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Cotabato Light and Power Company assures an stable and adequate power supply within its service area during the 2013 Barangay Election period. Though, there is power shortage in Mindanao, the demand of energy is expected to lessen since it is a holiday, and offices and big industrial companies are closed. Moreover, the company's standby power plant is always ready to augment the power supply in case of power shortage.

Engr. Jude Sanchez, the power firm's General Manager, said, "Despite the present load curtailment in the Mindanao grid, there will be enough power needed in the conduct of the elections. However, in the event that the power supply from NGCP will not be available we will be contented with our embedded Power Plant capacity to be shared and distributed among our customers. And, there will also be no **scheduled** power interruptions during the Election Day. The company will also do its best to avoid unscheduled power interruptions during and after the election. "

The Cotabato Light team had already prepared a contingency plans incase power will not be available from its main source. It had already inspected various polling places to inspect electrical connection and vegetation problems that may cause possible service disruptions.

On the day of the election, line crews will be on standby in strategic areas to be able to respond immediately to problems affecting power supply. Its telephone brigade will also be activated to cater to more customer calls should a power problems occur.

Cotabato Light encourages its customers and the public in general, to take part in the success of the 2013 Barangay Elections by reporting any power related problems like – defective streetlight and transmission lines that need vegetation or trimming. Just dial its customer service hotline at 520-2572 (CLPC).