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LOAN AGREEMENT

LOAN AGREEMENT dated the 6th day of August, 1976, between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines ("Borrower"), the National Electrification Administration ("NEA"), and the United States of America, acting through the Agency for International Development ("A.I.D.").

Article I. THE LOAN

Section 1.01. The Loan. A.I.D. hereby agrees to lend to the Borrower, for the use of the National Electrification Administration (NEA), pursuant to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, up to twenty million United States dollars (\$20,000,000) ("Loan"), to assist in financing certain foreign exchange costs of goods and services required for the Project as defined in Section 1.02 hereof. Goods and services financed hereunder are hereinafter referred to as "eligible items", and the aggregate amount disbursed hereunder is hereinafter referred to as "Principal".

Section 1.02. THE PROJECT. As used in this Agreement, the "Project" shall mean (a) the construction of new rural electric cooperatives ("Cooperatives") or the expansion of existing ones, and (b) the further development of the institutional and managerial capability of NEA and the Cooperatives, and the further development and improvement of the quality of work of the local A&E firms and construction contractors.

Article II. LOAN TERMS

Section 2.01. Interest. The Borrower shall pay to A.I.D. interest which shall accrue on the outstanding balance of the Principal and any due and unpaid interest at the rate of 2% per annum for 10 years following the date of the first disbursement hereunder and at the rate of 3% per annum thereafter. Interest on the outstanding balance shall accrue from the date of each respective disbursement (as such date is defined in Section 7.03), and shall be computed on the basis of a 365-day year. Interest shall be payable semi-annually. The first payment of interest shall be due and payable no later than six (6) months after the first disbursement hereunder, on a date to be specified by A.I.D.

Section 2.02. REPAYMENT. The Borrower shall repay to A.I.D. the Principal, within forty (40) years from the date of the first disbursement hereunder, in sixty-one (61) approximately equal semi-annual installments of Principal and interest. The first installment of Principal shall be payable nine and one-half (9 ½) years after the date on which the first interest payment is due in accordance with Section 2.01. A.I.D. shall provide the Borrower with an amortization schedule in accordance with this Section after the final disbursement under the Loan.

Section 2.03. APPLICATION, CURRENCY AND PLACE OF PAYMENT. All payments of interest and Principal hereunder shall be made in United States dollars

and shall be applied first to the payment of interest due and then to the repayment of Principal. Except as A.I.D. may otherwise specify in writing, all such payments shall be made to the Controller, Agency for International Development, Washington, D.C., U.S.A., and shall be deemed made when received by the Office of the Controller.

Section 2.04. PREPAYMENT. Upon payment of all interest and refunds then due, the Borrower may prepay, without penalty, all or any part of the Principal. Any such prepayment shall be applied to the installments of Principal in the inverse order of their maturity.

Section 2.05. RENEGOTIATION OF THE TERMS OF THE LOAN. The Borrower agrees to negotiate with A.I.D., at such time or times as A.I.D. may request, an acceleration of the repayment of the Loan in the event that there is any significant improvement in the internal and external economic and financial position and prospects of the country of the Borrower.

Article III. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO DISBURSEMENT

- Section 3.01. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO OPENING LETTERS OF COMMITMENT FOR PROCUREMENT OF MATERIALS. Prior to the first disbursement or to the issuance of the first Letter of Commitment under the Loan, the Borrower or NEA, as appropriate, shall, except as A.I.D. may otherwise agree in writing, furnish to A.I.D., in form and substance satisfactory to A.I.D.:
- (a) An opinion of the Secretary of Justice of the Borrower on behalf of Borrower and NEA that both Borrower and NEA possess full power and authority to carry out all obligations undertaken hereunder, that this Loan Agreement has been duly authorized or ratified by, and executed on behalf of, the Borrower and NEA, and that this Loan Agreement is a valid and legally binding obligation of the Borrower and [EA in accordance with its terms;
- (b) Statements of the names of the persons holding or acting in the office of the Borrower and NEA specified in Section 9.02 together with specimen signatures of each person specified in such statement; and
- (c) An agreement providing for the relending of the Loan proceeds from Borrower to NEA, such relending to be on terms and conditions satisfactory to A.I.D.
- Section 3.02. TERMINAL DATES FOR MEETING CONDITIONS PRECEDENT. If all of the conditions specified in Section 3.01 shall not have been met within 120 days from the date of this Agreement, or such later date as A.I.D. may agree to in writing, A.I.D., at its option, may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the Borrower and NEA. Upon the giving of such notice, this Agreement and all obligations of the parties hereunder shall terminate.

