

# **NGCP UPGRADES LINE IN EASTERN VISAYAS**

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MANILA, Philippines — The National Grid Corp. of the Philippines (NGCP) is upgrading the transmission line in Eastern Visayas within the year to prevent power outages in the corridor.

The project, which has a total cost of P697.6 million, has secured regulatory approval from the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC).

According to NGCP, the project will give way to a stronger transmission corridor from geothermal plants and other generating capacities in Leyte to Samar Island.

“Samar and Leyte distribution utilities are set to benefit from the upgrading of the said transmission line,” it said.

NGCP is nearing the completion of the expansion of the Ormoc-Babatngon 138-kiloVolt (kV) line.

Construction is 94 percent complete with one remaining tower and stringing left.

Meanwhile, improvements on the substation are expected to be finished before the end of the year.

“This line reinforcement strengthens transmission services in Eastern Visayas, particularly improving power supply delivery to Samar. It is NGCP’s continuing commitment to upgrade and improve the country’s transmission network, especially with the constantly growing demand for power,” NGCP said.

The grid operator said the Ormoc-Babatngon 138kV line is one of two components that comprise the Leyte-Samar transmission corridor.

NGCP said the construction of the second circuit will ensure the reliability of transmission services in the area and minimize the occurrences of prolonged power interruptions.

Apart from the construction of an additional overhead transmission line spanning almost 80 kilometers, NGCP’s project also involves the expansion of the Ormoc and Babatngon substations in Leyte.

NGCP is a Filipino-led privately owned company in charge of operating, and developing the country’s power grid, led by majority shareholders Henry Sy Jr. and Robert Coyoito, Jr.