



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY MANAGEMENT BUREAU

**AN OVERVIEW OF**

**RCOA**

**RETAIL COMPETITION AND OPEN ACCESS**

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# OUTLINE

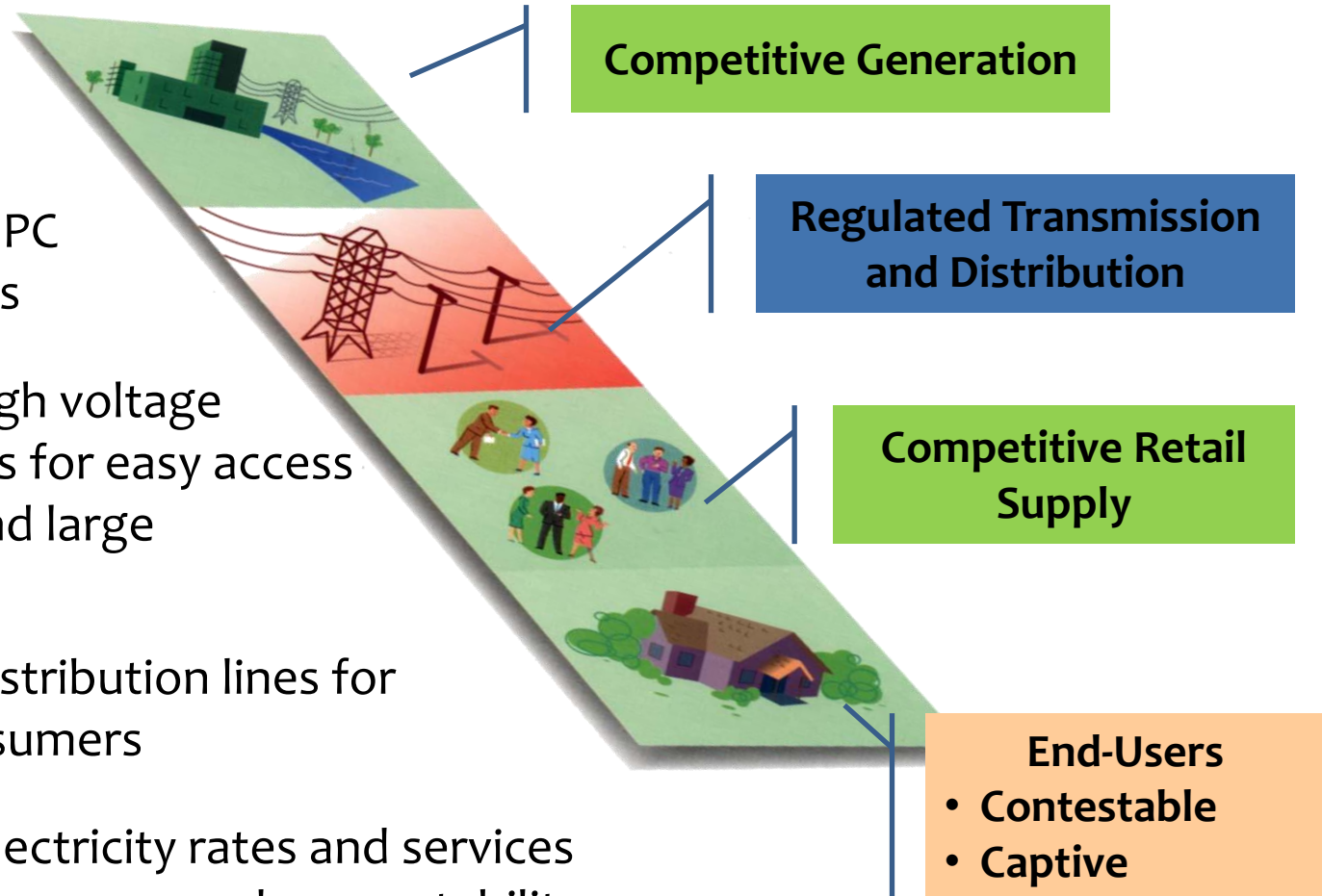
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# RESTRUCTURED POWER INDUSTRY

- Establishment of WESM
- Privatization of NPC Generating Assets
- Opening up of high voltage transmission lines for easy access of distributors and large consumers
- Opening up of distribution lines for contestable consumers
- Unbundling of electricity rates and services for greater transparency and accountability



# RESTRUCTURED POWER INDUSTRY

COMPETITIVE

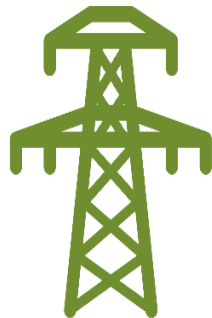


GENERATION



SUPPLY

REGULATED



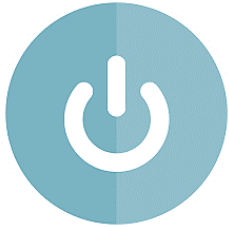
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DISTRIBUTION



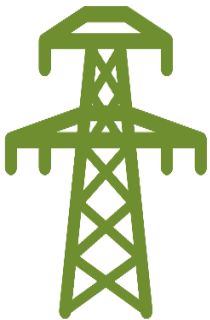
# RESTRUCTURED POWER INDUSTRY



SUPPLY

## RETAIL COMPETITION

Refers to the provision of electricity to a *Retail Market* by *Suppliers* through *Open Access*



TRANSMISSION



DISTRIBUTION

## OPEN ACCESS

Refers to the system of allowing any qualified Person the use of transmission and/or distribution system and associated facilities subject to the payment of *retail wheeling rates* duly approved by the *Energy Regulatory Commission*



# LEGAL BASIS

temporary wholesale electricity spot market failure.

