehicle in the event raffle. General Manager Engr. Raffee Edsel B. Epistola stated that the vehicle will be a vital asset in enhancing field operations and improving service delivery to the cooperative's member-consumer-owners (MCOs).



In partnership with the SOCO

A MERRY CHRISTMAS filled with GIVING



Simbang Gabi Sponsorship Christ the King Cathedral



As the Christmas season fills hearts with joy and hope, the SOCOTECO-I Family along with its partner SOCOTECO I Foundation, Inc. once again lived out its Panata of Giving—a heartfelt commitment to give back to the community through love, service, and gratitude.

True to tradition, on December 16, 2025, the Cooperative sponsored the first day of *Simbang Gabi* Mass, allowing member-consumer-owners and parishioners to come together in prayer and thanksgiving. After the Mass, SOCOTECO-I shared *painit-init* and *kakanin* with churchgoers, adding warmth and comfort to the early dawn celebration.

The spirit of Christmas also reached young patients as the Cooperative visited the pediatric wards of the South Cotabato Provincial Hospital and Norala District Hospital. Through caroling, gift-giving, and simple moments of joy, SOCOTECO-I brought smiles and hope to children and their families—reminding them that they are not alone during difficult times.



SOCOTECO I Foundation, Inc.

CHRISTMAS with GIVING BACK!



Capping the season's outreach activities was the Cooperative's annual visit to the DSWD Regional Social Care Center (RSCC) Orphanage and Home for Girls and Women, Region 12 on December 18, 2025. More than just sharing gifts, SOCOTECO-I shared time, laughter, and compassion with the residents, reaffirming its commitment to uplift and support the most vulnerable members of the community.

BOD Vice President Harley James Octaviano emphasized the Cooperative's message of solidarity, saying, "*Indi kamo naga-isahanon, ara ang SOCOTECO-I handa magbulig sa inyo*"—a reassurance that no one stands alone, as SOCOTECO-I is always ready to extend help.

These meaningful activities were made possible through the collective participation of SOCOTECO-I Management and the Board of Directors, reflecting the Cooperative's enduring mission of service beyond electricity—lighting not only homes, but also hearts and lives.

Pedia Ward Outreach South Cotabato Provincial Hospital



Energy News

NEA HONORS PHILRECA ALLIES FOR CRISIS RESPONSE AND SOLIDARITY

The National Electrification Administration (NEA) expressed its gratitude to the Philippine Rural Electric Cooperatives Association, Inc. (PHILRECA) during the association's year-end celebration on December 17, 2025, at the Manila Hotel.

NEA Administrator Antonio Mariano Almada acknowledged the contributions of PHILRECA and its member ECs in helping the NEA ensure that the rural electrification sector remains on track in improving its services, despite the challenges that came its way throughout the year.

Administrator Almada mentioned specifically those who participated in various task forces that have been organized to respond to different power crises in the wake of natural and even man-made calamities.

Maraming maraming salamat sa inyo at hindi ninyo iniwan ang mga kooperatibang kailangan ng tulong (Many thanks to all of you for not leaving the struggling cooperatives behind).

"We all came together. Even the president namangha sa ginawa nating (was amazed with the power) restoration." Administrator Almada, nonetheless, encouraged all ECs to get on board in a paradigm shift and level up their power distribution services for the benefit of their member-consumer-owners.

"Hindi na tayo pwedeng 'pwede na...' (We cannot keep doing what's 'good enough...') We have to take it upon ourselves to improve our services," the NEA chief said, noting that he is counting on the EC leaders to map out strategies aimed at institutionalizing policies that would support this initiative.

"As we chart our course into 2026 and the years beyond, let us carry with us the same passion that has fueled our achievements and the same solidarity that has made us resilient," he added.

PHILRECA is the largest among the EC allied organizations working with the NEA on a nationwide scale. It is led by Executive Director and General Manager Atty. Janeene Depay-Colingan with Board President Raul Saniel.

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SOCOTECO I

SINO SI SOCOTECO-I?

Isang non-stock, non-profit membership electric cooperative sa ilalim ng probisyon ng National Electrification Administration Act (RA 6038) at Presidential Decree 269.

Na-organisa noong August 31, 1971 at nabigyan ng prangkisa (50 taon) noong September 5, 1979.

CLASSIFICATION

Mega Large Cooperative



MGA SERBISYO

Mahigit 50 taong nag-hahatid ng serbisyo ng kuryente sa Probinsya ng South Cotabato at ilang parte ng Sultan Kudarat.

- ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION, SUPPLY & METERING
- LINE CONSTRUCTION AND EXTENSIONS
- NET METERING
- MAINTENANCE & CUSTOMER SERVICE

NO. OF MCOS & CONNECTIONS



127, 356 membership

170, 950 HH connections

PHILRECA PARTY-LIST

PHILRECA

