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Introduced by Senator WIN GATCHALIAN

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO
CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE QUALITY OF
ELECTRIC POWER SERVICE IN THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN WITH THE END
IN VIEW OF PROTECTING THE INTERESTS OF PALAWEÑOS**

1 WHEREAS, under Section 2 of Presidential Decree No. (PD) 269 or the National
2 Electrification Administration Decree as amended, it is the policy of the State to: i)
3 "promote the sustainable development in the rural areas through rural electrification";
4 and ii) "empower and strengthen the National Electrification Administration (NEA) to
5 pursue the electrification program and bring electricity, through the electric
6 cooperatives as its implementing arm, to the countryside even in missionary or
7 economically unviable areas";

8 WHEREAS, under Section 2(b) of Republic Act No. 9136, otherwise known as
9 the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001 (EPIRA) states that it is the policy of
10 the State "to ensure the quality, reliability, security and affordability of the supply of
11 electric power". Hence, in pursuing its total electrification mandate, electric
12 cooperatives (ECs) must ensure that it delivers a reliable and dependable supply of
13 electric power to its consumers;

14 WHEREAS, Palawan Electric Cooperative Inc. (PALECO) is the electric
15 cooperative servicing the franchise area of Palawan. As of March 31, 2022, out of

1 232,705 household connections in its franchise area, PALECO only energized 81% or
2 188,936, the lowest energization level among the 8 ECs¹ in Region IV-B;²

3 WHEREAS, as of December 31, 2021, PALECO is classified as a yellow-1 EC, as
4 it failed to comply with National Electrification Administration (NEA) standards on
5 collection efficiency, i.e. 90.08% as opposed to the 95% NEA standard.³ However,
6 despite these EC's compliance with the regulatory standards, there are clamors from
7 Palawan electric consumers for alleged unreliable electric service they receive from
8 PALECO;

9 WHEREAS, it is important to address the problems experienced by Palawan
10 electric consumers on low energization rate and unreliable electric service to protect
11 them from losses;

12 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the
13 appropriate Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation on the quality
14 of electric power service in the province of Palawan with the end in view of protecting
15 the interests of Palaweños.

Adopted,



WIN GATCHALIAN

¹ 8 ECs in Region IV-B are Lubang Electric Cooperative Inc. (LUBECO), Occidental Mindoro Electric Cooperative Inc. (OMECCO), Oriental Mindoro Electric Cooperative Inc. (ORMECO), Marinduque Electric Cooperative Inc. (MARELCO), Tablas Island Electric Cooperative Inc. (TIELCO), Romblon Electric Cooperative Inc.(ROMELCO), Busuanga Electric Cooperative Inc.(BISELCO) and PALECO.

² NEA(2022).

³ Compliance Report on the 4th Quarter of 2021.