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### **DORECO avails of NGCP's free lineman's training for electric coops**

Sharing the aspirations of electric cooperatives to bring reliable service to power customers, the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) continues to offer its comprehensive lineman's training modules to electric cooperatives nationwide.

The latest training participants from the Davao Oriental Electric Cooperative (DORECO) availed of NGCP's free course conducted in Mati City, Davao Oriental on September 21-22, 2011. As in past courses, lecturers and resource persons were from NGCP's regional and district operation and maintenance groups. Hands-on training and demonstration on cross-arm and insulator installation and hotline maintenance activities were held at Structure #741 of the Pintatagan - Mati 69-kV transmission line in Barangay Bilawan, Mati City.

NGCP is the country's sole power transmission service provider and system operator. It operates and maintains high-voltage transmission lines, substations, and other facilities in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao.

Although the lineman's training program is designed for electric cooperatives who acquired 69-kiloVolt lines or sub-transmission lines, it may be made available even to those distribution utilities not acquiring sub-transmission facilities. NGCP can customize its training modules to accommodate those utilities who would want to upgrade its personnel's capabilities. The transmission company conducts the training for free and provides the training modules and services of expert resource persons.

Cebu's top electric cooperatives CEBECO I, CEBECO II, and CEBECO III were among the first beneficiaries of this nationwide program especially designed for NGCP's direct customers. NGCP President and CEO Henry T. Sy, Jr. welcomed other electric cooperatives' growing interest in the training which he cited as a "good opportunity for technical information exchange and cooperation."

"Working together with electric cooperatives to upgrade line maintenance skills will result to faster restoration time, shorter power interruptions and overall improvement in power reliability and security," Mr. Sy said. ###

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