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A RESOLUTION

**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE STATUS OF THE ENERGY
SECTOR IN THE COUNTRY AND THE POWER SHORTAGE SITUATION IN
MINDANAO**

Whereas, Republic Act No. 9136, Section 2(d) known as the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2011 or the EPIRA Law provides, to enhance the inflow of private capital and broader the ownership base of the power generation, transmission and distribution sectors;

Whereas, parts of Mindanao suffered a massive blackout last February 27;

Whereas, the Department of Energy warns rotational power interruption will continue in Mindanao until 2015;

Whereas, the power cuts began before dawn and affected heavily populated areas in Mindanao, home to a quarter of the country's nearly 100 M population;

Whereas, Mindanao, which relies mostly on hydroelectricity, has been grappling with chronic power shortages for years;

Whereas, Energy Secretary Jericho L. Petilla, says they are expecting two power plants to come on stream next year – a 300MW facility from the Aboitiz Group and a 200 MW plant from Alcantara Group which should help address to supply shortage in the Southern Philippines;

Whereas, an electricity shortage last year forced National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) to ration out supply in Mindanao resulting in up to 12 hour daily blackouts;

Whereas, there is a need to determine the power supply situation of the country especially in Mindanao in order to come up with measures to protect the consumers;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Senate Committee on Energy to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation into the status of the energy sector of the country and the power shortage situation in Mindanao.

Adopted,


RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.