Section 3.03. NOTIFICATION OF MEETING OF CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO DISBURSEMENT. A.I.D. shall notify the Borrower upon determination by A.I.D. that the conditions precedent to disbursement specified in Section 3.01 have been met.

Article IV. GENERAL COVENANTS AND WARRANTIES

Section 4.01. EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT. (a) The Borrower and NEA shall carry out the Project with due diligence and efficiency, and in conformity with sound engineering, financial, administrative and planning practices. In this connection, NEA shall employ, or insure that the Cooperatives employ, suitably qualified and experienced consultants to be professionally responsible for the design and

execution of the Project and suitably qualified and competent construction contractors to carry out the Project.

(b) The Borrower and NEA shall cause the Project to be carried out in conformity with all of the plans, specifications, contracts, schedules, and other arrangements, and with all modifications therein, approved by A.I.D. pursuant to this Agreement.

Section 4.02. Funds and Other Resources to be Provided by Borrower. The Borrower shall provide promptly, as needed, all funds, in addition to the Loan, and all other resources required for the timely and effective execution, maintenance, repair, and operation of the Project, on the further condition that these contributions by the Borrower shall constitute at least 25% of the costs of the entire Project.

Section 4.03. Continuing Consultation. The Borrower, NEA and A.I.D. shall cooperate fully to assure that the purpose of the Loan will be accomplished. To this end, the Borrower, NEA and A.I.D. shall from time to time, at the request of either party, exchange views through their representatives with regard to the progress of the Project, the performance of the consultants, contractors, and suppliers engaged on the Project, and other matters relating to the Project.

Section 4.04. Management. Borrower and NEA shall provide qualified and experienced management for the Project, and NEA shall train such staff as may be appropriate for the maintenance and operation of the Project.

Section 4.05. UTILIZATION OF GOODS AND SERVICES. (a) Goods and services financed under the Loan shall be used exclusively for the Project, except as A.I.D. may otherwise agree in writing. Upon completion of the Project, or at such other time as goods financed under the Loan can no longer be usefully employed for the Project, the Borrower and NEA may use or dispose of such goods in such manner as A.I.D. may agree to in writing prior to such use or disposition.

(b) Except as A.I.D. may otherwise agree in writing, no goods or services financed under the Loan shall be used to promote or assist any foreign aid project or activity associated with or financed by any country not included in Code 935 of the A.I.D. Geographic Code Book as in effect at the time of such use.

Section 4.06. TAXATION. This Agreement, the Loan and any evidence of indebtedness issued in connection herewith shall be free from, and the Principal and interest shall be paid without deduction for and free from, any taxation or fees imposed under the laws in effect within the country of the Borrower. The proceeds of the Loan shall not be used for the payment of taxes, tariffs, duties and other levies in effect in the country of the Borrower with respect to (a) any contractor, including any consulting firm, any personnel of such contractor financed hereunder and any property or transactions relating to such contracts, and (b) any commodity procurement transaction financed hereunder. To the extent that persons or entities in (a) and (b) immediately above are not exempt from identifiable taxes, tariffs, duties, and other levies imposed under laws in effect in the country of the Borrower, the Borrower shall, as and to the extent prescribed in and pursuant to implementation letters, pay or reimburse the same under Section 4.02 of this Agreement with funds other than those provided under the Loan.

Section 4.07. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE. The Borrower and NEA shall insure that the Cooperatives operate, maintain and repair the electric distribution systems financed under this Loan in conformity with sound engineering, financial

and administrative practices and in such manner as to insure the continuing and successful achievement of the purposes of the Project.

Section 4.08. DISCLOSURE OF MATERIAL FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES. The Borrower and NEA represent and warrant that all facts and circumstances that they have disclosed or caused to be disclosed to A.I.D. in the course of obtaining the Loan are accurate and complete, and that they have disclosed to A.I.D., accurately and completely, all facts and circumstances that might materially affect the Project and the discharge of their obligations under this Agreement. The Borrower and NEA shall promptly inform A.I.D. of any facts and circumstances that may hereinafter arise that might materially affect, or that it is reasonable to believe might materially affect, the Project or the discharge of the Borrower's or NEA's obligations under this Agreement.

