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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE  
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,  
ON THE REPORT THAT SEVERAL TOWNS IN LANA DEL SUR HAVE NOT HAD  
ELECTRICITY SINCE 2013

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 9 provides: “The State shall promote a  
2 just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and  
3 free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full  
4 employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all”;

5 WHEREAS, the Office of the Mayor of Balabagan town in Lanao del Sur, in an email  
6 correspondence on 26 August 2015, claimed that the municipality and several others in the  
7 province have not had electricity since 2013;

8 WHEREAS, Lanao del Sur Electric Cooperative (Lasureco), the electricity provider of  
9 some municipalities of Lanao del Sur, allegedly halted its operations in 13 May 2013, citing  
10 consumers’ failure to pay their dues;

11 WHEREAS, GMA News Online has reported in June 2014 that local officials are  
12 accusing then Lasureco general manager Ashary Maongco of questionably disbursing some ₱190  
13 million in barangay electrification funds, ₱25 million in pantawid kuryente funds, and ₱603  
14 million in consumer payments from 2007 to 2012;

15 WHEREAS, provincial officials have purportedly met with the Department of Energy  
16 and the town mayors of Lanao del Sur in 2014 to discuss the restoration of electricity in the  
17 province;

18 WHEREAS, Task Force Lasureco was then allegedly launched through the Department  
19 of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of National Defense (DND), Armed  
20 Forces of the Philippines (AFP), and the provincial government;

21 WHEREAS, Task Force Lasureco processed application forms from potential consumers  
22 in December 2014, but almost a year after the launch, Balabagan and other towns of Lanao del  
23 Sur remain without electricity;

1           WHEREAS, it is unacceptable that municipalities in Lanao del Sur have no electricity  
2 when the province is home to the Agus hydroelectric plants and Maria Christina Falls, the  
3 biggest hydroelectric plant in the country;

4           WHEREAS, concerned national and local government agencies should address this issue  
5 immediately, and prevent similar problems;

6           WHEREAS, Congress, through relevant legislation, must provide policy support that will  
7 fast-track the electrification programs of the government and help maintain adequate electricity  
8 services to areas that have already been electrified;

9           WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct  
10 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that  
11 Balabagan and other towns in Lanao del Sur have not had electricity since 2013.

Adopted,

  
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