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AN ACT PROMOTING THE USE OF MICROGRID
SYSTEMS FOR THE TOTAL ELECTRIFICATION
OF UNSERVED AND UNDERSERVED AREAS

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1 SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be referred to as the
2 “Microgrid Systems Act”.

3 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared
4 the policy of the State to:

5 (a) Pursue rural development and poverty reduction
6 towards nation building through energy access;

7 (b) Accelerate total electrification and ensure the
8 provision of quality, reliable, secure, and affordable supply
9 of electric power in unserved and underserved areas;

1 (c) Promote private sector participation in
2 electrification of unserved and underserved areas;

3 (d) Provide a competitive environment and level
4 playing field for different kinds of energy sources with a
5 preference for low-cost, indigenous, renewable, and
6 environment-friendly sources of energy; and

7 (e) Ensure the adoption of a dynamic regulatory
8 environment that allows end users to benefit from
9 technologies and innovations in the electric power
10 industry.

11 SEC. 3. *Scope and Application.* – This Act shall apply
12 to the development of microgrid systems in unserved and
13 underserved areas nationwide.

14 SEC. 4. *Definition of Terms.* – For purposes of this
15 Act, the following terms shall be defined as stated below:

16 (a) *Authority to operate (ATO)* refers to the document
17 issued by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) to the
18 microgrid system provider, which shall constitute as the

1 latter's license to provide integrated power generation and
2 distribution services to unserved or underserved areas;

3 (b) *Competitive selection process for microgrid system*
4 *provider (CSP)* refers to the procedure wherein an entity is
5 awarded the contract to provide integrated power
6 generation and distribution services to an unserved or
7 underserved area through a transparent and competitive
8 procedure, such as an auction or Swiss challenge, taking
9 into consideration the requirements of this Act and other
10 applicable laws;

11 (c) *Decentralized power generation (DPG)* refers to
12 small-scale power generation facilities which operate
13 locally and are connected to the distribution system of the
14 microgrid or end user that could be aggregated to provide
15 power necessary to meet demand such as mini-wind
16 turbines connected to a microgrid and solar photovoltaic
17 rooftop of an end user;

18 (d) *Distribution system* refers to the system of wires
19 and associated facilities extending between the delivery

1 points on the transmission, subtransmission system, or
2 power generation facility connection and the point of
3 connection to the premises of the end user, whichever is
4 applicable;

5 (e) *Distribution utility (DU)* refers to any electric
6 cooperative, private corporation, government-owned utility,
7 or existing local government unit which has a franchise to
8 operate a distribution system including those whose
9 franchise covers economic zones; .

10 (f) *DU operated microgrid system* refers to a microgrid
11 system owned and operated by a DU in a DU identified
12 unserved area in its Local Total Electrification Roadmap;

13 (g) *End user* refers to any natural or juridical person
14 requiring the supply and delivery of electricity for its own
15 use;

16 (h) *Grid-tied microgrid system* refers to a microgrid
17 system that is electrically connected to the distribution
18 system of a DU and can operate in synchronized mode or in
19 island mode;

1 (i) *Island mode* refers to a grid-tied microgrid system
2 operating as a stand-alone system in supplying and
3 delivering electric power to connected end users;

4 (j) *Isolated microgrid system* refers to a microgrid
5 system that is not electrically connected to a distribution
6 system of a DU and is operating as a stand-alone system in
7 supplying and delivering electric power to connected end
8 users;

9 (k) *Grid* refers to the high voltage backbone system of
10 interconnected transmission lines, substations, and related
11 facilities, located in each of Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao;

12 (l) *Local total electrification roadmap (LTER)* refers
13 to a DU's comprehensive strategic plan with an annual
14 work plan to accelerate total electrification in its franchise
15 area;

16 (m) *Microgrid system* refers to a group of
17 interconnected loads and a generation facility or DPG with
18 clearly defined electrical boundaries that acts as an
19 integrated power generation and distribution system,

1 whether or not connected to a distribution or transmission
2 system;

3 (n) *Microgrid system provider service contract (MSC)*
4 refers to the contract between the microgrid system
5 provider and the National Power Corporation (NPC)
6 whereby the MGSP performs the missionary
7 electrification function on behalf of the NPC to provide
8 integrated power generation and distribution services in
9 an unserved or underserved area, and to receive subsidy
10 whenever applicable;