Section 4.09. Commissions, Fees and Other Payments. (a) Borrower and NEA warrant and covenant that, in connection with obtaining the Loan, they have not paid, and will not pay or agree to pay, nor to the best of their knowledge has there been paid nor will there be paid or agreed to be paid by any other person or entity, commissions, fees, or other payments of any kind, except as regular compensation to the Borrower's or NEA's full-time officers and employees or as compensation for bona fide professional, technical or comparable services. The Borrower and NEA shall promptly report to A.I.D. any payment or agreement to pay for such bona fide professional, technical or comparable services to which it is a party or of which it has knowledge (indicating whether such payment has been made or is to be made on a contingent basis), and if the amount of any such payment is deemed unreasonable by A.I.D., the same shall be adjusted in a manner satisfactory to A.I.D.

(b) The Borrower and NEA warrant and covenant that no payments have been or will be received by the Borrower or NEA or any official of the Borrower or NEA, in connection with the procurement of goods and services hereunder, except fees, taxes, or similar payments legally established in the Philippines.

Section 4.10. Maintenance and Audit of Records. The Borrower and NEA shall maintain, and cause the Cooperatives assisted by this Loan to maintain, in accordance with sound accounting principles and practices consistently applied, books and records relating both to the Project and to this Agreement. Such books and records shall, without limitation, be adequate to show:

- (a) The receipt and use made of goods and services acquired with funds disbursed pursuant to this Agreement;
- (b) The nature and extent of solicitations of prospective suppliers of goods and services acquired;
- (c) The basis of the award of contracts and orders to successful bidders; and
- (d) The progress of the Project.

Such books and records shall be maintained for five years after the date of the last disbursement by A.I.D. or until all sums due A.I.D. under this Agreement have been paid, whichever date shall first occur.

NEA and the individual cooperatives shall be audited annually and audit of the cooperatives shall be by independent certified public accountants.

Section 4.11. REPORTS. The Borrower and NEA shall furnish to A.I.D. such information and reports relating to the Loan and to the Project as A.I.D. may request.

Section 4.12. Inspections. The authorized representatives of A.I.D. shall have the right at all reasonable times to inspect the Project, the utilization of all goods and services financed under the Loan, and the Borrower's, NEA's and the Cooperatives' books, records and other documents relating to the Project and the Loan. The Borrower and NEA shall cooperate with A.I.D. to facilitate the visit by representatives of A.I.D. to any part of the country of the Borrower for any purpose relating to the Loan.

Article V. Special Covenants and Warranties

Section 5.01. Borrower's Covenants. Pursuant to Section 4.02 and except as A.I.D. may otherwise agree in writing, the Borrower covenants and agrees:

- (a) To make available to NEA on a timely basis peso funds required for implementation and completion of the Project;
- (b) To assist NEA to carry out the Project or cause the Project to be carried out with due diligence and efficiency in conformance with sound engineering, construction, financial and management practices and any plans, specifications, contracts, schedules or other arrangements approved by A.I.D.; and
- (c) To absorb any maintenance of value (MOV) risks on behalf of NEA and the Cooperatives.
- Section 5.02. NEA's COVENANTS. Except as A.I.D. may otherwise agree in writing, NEA covenants and agrees:
- (a) To carry out the Project, or cause the Project to be carried out, with due diligence and efficiency and in conformity with sound engineering, financial, administrative and management practices and in accordance with any contracts and procurement arrangements, and modifications therein, approved by A.I.D. pursuant to this Agreement;
- (b) To present to A.I.D. for its approval any proposed new or amended contract between NEA and a consultant for engineering or other professional services to be financed under this Loan:
- (c) That the Cooperatives' retail power rates will be fixed to result in rates that will conform to the requirements of the formal rate policies specified in NEA policy statements 401-A and 402 dated December 19, 1974. Any change in these rate policy statements will be in consultation with A.I.D. prior to the making of such change;
- (d) That commodities procured under this Loan will not be released to individual electric cooperatives prior to certification by the Beneficiary and its consulting engineers as to the technical, economic and financial soundness of each proposed cooperative system;
- (e) To implement the evaluation plan submitted to A.I.D. pursuant to Section 3.01 (d) of A.I.D. Loan Agreement No. 492-T-036, executed by the parties on March 24, 1975.

