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Introduced by Senator Raffy T. Tulfo

## RESOLUTION

DIRECTING AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE PRICING PRACTICES OF ENERGY GENERATION COMPANIES WHICH MAY BE VIOLATIVE OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY REFORM ACT OF 2001, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10667, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE COMPETITION ACT, AND OTHER RELEVANT LAWS AND REGULATIONS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF RECOMMENDING FURTHER MEASURES TO PROMOTE ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE RELEVANT LAWS AND REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the rising cost of energy in the Philippines has been a growing 1 concern for the Filipino people, particularly for those living in poverty and marginalized 2 sectors; 3 WHEREAS, energy generation companies play a significant role in providing 4 electricity to consumers, and their pricing practices greatly affect the affordability and 5 accessibility of electricity to the Filipino people; 6 WHEREAS, generation charges constitute the bulk of electricity costs charged 7 8 on consumers; WHEREAS, recent reports have shown that energy generation companies have 9 been imposing exorbitant charges, resulting in higher electricity bills that burden 10 Filipino households; 11 WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the government to ensure that the interests 12 of the Filipino people are protected, and that they have access to affordable and 13 reliable energy services; 14

WHEREAS, there is a need for an inquiry, in aid of legislation, to investigate the pricing practices of energy generation companies in the Philippines and to determine if they are in compliance with the law;

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Senate Committee on Energy to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the pricing practices of energy generation companies which may be violative of Republic Act No. 9136, otherwise known as the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001, Republic Act No. 10667, otherwise known as the Philippine Competition Act, and other relevant laws and regulations, with the end in view of recommending further measures to promote enforcement and compliance with the relevant laws and regulations.

Adopted,

Senator

Raffy T. Tulfo