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Introduced by: **Senator Raffy T. Tulfo**

RESOLUTION

**REQUESTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE STATE OF CALAMITY STATUS
OF SAMAL ISLAND DUE TO THE POWER CRISIS WITH AN END IN VIEW OF
FINDING SHORT AND LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO THE DEFICIENCY OF
ELECTRICITY SUPPLY IN THE ISLAND**

1 WHEREAS, the Island Garden City of Samal is currently experiencing a severe
2 power crisis, leading to frequent power outages and disruptions in the daily lives of its
3 residents;

4 WHEREAS, Samal Island is now under a state of calamity due to the prolonged
5 power crisis, causing significant hardships to its population;

6 WHEREAS, the Northern Davao Electric Cooperative (NORDECO) has been
7 identified as a potential contributor to the power crisis in Samal Island, allegedly due
8 to its negligence and failure to adequately address the increasing electricity demand
9 in the area;

10 WHEREAS, the power outages on Samal Island have been ongoing since last
11 year, with an average duration of seven (7) to eight (8) hours during peak load and
12 two (2) to three (3) hours during off-peak periods;

13 WHEREAS, the rise of tourist establishments, such as resorts, restaurants, and
14 markets, has led to a significant increase in electricity demand on Samal Island, from
15 3 megawatts (MW) to 9MW;

1 WHEREAS, Samal Island is connected to the Pantukan Grid via a submarine
2 cable owned by NORDECO, which was installed in the 1980s and can no longer support
3 the entire capacity of the island;

4 WHEREAS, the current electricity supply in Samal Island is insufficient to meet
5 the demand, with the Mindoro Grid Corporation (MGC) providing an installed capacity
6 of 6.962MW and NORDECO with 3MW installed capacity but only 6.12MW is available
7 for dispatch for demand of 9MW;

8 WHEREAS, NORDECO, formerly known as Davao del Norte Electric Cooperative,
9 Inc. (DANECO), has faced criticism from its consumer cooperatives for its failure to
10 provide a stable power supply to its area coverage;

11 WHEREAS, there is a need to investigate the power crisis in Samal Island and
12 hold accountable those responsible for the deficiency in electricity supply;

13 WHEREAS, it is crucial to find a long-term solution to the power crisis on Samal
14 Island to ensure reliable and stable electric service for its residents and the growing
15 tourism industry;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Senate
17 Committee on Energy is requested to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation on the
18 state of calamity status of Samal Island due to the power crisis, with an end in view
19 of finding short and long-term solutions to the deficiency of electricity supply in the
20 island;

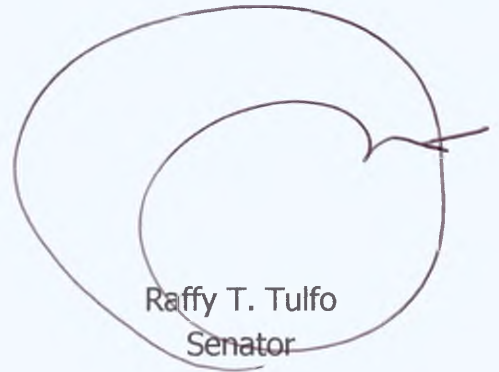
21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee on Energy shall investigate the
22 NORDECO and assess its negligence, if any, in failing to address the increasing
23 electricity demand on Samal Island;

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee on Energy shall explore
25 potential solutions to the power crisis, including the replacement of the antiquated
26 submarine cable and the establishment of a more reliable and sustainable power
27 supply system;

28 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Committee on Energy shall consider the
29 inclusion of provisions in the Power Supply Agreement that require replacement
30 power, such as modular generator sets, to ensure uninterrupted and reliable electric
31 service, and that the "causer's pay" clause be included therein to hold the responsible

- 1 party accountable for any power service failures, thereby relieving the consumers from
- 2 the burden of additional charges.

Adopted,



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Senator