Article VI. PROCUREMENT

Section 6.01. Procurement Source and Origin. Except as A.I.D. may otherwise agree in writing, disbursements made pursuant to Sections 7.01 and 7.02 shall be used exclusively to finance the procurement for the Project of goods and services having both their source and origin in countries included in Code 941 of the A.I.D. Geographic Code Book as in effect at the time orders are placed for such goods and services.

Section 6.02. ELIGIBILITY DATE. Except as A.I.D. may otherwise agree in writing, no goods or services may be financed under the Loan which are procured pursuant to orders or contracts firmly placed or entered into prior to the date of this Agreement.

Section 6.03. Goods and Services Not Financed Under the Loan. Goods and services procured for the Project, but not financed under the Loan, shall have their source and origin in countries included in Code 935 of the A.I.D. Geographic Code Book as in effect at the time orders are placed for such goods and services.

Section 6.04. Contracts. Except as A.I.D. may otherwise agree in writing:

- (a) All bid documents and documents relating to the solicitation of proposals for goods and services financed under the Loan shall be approved by A.I.D. in writing prior to their issuance;
- (b) All contracts financed under this Loan shall be approved by A.I.D. in writing prior to their execution. A.I.D. shall also approve in writing the selection of the contractor and such contractor personnel as A.I.D. may specify. Material modifications in any of such contracts and changes in any of such personnel shall also be approved by A.I.D. in writing prior to their becoming effective.

Section 6.05. Reasonable Price. No more than reasonable prices shall be paid for any goods or services financed, in whole or in part, under the Loan, as more fully described in Implementation Letters. Such items shall be procured on a fair and, except for professional services, on a competitive basis in accordance with procedures therefor prescribed in Implementation Letters.

Section 6.06. SHIPPING AND INSURANCE. (a) Goods financed under the Loan shall be transported to the country of the Borrower on flag carriers of any country included in Code 935 of the A.I.D. Geographic Code Book as in effect at the time of shipment.

- (b) (i) Gross tonnage. At least fifty percent (50%) of the gross tonnage of all commodities (computed separately for dry bulk carriers, dry cargo liners and tankers) financed hereunder which may be transported on ocean vessels shall be transported on privately-owned United States-flag commercial vessels.
- (ii) Revenue. Additionally, at least fifty percent (50%) of the gross freight revenue generated by all shipments financed hereunder and transported to the Philippines on dry cargo liners shall be paid to or for the benefit of privately-owned United States-flag commercial vessels.
- (iii) Compliance. Compliance with the requirements of (i) and (ii) above must be achieved with respect to cargo transported from U.S. ports and also to cargo transported from non-U.S. ports, computed separately.
- (iv) Reporting. Within ninety (90) days following the end of each calendar quarter, or such other period as A.I.D. may specify in writing, Borrower or NEA shall furnish A.I.D. with a statement, in form and substance satisfactory to A.I.D., reporting on compliance with the requirements of this Section.
- (c) No such goods may be transported on any ocean vessel (or aircraft) (i) which A.I.D., in a notice to the Borrower, has designated as ineligible to carry A.I.D.-financed goods or (ii) which has been chartered for the carriage of A.I.D.-financed goods unless such charter has been approved by A.I.D.
- (d) If, in connection with the placement of marine insurance on shipments financed under United States legislation authorizing assistance to other nations, the

country of the Borrower, by statute, decree, rule, or regulation, favors any marine insurance company of any country over any marine insurance company authorized to do business in any State of the United States of America, goods procured from the United States and financed under the Loan shall, during the continuance of such discrimination, be insured against marine risk in the United States of America with a company or companies authorized to do a marine insurance business in any state of the United States of America.

