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EPIRA failure		Repeal EPIRA and craft a new one; Democratize and reorganize ERC	<p>BUKLURAN NG MANGGAGAWANG PILIPINO- CEBU (BMP-CEBU)</p> <p>Under the EPIRA, the ERC became a useless ornament to rein in power rates.</p> <p>It has been more than a decade now and yet the promised of low and affordable electricity rates remain elusive. EPIRA failed to address the very reason of its passage. It has only opened the doors of the power industry to the richest oligarchs in the land. Under the EPIRA, ERC became a useless ornament to rein in power rates. In concrete terms, it was an ERC that could not perform its mandate to regulate but instead became an accomplice and ally of corporate interests.</p> <p>EPIRA was a major failure for it only aggravates the</p>

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			<p>problem of spiralling electricity rates stems from the twin policies of privatization and deregulation. It did not offer any competition at all but instead run by oligopoly where only a few barons have captured the market.</p> <p>BMP believes that no real regulation would be in effect and place unless EPIRA is repealed and the ERC is reorganized and democratized.</p> <p>BMP further believes that EPIRA's framework do not reconcile with the pro people policy where power should be treated as a basic public utility and not being used as a tool for corporate greed and profits.</p>