11 (o) *Microgrid system provider (MGSP)* refers to a
12 natural or juridical person whose business includes the
13 installation, operation, and maintenance of microgrid
14 systems in unserved or underserved areas nationwide;

15 (p) *National total electrification roadmap (NTER)*
16 refers to a comprehensive national strategic plan with an
17 annual work plan to accelerate total electrification in the
18 country taking into account the various LTERs. It shall

1 include the Missionary Electrification Development Plan,
2 and shall be incorporated in the Philippine Energy Plan;

3 (q) *Synchronized mode* refers to the operation of grid-
4 tied microgrid systems whose DPG is able to operate in the
5 same frequency at its connection point to the distribution
6 system of a DU, and allows the grid-tied microgrid system
7 to supply to or draw power from the grid;

8 (r) *Universal charge for missionary electrification*
9 (*UCME*) refers to the portion of the non-bypassable charge
10 passed on and collected from all end users on a monthly
11 basis by the DUs pursuant to Republic Act No. 9136,
12 otherwise known as the “Electric Power Industry Reform
13 Act of 2001”, a portion of which is designated for the
14 provision of integrated power generation and distribution
15 services in unserved areas and underserved areas not
16 connected to the grid;

17 (s) *Underserved area* refers to an area currently
18 served by home power systems, microgrid systems, or DUs
19 whose supply of electricity are less than twenty-four (24)

1 hours daily because of the non-implementation of approved
2 capital expenditure projects, non-compliance with the
3 service parameters of the Philippine Distribution Code, or
4 any other reason resulting to an overall failing mark based
5 on ERC's latest annual technical evaluation of performance
6 of distribution systems; and

7 (t) *Unserviced area* refers to an area, upon the
8 effectivity of this Act, with no electricity access, no
9 distribution system lines, no home power systems, no
10 connection to any microgrid system, or for which no grid
11 extension has been developed or implemented by the DU.

12 SEC. 5. *Microgrid Systems in Unserviced and*
13 *Underserved Areas.* – MGSPs may provide integrated
14 power generation and distribution services in DU
15 identified unserviced areas following the procedure in
16 Section 9 of this Act, and shall provide the same in DOE
17 declared unserviced and underserved areas after the conduct
18 of a CSP for MGSP in accordance with Sections 8, 11, and
19 12 of this Act: *Provided, That* only isolated microgrid

1 systems and grid-tied microgrid system operating in island
2 mode shall be allowed.

3 SEC. 6. *Microgrid System Providers.* – The ownership
4 and operation of a microgrid system in unserved and
5 underserved areas pursuant to this Act shall not be a
6 public utility operation. For this purpose, any MGSP shall
7 not be required to secure a franchise from Congress, but
8 shall secure an ATO from the ERC prior to its operation.
9 All qualified third parties providing alternative electric
10 service pursuant to Section 59 of Republic Act No. 9136 are
11 hereby renamed and shall hereafter be known as MGSPs.

12 The business of an MGSP shall be open to any party
13 including private corporations, local government units,
14 cooperatives, non-government organizations, generation
15 companies and their subsidiaries, and DUs and their
16 subsidiaries who have demonstrated the capability and
17 willingness to comply with the relevant technical,
18 financial, and other requirements: *Provided,* That these
19 entities shall not subsidize their respective MGSPs and

1 shall maintain a separate account for such business
2 undertaking pursuant to ERC's applicable rules and
3 guidelines on business separation and unbundling,
4 whenever applicable.

5 *SEC. 7. Waiver of Obligation to Provide Distribution*
6 *Services and Connections and to Supply Electricity.* – Areas
7 declared by DOE as unserved or underserved areas in
8 accordance with Section 12 of this Act shall be deemed
9 automatically waived by the DU insofar as its obligation to
10 provide distribution services and connections to end users
11 and supply electricity to the area concerned. The
12 automatic waiver shall not transfer, abandon, or modify
13 the DU's franchise but shall bestow upon the awarded and
14 compliant MGSP the exclusive right and obligation during
15 the existence of the MSC, on behalf of the NPC, to provide
16 integrated power generation and distribution services to
17 the unserved or underserved area during the period of the
18 MSC.