(e) The Borrower or NEA shall insure, or cause to be insured, all goods financed under the Loan against risks incident to their transit to the point of their use in the Project. Such insurance shall be issued upon terms and conditions consistent with sound commercial practice, shall insure the full value of the goods, and shall be payable in the currency in which such goods were financed. Any indemnification received by the Borrower under such insurance shall be used to replace or repair any material damage or any loss of the goods insured or shall be used to reimburse the Borrower or NEA for the replacement or repair of such goods. Any such replacements shall have both their source and origin in countries included in Code 941 of the A.I.D. Geographic Code Book and shall be otherwise subject to the provisions of this Agreement.

Section 6.07. PORT CHARGES. With respect to ocean freight costs which qualify as eligible for financing under the Loan, A.I.D. will finance ninety percent (90%) of all ocean freight costs of each shipment, and ninety-eight percent (98%) of such costs on any shipment under free-out terms. The remaining ten percent (10%), or two percent (2%) of free-out shipments, represent port charges in the Philippines, and Borrower covenants that it shall make available foreign exchange in accordance with procedures which may be prescribed by A.I.D. in Implementation Letters.

Section 6.08. NOTIFICATION TO POTENTIAL SUPPLIERS. In order that all United States firms shall have the opportunity to participate in furnishing goods and services to be financed under the Loan, the Borrower or NEA shall furnish to A.I.D. such information with regard thereto, and at such times, as A.I.D. may request in Implementation Letters.

Section 6.09. UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT-OWNED EXCESS PROPERTY. NEA shall utilize, with respect to goods financed under the Loan to which the NEA takes title at the time of procurement, such reconditioned United States Government-owned Excess Property as may be consistent with the requirements of the Project and as may be available within a reasonable period of time. NEA shall seek assistance from A.I.D. and A.I.D. will assist the NEA in ascertaining the availability of and in obtaining such Excess Property. A.I.D. will make arrangements for any necessary inspection and/or acquisition, and all charges incident to the transfer to the NEA of such Excess Property may be financed under the Loan.

Section 6.10. Information and Marking. Borrower and NEA shall give publicity to the Loan and the Project as a program of United States aid, identify the Project sites, and provide other markings or publicity as prescribed in Implementation Letters.

Article VII. DISBURSEMENTS

Section 7.01. DISBURSEMENT—LETTERS OF COMMITMENT TO UNITED STATES BANKS. Upon satisfaction by the Borrower and NEA of conditions precedent, NEA may, from time to time, request A.I.D. to issue Letters of Commitment for specified amounts to one or more United States banks, satisfactory to A.I.D., com-

mitting A.I.D. to reimburse such bank or banks for payments made by them to contractors or suppliers, through the use of Letters of Credit or otherwise, for costs of goods and services procured for the Project in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Payment by a bank to a contractor or supplier will be made by the bank upon presentation of such supporting documentation as A.I.D. may prescribe in Letters of Commitment and Implementation Letters. Banking charges incurred in connection with Letters of Commitment and Letters of Credit shall be for the account of the Borrower and may be financed under the Loan.

Section 7.02. OTHER FORMS OF DISBURSEMENT. Disbursement of the Loan may also be made through such other means as the Borrower, NEA and A.I.D. may agree to in writing.

Section 7.03. DATE OF DISBURSEMENT. Disbursements by A.I.D. shall be deemed to occur, in the case of disbursements pursuant to Section 7.01, on the date on which A.I.D. makes disbursement to the Borrower, to its designee, or to a banking institution pursuant to a Letter of Commitment.

Section 7.04. Terminal Date for Disbursement. Except as A.I.D. may otherwise agree in writing, no Letter of Commitment, or other commitment documents which may be called for by another form of disbursement under Section 7.02, or amendment thereto, shall be issued in response to requests received by A.I.D. after February 6, 1979, and no disbursement shall be made against documentation received by A.I.D., or any bank described in Section 7.01 after August 6, 1979. A.I.D., at its option, may, at any time or times after August 6, 1979, reduce the Loan by all or any part thereof for which documentation was not received by such date.

Article VIII. CANCELLATION AND SUSPENSION

Section 8.01. CANCELLATION BY THE BORROWER. The Borrower may, with the prior written consent of A.I.D., by written notice to A.I.D., cancel any part of the Loan (i) which, prior to the giving of such notice, A.I.D. has not disbursed or committed itself to disburse, or (ii) which has not then been utilized through the issuance of irrevocable Letters of Credit or through bank payments made other than under irrevocable Letters of Credit.

