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**“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO DETERMINE GOVERNMENT OPTIONS TO ALLEVIATE POWER SHORTAGE IN 2015”**

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

**WHEREAS**, there have been concerns as early as 2011 of an impending electric power shortage by 2015 due to the tightening electric supply situation in the country.

**WHEREAS**, it was only in July 2014 that DOE Secretary Carlos Jericho L. Petilla reported and projected a critical electricity situation for the summer of 2015 that he attributed to, among others, increased power plant outages, anticipated delays in the commissioning of committed power projects, scheduled maintenance of the Malampaya gas platform, and expected effects of the El Niño phenomenon.

**WHEREAS**, President Benigno S. Aquino III, in his letter dated 12 September 2014 to Senate President Franklin Drilon, requested authority to address the imminent shortage of electric power in 2015 by the passage of a Joint Resolution authorizing the government to contract generating capacity, invoking Section 71 of Republic Act No. 9136 of the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001 (EPIRA), which states:

*“Electric Power Crisis Provision – Upon the determination by the President of the Philippines of an imminent shortage of the supply of electricity, Congress may authorize, through a joint resolution, the establishment of additional generating capacity under such terms and conditions as it may approve.”*

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to assess the real situation of the current power supply and develop options and possible solutions to avert the imminent shortage of electricity including the granting of the requested authority to the President of the Philippines.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,** to direct the Committee on Energy to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, to determine government options to alleviate power shortage in 2015.

Adopted.

  
**SERGIO OSMENA III**  
Senator