1 SEC. 8. *Competitive Selection Process for*
2 *Electrification and Service of DOE Declared Unserved and*
3 *Underserved Areas by Microgrid System Providers.* – The
4 DOE shall declare unserved and underserved areas for
5 electrification and service by MGSPs pursuant to Section
6 12 of this Act. The DOE declared unserved and
7 underserved areas shall be subjected to CSP. All CSPs
8 shall:

9 (a) Give preference to low-cost, indigenous,
10 renewable, and environment-friendly sources of energy;

11 (b) Be conducted based on the list of declared
12 unserved and underserved areas, taking into account each
13 DU's LTER and Distribution Development Plan (DDP) in
14 relation to the NTER: *Provided*, That the schedule shall be
15 published and posted on the ERC and DOE websites not
16 later than September of every year; and

17 (c) Be simple, uniform, streamlined, and transparent:
18 *Provided*, That the entire procedure from pre-qualification
19 of MGSPs until the submission to ERC of the awarded

1 contract shall be no longer than ninety (90) calendar days
2 after all the published requirements are completely
3 submitted: *Provided, further,* That the CSP may be
4 conducted using a secure electronic portal.

5 A DU's MGSP may tender a lower offer in every CSP
6 it participates in within its franchise area, unless
7 otherwise provided in Section 17 of this Act, within three
8 (3) calendar days from the announcement of the winning
9 MGSP in the CSP: *Provided,* That such tender shall be
10 submitted to the DOE or NPC, whichever is applicable,
11 and the winning MGSP.

12 In the event that there are no participants or there is
13 no awarded MGSP in the CSP for a particular unserved or
14 underserved area, the NPC shall perform its missionary
15 electrification mandate in the said area until an MGSP
16 takes part or is awarded in the next CSP.

17 *SEC. 9. Procedure for Electrification of DU Identified*
18 *Unserved Areas Through Microgrid Systems.* – The DU
19 may identify unserved areas for electrification by DU

1 operated microgrid systems in its LTER. The list of DU
2 identified unserved areas shall be annually published by
3 the DOE on its website.

4 The DOE, or NPC if authorized by the DOE, may
5 receive from MGSPs all-in price offers to provide
6 integrated power generation and distribution services in a
7 particular DU identified unserved area: *Provided*, That the
8 DU shall have the right to tender a lower all-in price offer
9 after the DOE or NPC publishes all price offers it has
10 received on its website: *Provided, further*, That in the event
11 the DU tenders a lower all-in price offer, it shall electrify
12 the DU identified unserved area through a DU operated
13 microgrid system: *Provided, finally*, That if the DU does
14 not tender a lower all-in price offer, the DOE or NPC shall
15 award the MGSP with the lowest all-in price offer to
16 electrify the DU identified unserved area and the NPC
17 shall enter into an MSC with such MGSP. In the event
18 there are no offers from any MGSP for a particular DU
19 identified unserved area, the DU shall electrify the area

1 through a DU operated microgrid system. This entire
2 procedure shall:

3 (a) Give preference to low-cost, indigenous,
4 renewable, and environment-friendly sources of energy;

5 (b) Be simple, uniform, streamlined, and transparent;
6 and

7 (c) Be no longer than ninety (90) calendar days from
8 the publication by the DOE or NPC of the list of DU
9 identified unserved areas.

10 SEC. 10. *Availment of the UCME.* – Only MGSPs that
11 operate in unserved areas and underserved areas not
12 connected to the grid and DU operated microgrid systems
13 not connected to the grid shall be entitled to avail of the
14 UCME as determined by the ERC. The availment of the
15 UCME shall be rationalized by DOE taking into
16 consideration equity and continued economic progress in
17 these areas.

