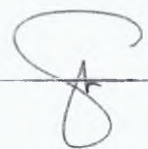


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P.S. RES. No. 32

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**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO
CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE RECURRENT
BROWNOUTS EXPERIENCED BY OCCIDENTAL MINDORO ELECTRIC
CONSUMERS**

1 WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. (PD) 269 or the National
2 Electrification Administration Decree, it is the policy of the State to pursue total
3 electrification in the country. In pursuing this objective, the State "shall promote,
4 encourage and assist all public service entities engaged in supplying electric service,
5 particularly electric cooperatives";¹

6 WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9136, otherwise known as the Electric Power
7 Industry Reform Act of 2001 (EPIRA) states that it is the policy of the State "to ensure
8 the quality, reliability, security and affordability of the supply of electric power".²
9 Hence, in pursuing total electrification in their respective franchise areas, electric
10 cooperatives must also ensure that it delivers a reliable and dependable electricity to
11 its consumers;

12 WHEREAS the 2016 Philippine Distribution Code mandates the Energy
13 Regulatory Commission (ERC) to impose a uniform system of recording and reporting
14 of Distribution Reliability performance.³ It provides that system average interruptions
15 frequency index (SAIFI) which measures "how often the average Customer
16 experiences a Sustained Interruption over a predefined period of time"⁴ and system

¹ Section 2 of Presidential Decree No. (PD) 269 or the National Electrification Administration Decree.
² Sec. 2(b) of Republic Act No. 7638 or the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001 (Approved on 8 June 2001).
³ Page 32 of the 2016 Philippine Distribution Code.
⁴ Page 16 of the 2016 Philippine Distribution Code.

1 average duration frequency index (SAIDI) which measures "total duration of
2 Interruption for the average Customer during a predefined period of time" shall be
3 imposed on all distribution utilities in the country;⁵

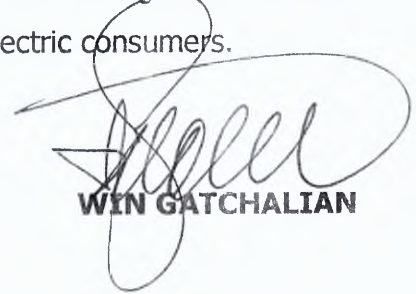
4 WHEREAS, Occidental Mindoro Electric Cooperative Inc. (OMECO) is the electric
5 cooperative servicing the franchise area of Occidental Mindoro with total of 240,887
6 households connections;⁶

7 WHEREAS, as of December 31, 2021, ORMECO's unscheduled SAIFI of 18.33
8 interruptions per year is compliant with NEA's standards of 25 interruptions per year.
9 Moreover, ORMECO's SAIDI of 1,026.85 minutes per year is compliant with the NEA's
10 standards of 2,700 minutes per year.⁷ However, despite these EC's compliance with
11 the regulatory standards, there are clamors from Occidental Mindoro electric
12 consumers for alleged persistent brownouts they experience in the area;

13 WHEREAS, it is important to address the problem on power interruptions
14 experienced by Occidental Mindoro electric consumers to protect the consumers from
15 losses attributed to power outages;

16 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the
17 appropriate Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation on the
18 recurrent brownouts experienced by Occidental Mindoro electric consumers.

Adopted,



WIN GATCHALIAN

⁵ Page 32 of the 2016 Philippine Distribution Code.

⁶ Data from National Electrification Administration (NEA) (2022).

⁷ Compliance Report on the 4th Quarter of 2021.