SEC. 31. *Retail Competition and Open Access* – Any law to the contrary notwithstanding, retail competition and open access on distribution wires shall be implemented not later than three (3) years upon the effectivity of this Act, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Establishment of the wholesale electricity spot market;
- (b) Approval of unbundled transmission and distribution wheeling charges;
- (c) Initial implementation of the cross subsidy removal scheme;
- (d) Privatization of at least seventy (70%) percent of the total capacity of generating assets of NPC in Luzon and Visayas; and
- (e) Transfer of the management and control of at least seventy percent (70%) of the total energy output of power plants under contract with NPC to the IPP Administrators.

Upon the initial implementation of open access, the ERC shall allow all electricity end-users with a monthly average peak demand of at least one megawatt (1MW) for the preceding twelve (12) months to be the contestable market. Two (2) years thereafter,

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the threshold level for the contestable market shall be reduced to seven hundred fifty kilowatts (750kW). At this level, aggregators shall be allowed to supply electricity to end-users whose aggregate demand within a contiguous area is at least seven hundred fifty kilowatts (750kW). Subsequently and every year thereafter, the ERC shall evaluate the performance of the market. On the basis of such evaluation, it shall gradually reduce the threshold level until it reaches the household demand level. In the case of electric cooperatives, retail competition and open access shall be implemented not earlier than five (5) years upon the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 32. *NPC Standard Rate and Contest Cost Recovery*

Initial implementation for all electricity end-users with a monthly average peak demand of at least one megawatt (1MW) for the preceding twelve (12) months ;

After 2 years, the threshold level shall be reduced to 750kW;

Aggregators shall be allowed to supply electricity to end-users whose aggregate demand within a contiguous area is at least 750kW;

Subsequently and every year, on the basis of ERC evaluation, gradual reduction of threshold level until it reaches the household demand level will be implemented.



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- a. Establishment of WESM
- b. Approval of unbundled transmission & distribution wheeling charges
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- e. Transfer of management & control of at least 70% of the total energy output of power plants under contract w/ NPC to the IPP Administrations

Section 31 of RA9136 (EPIRA); EPIRA IRR Rule 12



# STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION

## Moving Towards A Competitive Power Market ...

### OPEN ACCESS AND RETAIL COMPETITION

#### Privatization

- 87 % of NPC GenCos
- NGCP as the TransCo Concessionaire
- 76.6% transferred to IPP Administrators



26 June 2013

Complied with.

### Establishment of WESM

Complied with.

- Luzon Commercial Operation on June 2006
- Integration of Visayas Grid, 26 Dec. 2010



### Removal of Cross Subsidies

Inter-Grid, Sept. 2002; Intra-Grid, Oct. 2005 and Inter-Class, Oct. 2005



Complied with.

### Unbundling

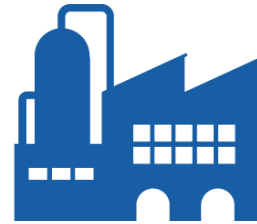
Unbundling of NPC rates (26 Mar. 2002) and Unbundling of DUs rates (June 2003).



Complied with.



# STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION



**CONTESTABLE  
CUSTOMER**

## POWER OF CHOICE



**1MW &  
Above**

**JUN 2013**



**750kW &  
Above**

**JUN 2016;  
DEC 2017**

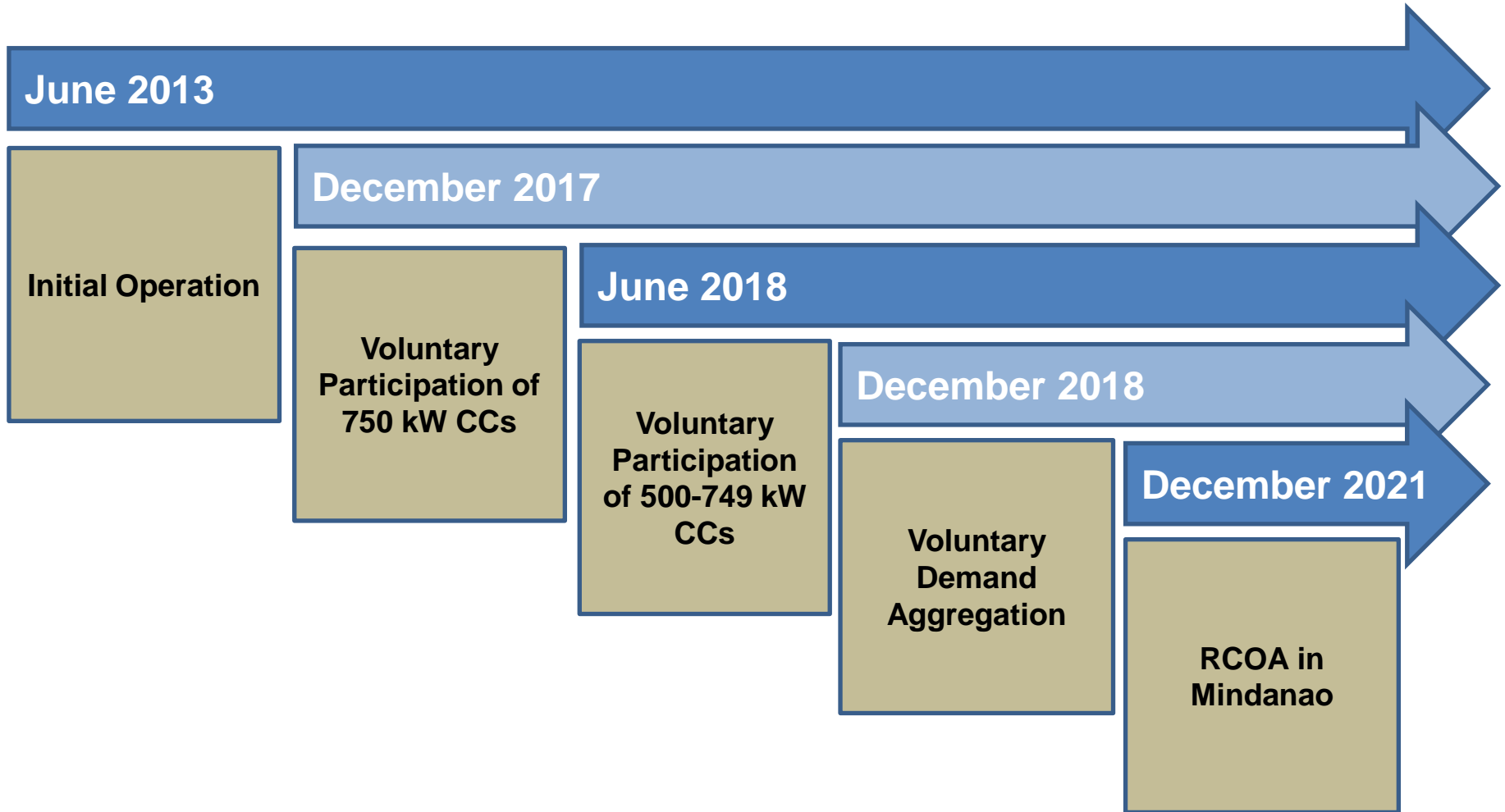


**500kW &  
Above;  
Aggregation**

**DEC 2020**



# RCOA TIMELINES



# PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPANTS

Membership Category		Prospective						
		Jun-13	May-20	Dec-20	May-21	June 2013 vs. May 2021	May 2020 vs. May 2021	Dec 2020 vs. May 2021
Contestable Customers	D ≥ 1MW	892	1,435	1,447	1,467	64%	2%	1%
	750kW ≥ D > 1MW	-	619	649	675	-	9%	4%
	500kW ≥ D > 749kW	-	-	-	778	-	-	-
	Total	892	2,054	2,096	2,920	227%	42%	39%
Suppliers	RES	19	37	43	46	142%	24%	7%
	LRES	13	25	25	25	92%	0%	0%
	Total	32	62	68	71	122%	15%	4%
SOLR		9	47	47	47	422%	0%	0%
RMSP		29	54	55	56	93%	6%	2%
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>962</b>	<b>2,217</b>	<b>2,266</b>	<b>3,095</b>	<b>222%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>37%</b>

Source: IEMOP, PEMC



# STATUS OF REGISTRATION

Membership Category		Registered						
		Jun-13	May-20	Dec-20	May-21	June 2013 vs. May 2021	May 2020 vs. May 2021	Dec. 2020 vs. May 2021
Contestable Customers	D ≥ 1MW	240	1,121	1,144	1,170	388%	4%	2%
	750kW ≥ D > 1MW	-	334	374	396	-	19%	6%
	500kW ≥ D > 749kW	-	-	-	91	-	-	-
	Total	240	1,455	1,518	1,657	590%	14%	9%
Suppliers	RES	15	33	34	38	153%	15%	12%
	LRES	3	14	14	14	367%	0%	0%
	Total	18	47	48	52	189%	11%	8%
SOLR		0	25	25	25	-	0%	0%
RMSP		29	54	55	57	97%	6%	4%
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>287</b>	<b>1,581</b>	<b>1,646</b>	<b>1,791</b>	<b>524%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>9%</b>

Source: ERC, PEMC



# WAY FORWARD

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1. Pursue/Implement Policies on Relaxation of Requirements
2. Pursue Retail Aggregation
3. Study on Further Lowering of Threshold
4. RCOA for Mindanao





**Thank You!**

