

[ERC RESOLUTION NO. 21, S. 2013, September 30, 2013]

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 5.3, 5.4 & 6.1 OF THE "RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE TEST AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRIC METERS OF DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES", AS ADOPTED IN RESOLUTION NO. 12, SERIES OF 2009

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2009, the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) issued Resolution No. 12, Series of 2009, adopting the "Rules and Procedures for the Test and Maintenance of Electric Meters of Distribution Utilities";

WHEREAS, the ERC proposed certain amendments to the "Rules and Procedures for the Test and Maintenance of Electric Meters of Distribution Utilities" to modify the existing criteria for acceptance or rejection of sample lots applicable to certain Inspections for Acceptance Test, to provide for the instances when the criteria for Normal, Reduced, and Tightened Inspections shall apply, and to comply with the regulatory requirement of testing meters in service once every two years;

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2013, the ERC posted at its official website the proposed amendments to solicit comments from interested parties;

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2013, a public consultation was held in Manila;

WHEREAS, the revised rules and procedures incorporating the comments of the stakeholders were again posted on the ERC website on July 9, 2013;

WHEREAS, the rules and procedures were again revised to consider the comments submitted during its second posting;

NOW THEREFORE, after careful deliberation on the issues relative thereto, the **ERC RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to **APPROVE** and **ADOPT** the amendments to Sections 5.3, 5.4 and 6.1 of the "Rules and Procedures for the Test and Maintenance of Electric Meters of Distribution Utilities" herein attached as Annex "A".

All previous Rules, Regulations and Issuances by the Commission contrary to the instant Resolution are deemed superseded.

This Resolution shall take effect on the fifteenth (15th) day following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the country.

Let copies of this Resolution be furnished the University of the Philippines Law Center-Office of the National Administrative Register (UPLC-ONAR) and all entities engaged in the electricity metering.

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Annex "A"

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 5.3, 5.4 & 6.1 OF THE "RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE TEST AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRIC METERS OF DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES", AS ADOPTED IN RESOLUTION NO. 12, SERIES OF 2009

Pursuant to Section 16(d), (e), (f) and (g), and Section 17 (d) of Commonwealth Act No. 146, as amended, and Commonwealth Act No. 349, the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) hereby promulgates the 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.

Section 1. The following provisions of the "Rules and Procedures for the Test and Maintenance of Electric Meters of Distribution Utilities" are hereby amended to read, as follows:

RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE TEST AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRIC METERS OF DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES

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5.3 Criteria for Acceptance Testing^[1]

All new and reconditioned or repaired meters referred to the ERC for acceptance testing shall be sample tested by the ERC using ANSI Z1.4-1993, "Sampling Procedures and Tables for Inspection by Attributes". An Acceptable Quality Level (AQL) of one percent (1%) must be achieved. Single sampling shall be performed in any of the three (3) inspections called normal, reduced, and tightened as shown in Tables 1, 2, and 3 below. Unless otherwise required by the ERC, normal inspection shall be used.

Table-1: Normal Inspection for Acceptance Test

Lot Size	Sample Size	Number of non-conforming meters	
		Criteria for acceptance of lot	Criteria for rejection of lot
Up to 150	20	0	1
151 to 280	32	1	2

281 to 500	50	1	2
501 to 1,200	80	2	3
1,201 to 3,200	125	3	4
3,201 to 10,000	200	5	6

Table-2: Reduced Inspection for Acceptance Test

Lot Size	Sample Size	Number of non-conforming meters*	
		Criteria for acceptance of lot	Criteria for rejection of lot
Up to 150	13	0	2
151 to 280	20	0	2
281 to 500	32	1	3
501 to 1,200	50	1	4
1,201 to 3,200	80	2	5
3,201 to 10,000	125	3	6

Note* If the number of non-conforming meters exceeds the criterion for acceptance, but less than the criterion for rejection, accept the lot under inspection, but shall revert back to normal inspection in the succeeding lots.

Table-3: Tightened Inspection for Acceptance Test

Lot Size	Sample Size	Number of non-conforming meters	
		Criteria for acceptance of lot	Criteria for rejection of lot
Up to 150	32	0	1
151 to 280	50	0	1
281 to 500	80	0	1
501 to 1,200	125	1	2
1,201 to 3,200	200	2	3
3,201 to	315	3	4