1 SEC. 11. *Powers, Functions, and Responsibilities of*
2 *the Energy Regulatory Commission.* – In addition to its
3 functions under Republic Act No. 9136, the ERC shall:

4 (a) Issue an ATO to an MGSP, and provide for a
5 simplified and streamlined permitting process of MGSPs
6 and DU operated microgrid systems in accordance with the
7 time frame specified in Section 18 of this Act;

8 (b) Develop, establish, and promulgate in consultation
9 with the DOE, the NPC, the National Electrification
10 Administration (NEA), and other relevant government
11 agencies and private stakeholders in the electric power
12 industry, the minimum technical and service performance
13 standards for microgrid systems within one hundred
14 twenty (120) calendar days from the effectivity of this Act:
15 *Provided, That* these standards shall be compliant with the
16 Philippine Distribution Code, Philippine Small Grid Code,
17 Philippine Grid Code, and other relevant rules and
18 regulations;

1 (c) Review and act on all MSCs entered into within
2 the time frame provided under Section 18 of this Act;

3 (d) Exercise its rate-making power through the
4 evaluation and determination of the following, within the
5 time frame provided under Section 18 of this Act:

6 (i) An MGSP or DU operated microgrid system's full
7 cost, approved subsidy if applicable, and retail rate
8 imposed on end users;

9 (ii) An equitable recovery mechanism, if applicable,
10 for an MGSP's assets to ensure just compensation at the
11 expiration of the MSC pursuant to Section 17 of this Act;
12 and

13 (iii) In the event of a grid extension, upon the
14 expiration of the MSC, and upon decision of the DU to
15 acquire the microgrid system, review the application of the
16 DU before the ERC to connect the microgrid system to the
17 grid pursuant to the equitable recovery mechanism
18 provided in this Section;

1 (e) Monitor the compliance of all MGSPs with their
2 obligations under their respective ATOs; and

3 (f) Exercise original and exclusive jurisdiction over all
4 cases involving the exercise of the abovementioned powers,
5 functions, and responsibilities, and over all cases involving
6 disputes arising from this Act, except in competition cases
7 under Republic Act No. 10667, otherwise known as the
8 “Philippine Competition Act”.

9 SEC. 12. *Powers, Functions, and Responsibilities of*
10 *the Department of Energy.* – In addition to its functions
11 under Republic Act No. 7638, otherwise known as the
12 “Department of Energy Act of 1992” as amended, the DOE
13 shall:

14 (a) Provide for a simplified and streamlined
15 permitting process of MGSPs and DU operated microgrid
16 systems within the time frame specified in Section 18 of
17 this Act;

18 (b) Determine, in consultation with DUs, the time
19 frame for compliance with their respective LTERs and

1 DDPs: *Provided*, That all projects in each annual work
2 plan shall be completed not later than twelve (12) months
3 from submission to the DOE:

4 (c) Receive and verify petitions from end users, who
5 are currently residing in an unserved or underserved area
6 not identified or included by the DU in its LTER or not
7 declared by the DOE as such, to declare such area as an
8 unserved or underserved area;

9 (d) Regularly identify and declare unserved and
10 underserved areas based on the NTER and a DU's LTER
11 and DDP and its compliance therewith, taking into
12 consideration the petitions it has received from end users
13 pursuant to this Section, through the issuance of a list of
14 such areas not later than September of every year, with
15 the assistance of NPC and NEA and in consultation with
16 DUs in accordance with Section 8 of this Act: *Provided*,
17 That the list shall also indicate the target date of grid
18 extension by the DU for the declared unserved and
19 underserved areas, if any;

1 (e) Prepare, in consultation with ERC, a standard
2 template for MSCs to be utilized in all CSPs;

3 (f) Conduct all CSPs with the assistance of NPC and
4 NEA in accordance with Section 8 of this Act: *Provided*,
5 That DOE can authorize NPC to conduct CSPs on its
6 behalf;

7 (g) Conduct the procedure for the electrification of DU
8 identified unserved areas through microgrid systems
9 provided in Section 9 of this Act;

10 (h) Monitor the operations of all awarded MGSPs and
11 their respective MSCs: *Provided*, That the DOE, *motu*
12 *proprio* or upon complaint, can conduct a review of an
13 MGSP's operations and its corresponding MSC should it
14 find reasonable grounds for non-compliance with the
15 minimum technical and service performance standards and
16 other provisions of the MSC;

17 (i) Determine a detailed procedure for the transition
18 of service from NPC or a DU to an MGSP, or from an
19 MGSP to a DU or another MGSP, whichever is applicable:

1 *Provided*, That such transition shall not exceed ninety (90)
2 calendar days from the completion of the competitive
3 selection process; and

4 (j) Perform such other powers and functions as may
5 be necessary to attain the objectives of this Act.

