



The Ilocos Norte Electric Cooperative, Inc (INEC) has started accepting applications for the availment of 5% discount for the electricity consumption of senior citizens effective January 18, 2011 as per guidelines issued by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) pursuant to Sections 4 and 5 of the Republic Act No. 9994, “An Act Granting Additional Benefits and Privileges to Senior Citizens Further Amending Republic Act No. 7432, As Amended, Otherwise Known as ‘An Act to Maximize the Contributions of Senior Citizen to Nation Building, Grant Benefits and Special Privileges and for Other Purposes’” enacted on February 15, 2010.

As of February 10, 2011, the initial cut-off date for this purpose, a total of 1,227 applications were already processed.

To avail of the discount, the senior citizen member-consumer’s electric consumption must not exceed 100 kWh every month and that his/her name should have been registered to INEC for not less than one year.

The applicant must submit proof of age and citizenship or any of the following like birth certificate, valid senior citizens identification card, Philippine passport; or any government-issued identification card like driver’s license, voters ID, SSS/GSIS, PRC card, and postal ID.

INEC also accepts proof of residency like barangay certificate or duly notarized affidavit of two persons that have known the senior citizen for not less than a year.

In case a representative of the senior citizen will apply due to physical incapacity, there is a need of a valid identification of the representative and an authorization letter duly signed or thumb-marked by the senior citizen which would be valid for a period of one year only. Applications can be submitted at any INEC office.

The senior citizen discount is applied on the basic generation, transmission, system loss, distribution, supply, metering, lifeline discount and loan condonation (for electric cooperative if applicable) charges on the consumer bill of senior citizen end-users.