

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY REFORM ACT (EPIRA) OF 2001

ISSUE	SPECIFIC PROVISION AFFECTED	PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ON THE PROVISIONS AFFECTED	DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electric cooperatives are undemocratically governed and mismanaged such as in the case of ALECO; DANECO; PELCO 2 	<p>SEC. 57. Conversion of Electric Cooperatives.</p>	<p>Electric cooperatives are hereby converted into a genuine cooperative owned and democratically managed by registered member-consumers under the Cooperative Development Act. Nothing contained in this Act shall deprive electric cooperatives of any privilege or right granted to them under Presidential Decree No. 269, as amended and other existing laws.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stock share of registered member-consumers will provide every member a "sense of ownership" and will develop active participation in the affairs of the electric cooperative Hence every member has the stake in the electric cooperative, influence of local politician can be prevented in the decision making process of the member-consumers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electricity service is a basic necessity and therefore a basic human right and must not be relied and managed to the private sector such as in the case of Olongapo City Distribution Utility 	<p>SEC. 58. Additional Mandate of the National Electrification Administration (NEA)- NEA shall develop and implement programs:</p>	<p>Reword and paraphrase (a) to read as follows: "To prepare electric cooperatives in operating into a genuine electric cooperative owned and democratically managed by the member-consumers"</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electricity is a public utility and must be regulated by government Electricity must be a reliable and affordable service to the consumers not for business profits (MERALCO case: "It shall be the duty of the State to protect the citizens than corporate profits")