6 SEC. 13. *Functions and Responsibilities of the*
7 *National Electrification Administration.* – The NEA shall:

8 (a) Assist electric cooperatives (ECs) in the
9 preparation of their respective LTERs; and

10 (b) Evaluate and verify the unserved and underserved
11 areas submitted by ECs as part of its LTER and submit its
12 recommendations to the DOE not later than the 15th of
13 March of every year.

14 SEC. 14. *Functions and Responsibilities of the*
15 *National Power Corporation.* – The NPC shall:

16 (a) Continue to perform its missionary electrification
17 mandate, to include areas with no participating or
18 awarded MGSP during a CSP;

1 (b) Conduct a CSP whenever authorized by DOE
2 pursuant to Section 12 of this Act; and

3 (c) Execute the MSC with the awarded MGSP
4 pursuant to the template determined by DOE in Section 12
5 of this Act.

6 SEC. 15. *Functions and Responsibilities of*
7 *Distribution Utilities.* – The DU pursuant to the directive
8 to pursue the total electrification of their franchise areas
9 shall prepare and submit its LTER which shall contain the
10 following, among others:

11 (a) A detailed inventory of all areas within a DU's
12 franchise which it plans to electrify including a specific
13 time frame for electrification, including DU identified
14 unserved areas for electrification through DU operated
15 microgrid systems;

16 (b) An annual work plan for electrification; and

17 (c) A detailed inventory of all unserved and
18 underserved areas within its franchise.

19 The DU shall integrate the LTER in its DDP.

1 SEC. 16. *Functions and Responsibilities of Microgrid*
2 *Service Providers and DU Operated Microgrid Systems.* –

3 An MSGP and a DU operated microgrid system shall:

4 (a) Build, control, operate, and maintain its microgrid
5 system in accordance with its MSC, this Act, and other
6 applicable laws, rules, regulations, and codes;

7 (b) Supply the load requirements of its operation
8 area, faithfully implement its electrification work program,
9 and comply with all its obligations under its MSC;

10 (c) Prepare and submit any report required by the
11 ERC and DOE pursuant to their powers under Sections 11
12 and 12 of this Act;

13 (d) Ensure end user safety and protection at all times;
14 and

15 (e) In the case of MGSPs, be exempt from the
16 following:

17 (i) The public listing requirement under Section 28 of
18 Republic Act No. 9136, and

1 (ii) The market share limitation requirement under
2 Section 45(a) of Republic Act No. 9136.

3 The end users in unserved areas and underserved
4 areas not connected to the grid shall be exempt from the
5 following:

6 (a) The payment of feed-in-tariff allowance under the
7 feed-in-tariff system in Section 7 of Republic Act No. 9513,
8 otherwise known as the "Renewable Energy Act of 2008",
9 and

10 (b) The payment of universal charges under Section
11 34 of Republic Act No. 9136.

12 SEC. 17. *Expiration of Microgrid System Provider*
13 *Service Contract.* – In the event of a grid extension upon
14 the expiration of an MSC, the DU shall have the option to
15 acquire the microgrid system of the MGSP, and resume its
16 obligation to provide distribution services and connection,
17 and supply electricity to the said area subject to the
18 approval of the ERC and pursuant to the detailed
19 transition procedure of the DOE in Sections 11 and 12 of

1 this Act. If a DU's distribution system is connected to the
2 grid, the resumption of the DU's obligation over the area
3 shall no longer entitle the end users in the said area to the
4 UCME.

5 Should the DU choose not to exercise its option, or
6 should there be no grid extension upon the expiration of an
7 MSC, a CSP shall be conducted pursuant to Sections 8 and
8 12 of this Act to determine who shall provide integrated
9 power generation and distribution services in the area:
10 *Provided*, That the MGSP with the expiring MSC over the
11 area that participates in such CSP shall have the exclusive
12 right to tender a lower offer within three (3) calendar days
13 from the announcement of the winning MGSP in the CSP:
14 *Provided, further*, That such tender shall be submitted to
15 the DOE or NPC, whichever is applicable, and the winning
16 MGSP. The ERC shall determine whether the awarded
17 MGSP shall be entitled to subsidy in accordance with
18 Section 10 of this Act.

