

TRIPARTITE ADVISORY ON LIFELINE IRR
by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC),
the Department of Energy (DOE), and
the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
(13 JUNE 2023)

In view of the implementation of the *Rules and Regulations to Implement Republic Act No. 11552, Entitled An Act Extending and Enhancing the Implementation of the Lifeline Rate, Amending for the Purpose, Section 73 of Republic Act No. 9136, Otherwise Known as the 'Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001,' as Amended by Republic Act No. 10150 (Lifeline IRR)*, and in connection with the release of the lists of 4Ps beneficiaries to the respective distribution utilities (DUs), DUs are hereby reminded to:

1. Immediately implement the disqualification of those who are not qualified to avail of the lifeline rate, as provided under Rule 6, Section 6 of the Lifeline IRR; and
2. Commence the acceptance and processing of applications from its consumers seeking to avail of the lifeline rate program. DUs are expected to complete the processing of the applications on or before 01 August 2023. Starting August 2023, only those who have approved applications shall be entitled to avail of the lifeline rate program.

Further, in consideration of the common issues and concerns raised by the DUs, the *Certification* templates, as well as the *Application Form* templates, are hereby revised. A copy of the revised set is attached and may also be downloaded from this link: tinyurl.com/LifelineActForms.

For your guidance and compliance.



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Note: The Certification must bear the official header of the DSWD/SWDO

Annex A – Certification by the SWDO

**CERTIFICATION OF FAMILY INCOME
WITHIN THE POVERTY THRESHOLD**

Certification No. 202_ - ____

(Sample)

This is to certify that, after verification, **First Name, Middle Initial, Surname**, of legal age, residing at _____ (complete with street address) _____, is found to have a family income below the latest poverty threshold as determined by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) in its report on (insert date of poverty threshold report). Therefore, the above individual may qualify for the grant of Lifeline Rate as provided under Republic Act No. 11552 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations. *Provided that*, the address indicated herein shall be the same address used in the electric service being applied for.

In case of transfer of residence, the above qualified marginalized end-user shall inform the Social Welfare and Development Office (SWDO) for purposes of securing a new certificate.

The validity of this certification shall be from _____ to _____.

Name and Signature of the
Authorized Representative of the
SWDO
(Position)

Date of Issuance

Conforme:

Name and Signature of the Qualified
Marginalized End-User

Any person who will be found falsifying this document shall be held liable under existing laws.

Note: The Certification must bear the official header of the DU

Annex B – Certificate of Un-Tagging

CERTIFICATE OF UN-TAGGING
Certification No. 202_ - ____

(Sample)

This is to certify and verify that the Lifeline Rate granted to **First Name, Middle Initial, Surname** with residence at _____ (complete with street address) _____ and with a Certification of Lifeline Coverage issued on _____ (Date of Issuance of Certificate of Lifeline Coverage) ____, has been un-tagged by Name of Distribution Utility as of (insert date) in view of the marginalized end-user's transfer of residence.

This Certification is for the purpose of possible reissuance of a Certification of Family Income within the Poverty Threshold by the SWDO and a new Certification of Lifeline Coverage by another DU to the above qualified marginalized end-user, for purposes of re-applying for the grant of Lifeline Rate for its new residence.

Name and Signature of the
Authorized Representative of DU
(Position)

Date of Issuance

Conforme:

Name and Signature of the Qualified
Marginalized End-User

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Note: The Certification must bear the official header of the DU

Annex C – Certification of Lifeline Coverage

CERTIFICATION OF LIFELINE COVERAGE

Certification No. 202_ - ____

**(4Ps)
(Sample)**

This is to certify that, **First Name, Middle Initial, Surname**, of legal age, residing at _____ (complete with street address) _____, is found to be a qualified marginalized end-user under (insert whether he is qualified under Rule 6, Section 1(a) or Rule 6 1(b) of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 11552. Therefore, **Name of Distribution Utility** is hereby granting a Lifeline Rate in favor of the above qualified marginalized end-user subject to the consumption threshold as approved by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC).

In case of transfer of residence, the above qualified marginalized end-user shall inform **Name of Distribution Utility**, for issuance of Certificate of Un-Tagging in case it will be served by a different Distribution Utility.

The validity of the grant of Lifeline Rate shall be from _____ until **delisted**, without prejudice to the responsibility of the **Name of Distribution Utility**, to conduct, at any time, a validation to ensure that the said qualified marginalized end-user is still eligible for the grant of lifeline rate as provided for under RA 11552 and its IRR.

Name and Signature of the
Authorized Representative of DU
(Position)

Date of Issuance

Conforme:

Name and Signature of the Qualified
Marginalized End-User

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Annex C – Certification of Lifeline Coverage

CERTIFICATION OF LIFELINE COVERAGE

Certification No. 202_ - ____

**(Non-4Ps)
(Sample)**

This is to certify that, **First Name, Middle Initial, Surname**, of legal age, residing at _____ (complete with street address), is found to be a qualified marginalized end-user under (insert whether he is qualified under Rule 6, Section 1(a) or Rule 6 1(b)) of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 11552. Therefore, Name of Distribution Utility is hereby granting a Lifeline Rate in favor of the above qualified marginalized end-user subject to the consumption threshold as approved by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC).

In case of transfer of residence, the above qualified marginalized end-user shall inform Name of Distribution Utility, for issuance of Certificate of Un-Tagging in case it will be served by a different Distribution Utility.

The validity of the grant of Lifeline Rate shall be from _____ to _____, without prejudice to the responsibility of the Name of Distribution Utility, to conduct, at any time, a validation to ensure that the said qualified marginalized end-user is still eligible for the grant of lifeline rate as provided for under RA 11552 and its IRR.

Name and Signature of the
Authorized Representative of DU
(*Position*)

Date of Issuance

Conforme:

Name and Signature of the Qualified
Marginalized End-User

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