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### Power Industry Collaboration

Representatives of at least 71 power sector stakeholders, made up of private electric utilities, electric cooperatives, independent power producers, the National Power Corporation, the Department of Energy, the Department of Trade and Industry, the National Electrification Administration, non-government organizations, environmentalists, consumer groups, and the academe, pose for posterity after signing a landmark memorandum of agreement that signified their support to the proposal of the Efficient Lighting Initiative (ELI) to amend the 1996 Regulatory Framework for Demand Side Management (DSM) in the Philippines at the Edsa Shangri-La Plaza Hotel recently. The Union Fenosa and International Finance Corporation-managed ELI program is currently assisting ERC in instituting DSM as an innovative energy efficiency practice that delivers downstream benefits to consumers, the power industry and the environment. Leading the stakeholders are (front row, seated): Chairman Fe Barin of the Energy Regulatory Commission (eighth from right); Alexander Ablaza (seventh from right); Union Fenosa country director of the Efficient Lighting Initiative; Jose Luis Gomez (tenth from right); Union Fenosa Soluziona managing director for Asia and the Pacific; Erwein Catoto (ninth from right), International Finance Corporation investment officer, and ERC Commissioner Carlos Alindada (not in picture).