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Gentlemen:

We reply to your correspondence (received via email on March 17, 2025 at 10:37 a.m) requesting confirmation of the information contained in the news article entitled “Meralco ordered to refund nearly ₱20 billion to consumers” that was published in Manila Bulletin on March 14,2025.

The article reported in part that:

*“The Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) has ordered Manila Electric Co. (Meralco) to refund nearly ₱20 billion to its customers within a three-year period.*

*In a notice posted on Thursday, March 13, the ERC announced that Meralco is set to refund a total of ₱19.95 billion, which are costs from unutilized expenses that were intended for technical experts during the periodic regulatory rate reset.*

*Since no technical expert payments were made, Meralco will rebate an average of ₱0.1189 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) to its consumers.*

*For residential consumers, ₱0.20/kWh will be refunded by the distribution utility (DU) over the next three years.*

*“Meralco shall implement the refund over a period of 36 months or until such time that the amount of over-recovery is fully refunded,” the ERC stated.*

*The cost return was initially proposed by Meralco earlier this year, accounting for the difference between the company’s actual weighted average tariff (AWAT) and the approved final distribution rate that was implemented in the lapsed period from July 2022 to year-end 2024.*

*The refund rate will be placed in a separate line item in customers’ bills and will be labeled as “AWAT/Collect.”*

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We would like to confirm the information in the subject news article regarding the refund of nearly ₱19.95 billion to its customers over a three-year period, with the clarification that the refund is for the difference between Company's Actual Weighted Average Tariff (AWAT) and the approved final distribution rate that was implemented in the lapsed period from July 2022 to 2024, and not from unutilized expenses intended for technical experts during the periodic regulatory rate reset.

We trust that you find the foregoing in order.

Very truly yours,



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