Section 8.02. Events of Default; Acceleration. If any one or more of the following events ("Events of Default") shall occur:

- (a) The Borrower shall have failed to pay when due any interest or installment of Principal required under this Agreement;
- (b) The Borrower or NEA shall have failed to comply with any other provisions of this Agreement, including, but without limitation, the obligation to carry out the Project with due diligence and efficiency;
- (c) The Borrower shall have failed to pay when due any interest or any installment of Principal or any other payment required under any other loan agreement, any guaranty agreement, or any other agreement between the Borrower or any of its agencies and A.I.D. or any of its predecessor agencies;
- (d) Any action by any governmental authority shall be instituted to dissolve or disestablish NEA or to suspend its operations, or a substantial part thereof; or
- (e) Any right, privilege, or other legal authority necessary for the conduct of NEA's operations for the completion of the Project, or for carrying out of the terms of this Loan Agreement, is revoked, cancelled, or denied in such manner as to make it improbable that NEA will be able to perform its obligations under this Loan

Agreement or that the Loan provided for herein will substantially fulfill the purposes for which it has been established;

then A.I.D. may, at its option, give to the Borrower or NEA notice that all or any part of the unrepaid Principal shall be due and payable sixty (60) days thereafter, and, unless the Event of Default is cured within such sixty (60) days:

- (i) Such unrepaid Principal and any accrued interest hereunder shall be due and payable immediately; and
- (ii) The amount of any further disbursements made under then outstanding irrevocable Letters of Credit or otherwise shall become due and payable as soon as made.
 - Section 8.03. Suspension of Disbursement. In the event that at any time:
- (a) An Event of Default has occurred;
- (b) An event occurs that A.I.D. determines to be an extraordinary situation that makes it improbable either that the purpose of the Loan will be attained or that the Borrower or NEA will be able to perform their obligations under this Agreement:
- (c) Any disbursement by A.I.D. would be in violation of the legislation governing A.I.D.; or
- (d) The Borrower shall have failed to pay when due any interest or any installment of Principal or any other payment required under any other loan agreement, any guaranty agreement, or any other agreement between the Borrower or any of its agencies and A.I.D. or any of its predecessor agencies,

then A.I.D. may, at its option:

- (i) Suspend or cancel outstanding commitment documents to the extent that they have not been utilized through the issuance of irrevocable Letters of Credit or through bank payments made other than under irrevocable Letters of Credit, in which event A.I.D. shall give notice to the Borrower promptly thereafter;
- (ii) Decline to make disbursements other than under outstanding commitment documents;
- (iii) Decline to issue additional commitment documents:
- (iv) At A.I.D.'s expense, direct that title to goods financed under the Loan shall be transferred to A.I.D. if the goods are from a source outside the country of the Borrower, are in a deliverable state and have not been offloaded in ports of entry of the country of the Borrower, in which event A.I.D. shall give notification to the Borrower promptly thereafter. Any disbursement made or to be made under the Loan with respect to such transferred goods shall be deducted from Principal.

Section 8.04. CANCELLATION BY A.I.D. Following any suspension of disbursements pursuant to Section 8.03, if the cause or causes for such suspension of disbursements shall not have been eliminated or corrected within sixty (60) days from the date of such suspension, A.I.D. may, at its option, at any time or times thereafter, cancel all or any part of the Loan that is not then either disbursed or subject to irrevocable Letters of Credit.

Section 8.05. Continued Effectiveness of Agreement. Notwithstanding any cancellation, suspension of disbursement, or acceleration of repayment, the provisions of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until the payment in full of all Principal and any accrued interest hereunder.

Section 8.06. REFUNDS. (a) In the case of any disbursement not supported by valid documentation in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, or of any disbursement not made or used in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, A.I.D., notwithstanding the availability or exercise of any of the other remedies provided for under this Agreement, may require the Borrower to refund such amount in United States dollars to A.I.D. within thirty (30) days after receipt of a request therefor. Such amount shall be made available first for the cost of goods and services procured for the Project hereunder, to the extent justified; the remainder, if any, shall be applied to the installments of Principal in the inverse order of their maturity, and the amount of the Loan shall be reduced by the amount of such remainder. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, A.I.D.'s right to require a refund with respect to any disbursement under the Loan shall continue for five years following the date of such disbursement.

