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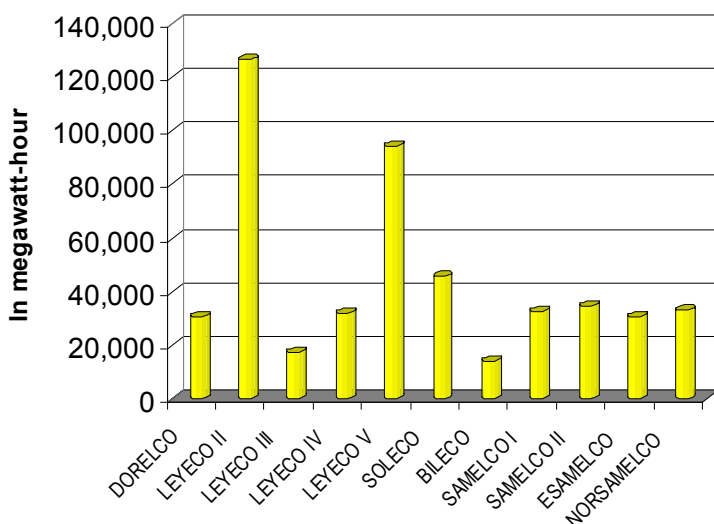
### Biliran Province has the highest electricity rate in Eastern Visayas?

Electricity in the province of Biliran is the most expensive in Eastern Visayas at P6.19 and P6.80 per kilowatt-hour in 2004 and 2005, respectively. The high power cost was due to low consumption rate resulting from lack of industries and commercial establishments, and low population in this smallest province in the region. Biliran Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BILECO), which serves the province of Biliran, consumed the least or 2.8% of the total power distributed to rural electric cooperatives (RECs) in the region in 2005.

The municipalities in Leyte covered by Leyte III Electric Cooperative, Inc. (LEYECO III) had the second highest electricity rate at P6.00 and P6.85 in 2004 and 2005, respectively. LEYECO III had the second lowest electricity consumption among the RECs in the region.

In contrast, the regional center of Tacloban City and nearby towns being served by LEYECO II consistently posted the cheapest rate at P4.90 and P5.43 in 2004 and 2005, respectively. LEYECO II accounted for

**Figure 1. POWER DISTRIBUTED BY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, REGION VIII: 2005**



Source of Basic Data: National Electrification Administration

**Table 1. AVERAGE SYSTEM RATE BY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, REGION VIII: 2004-2005 (In peso per kilowatt-hour)**

Electric Cooperative	2004	2005	Peso Increase
Region VIII	5.32	5.88	0.56
DORELCO	5.99	6.26	0.27
LEYECO II	4.90	5.43	0.53
LEYECO III	6.00	6.85	0.85
LEYECO IV	5.67	6.03	0.36
LEYECO V	5.07	5.54	0.47
SOLECO	5.20	6.14	0.94
BILECO	6.19	6.80	0.61
SAMELCO I	5.41	5.77	0.36
SAMELCO II	5.72	6.11	0.39
ESAMELCO	5.39	6.40	1.01
NORSAMELCO	5.71	6.24	0.53

Source of Basic Data: National Electrification Administration

the biggest share or 25.8 percent of the 491,755 megawatt-hour total power distributed by RECs in the region, of which 27.6 percent is consumed by industries and 15.9 percent by commercial establishments.

Ormoc City and nearby municipalities covered by LEYECO V registered the second cheapest rate at P5.07 and P5.54 in 2004 and 2005, respectively. LEYECO V had the second biggest consumption in electricity in the region at 19.2%.

The region's average system rate or the selling price of power from the rural electric cooperatives to consumers was registered at P5.88 per KWh in 2005. This is higher by P0.56 over the P5.32 recorded in 2004. All electric cooperatives registered increases, with Eastern Samar Electric Cooperative, Inc. (ESAMELCO) recording the highest at P1.01. This was followed by Southern Leyte Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SOLECO) at P0.94. Don Orestes Romualdez Electric Cooperative, Inc. (DORELCO) posted the lowest increase at P0.27.

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