1 SEC. 18. *Permitting Process.* – Republic Act No.
2 11234, otherwise known as the Energy Virtual One-Stop
3 Shop Act, shall apply to the permitting process of all
4 MGSPs: *Provided*, That the applicable time frames shall be
5 reduced to half of the time frames indicated in Sections 13,
6 14, 15, and 16 of Republic Act No. 11234.

7 SEC. 19. *Prohibited Acts.* – Any person, natural or
8 juridical, is prohibited from the following acts:

9 (a) Refusal to allow the installation of any microgrid
10 system by an MGSP: *Provided*, That the requirements
11 under Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8 of this Act are complied with;

12 (b) Refusal to turn over the provision of integrated
13 power generation and distribution services to an MGSP, or
14 distribution services and connection and supply of
15 electricity to a DU, whichever is applicable;

16 (c) Imposition of new contractual terms and charges
17 on the end user which are not part of the MSC or not
18 approved by the ERC, whichever is applicable; and

1 (d) Failure to comply with the functions,
2 responsibilities, and time frames in Sections 5 to 18 of this
3 Act.

4 SEC. 20. *Criminal and Administrative Penalties.* –
5 The responsible officers and employees of any private
6 corporation or government agency who commit the
7 following prohibited acts shall, upon conviction, suffer the
8 following penalties:

9 (a) Violation of Section 19 (a) and (b) – Imprisonment
10 of six (6) years to eight (8) years, or a fine ranging from a
11 minimum of Seventy-five million pesos (P75,000,000.00) to
12 One hundred million pesos (P100,000,000.00), upon the
13 discretion of the court;

14 (b) Violation of Section 19(c) – Imprisonment of four
15 (4) years to six (6) years, or a fine ranging from a minimum
16 of Fifty million pesos (P50,000,000.00) to Seventy-five
17 million pesos (P75,000,000.00), upon the discretion of the
18 court; and

1 (c) Violation of Section 19(d) – Imprisonment of two
2 (2) years to four (4) years, or a fine ranging from a
3 minimum of Twenty-five million pesos (P25,000,000.00) to
4 Fifty million pesos (P50,000,000.00), upon the discretion of
5 the court.

6 Any person who willfully aids or abets the
7 commission of these prohibited acts or who causes the
8 commission of any such act by another shall be liable in
9 the same manner as the principal. In cases of an
10 association, partnership, or corporation, the penalty shall
11 be imposed on the member, partner, president, chief
12 operating officer, chief executive officer, director, or officer
13 responsible for the violation.

14 Any government officer or employee who violates
15 Section 19(d) of this Act shall be held administratively
16 liable as follows:

17 (a) First offense – Thirty (30) days suspension
18 without pay and mandatory attendance in Values
19 Orientation Program;

1 (b) Second offense – Three (3) months suspension
2 without pay; and

3 (c) Third offense – Dismissal and perpetual
4 disqualification from public service, and forfeiture of
5 retirement benefits.

6 SEC. 21. *Congressional Oversight.* – The Joint
7 Congressional Energy Commission shall exercise oversight
8 powers over the implementation of this Act. The DOE and
9 ERC shall submit annually to the Joint Congressional
10 Energy Commission a thorough report on the
11 implementation of this Act not later than 15 March of
12 every year: *Provided*, That the report shall include
13 identification of legislative gaps, if any, and recommended
14 ways forward.

15 SEC. 22. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The
16 DOE, in consultation with the appropriate government
17 agencies mentioned herein and electric power industry
18 stakeholders, shall issue the implementing rules and

1 regulations of this Act within sixty (60) working days upon
2 its effectivity.

3 SEC. 23. *Amendatory Clause.* – This Act amends
4 Sections 28, 45(a), 59, and 70 of Republic Act No. 9136 and
5 Sections 13, 14, 15, and 16 of Republic Act No. 11234.

6 SEC. 24. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion or
7 provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the
8 remainder of this Act or any provisions not affected
9 thereby shall remain in force and effect.

10 SEC. 25. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential
11 decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction,
12 rules and regulations, and legislative or administrative
13 franchises inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is
14 hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

15 SEC. 26. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take
16 effect fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in
17 the *Official Gazette* or a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,