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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE RECENT
POWER OUTAGES DUE TO THE LAPSES IN THE TRANSMISSION SYSTEM
BEING OPERATED BY THE NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE
PHILIPPINES

1 WHEREAS, the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) is tasked
2 with operating, maintaining, and developing the country's transmission system, which
3 plays a crucial role in ensuring the reliable and efficient delivery of electricity to
4 consumers;

5 WHEREAS, the Luzon grid was recently placed under red and yellow alerts, with
6 several areas reporting power outages;

7 WHEREAS, the prolonged power interruptions in Panay and Negros over the
8 past weeks had been discovered to be due to inadequacies in the transmission system
9 being operated by the NGCP;

10 WHEREAS, there have been several delays in the implementation of the
11 country's Transmission Development Plan which ultimately result in power outages in
12 certain parts of the country;

13 WHEREAS, there have been reports indicating that the NGCP fails to perform
14 its mandate to contract ancillary providers in accordance with the requirements of the
15 Department of Energy;

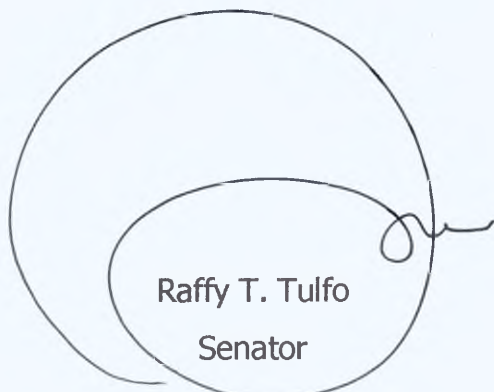
16 WHEREAS, these reports and findings show possible violations and lapses on
17 the part of the NGCP in the performance of its duties and responsibilities;

1 WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Senate to ensure the accountability and integrity
2 of public utilities, particularly those involved in the critical infrastructure of the power
3 sector;

4 WHEREAS, an inquiry, in aid of legislation, is necessary to shed light on these
5 reported violations and lapses of the NGCP, and to determine if there is a need to
6 amend existing laws or enact new legislation to address any gaps or deficiencies in its
7 operations;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the
9 appropriate Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the
10 recent power outages due to the lapses in the transmission system being operated by
11 the NGCP.

Adopted,



Raffy T. Tulfo
Senator