(b) In the event that A.I.D. receives a refund from any contractor, supplier, or banking institution, or from any other third party connected with the Loan, with respect to goods or services financed under the Loan, and such refund relates to an unreasonable price for goods or services, or to goods that did not conform to specifications, or to services that were inadequate, A.I.D. shall first make such refund available for the cost of goods and services procured for the Project hereunder, to the extent justified; the remainder to be applied to the installments of Principal in the inverse order of their maturity and the amount of the Loan shall be reduced by the amount of such remainder.

Section 8.07. EXPENSES OF COLLECTION. All reasonable costs incurred by A.I.D., other than salaries of its staff, in connection with the collection of any refund or in connection with amounts due A.I.D. by reason of the occurrence of any of the events specified in Section 8.02 may be charged to the Borrower and reimbursed to A.I.D. in such manner as A.I.D. may specify.

Section 8.08. Nonwaiver of Remedies. No delay in exercising or omission to exercise any right, power or remedy accruing to A.I.D. under this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of any such rights, powers or remedies.

Article IX. MISCELLANEOUS

Section 9.01. Communications. Any notice, request, document, or other communication given, made or sent by the Borrower, NEA or A.I.D. pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing or by telegram, cable or radiogram and shall be deemed to have been duly given, made or sent to the party to which it is addressed when it shall be delivered to such party by hand or by mail, telegram, cable or radiogram at the following address:

To Borrower:

Mail Address: National Economic and Development Authority

P. O. Box 1116 Manila, Philippines

Cable Address: NEDAPHIL

To NEA:

Mail Address: National Electrification Administration

1050 Quezon Boulevard Extension

Quezon City, Philippines

Cable Address: NEAPHIL

To A.I.D.:

Mail Address: United States Agency for International Development

c/o American Embassy Manila, Philippines

Cable Address: USAID/AMEMB MANILA

Other addresses may be substituted for the above upon the giving of notice. All notices, requests, communications and documents submitted to A.I.D. hereunder shall be in the English language, except as A.I.D. may otherwise agree in writing.

Section 9.02. Representatives. For all purposes relative to this Agreement, the Borrower will be represented by the individual holding or acting in the Office of Director-General, National Economic and Development Authority; NEA will be represented by the individual holding or acting in the office of Administrator, NEA; and A.I.D. will be represented by the individual holding or acting in the office of the Director of the United States A.I.D. Mission to the Philippines. Such individuals shall have the authority to designate additional representatives by written notice. In the event of any replacement or other designation of a representative hereunder, Borrower or NEA shall submit a statement of the representative's name and specimen signature in form and substance satisfactory to A.I.D. Until receipt by A.I.D. of written notice or revocation of the authority of any of the duly authorized representatives of the Borrower or NEA designated pursuant to this Section, it may accept the signature of any such representative or representatives on any instrument as conclusive evidence that any action effected by such instrument is duly authorized.

Section 9.03. IMPLEMENTATION LETTERS. A.I.D. shall from time to time issue Implementation Letters that will prescribe the procedures applicable hereunder in connection with the implementation of this Agreement.

Section 9.04. Promissory Notes. At such time or times as A.I.D. may request, the Borrower shall issue promissory notes or such other evidences of indebtedness with respect to the Loan, in such form, containing such terms and supported by such legal opinions as A.I.D. may reasonably request.

Section 9.05. Termination Upon Full Payment. Upon payment in full of the Principal and of any accrued interest, this Agreement and all obligations of the Borrower, NEA and A.I.D. under this Loan Agreement shall terminate.

In witness whereof, Borrower, NEA and the United States of America, each acting through its respective duly authorized representatives, have caused this Agreement to be signed in their names and delivered as of the day and year first above written.

Republic of the Philippines: United States of America:

By: [Signed] By: [Signed] WILLIAM H. SULLIVAN FERDINAND E. MARCOS President, Republic of the Ambassador to the Republic Title: Title: **Philippines** of the Philippines [Signed] By: By: [Signed] GERARDO P. SICAT GARNETT A. ZIMMERLY Title: Secretary of Economic Plan-Title: Director, USAID/Philippines ning (Director-General) National Economic and Development Authority