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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2191

Submitted by the Committee on Energy on 24 MAY 2012
Re: House Bill No. 6214
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills No. 1018, 1019,
5244, 5306, 5380 and 5578

Sponsors: Representatives Henedina Razon-Abad, Erico B. Aumentado,
Rodel M. Batocabe, Michael Angelo C. Rivera and Cresente M. Paez

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Energy to which were referred:

House Bill No. 1018, introduced by Reps. Cresente C. Paez and Jose R.
Ping-ay, entitled:

"AN ACT REMOVING THE LENDING AUTHORITY OF THE
NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION AS
PROVIDED UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 269, AS
AMENDED;"

House Bill No. 1019, introduced by Reps. Cresente C. Paez and Jose R.
Ping-ay, entitled:

"AN ACT TRANSFERRING TO THE ENERGY REGULATORY
COMMISSION THE SUPERVISORY POWERS OVER
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES REGISTERED UNDER THE
COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY;"

House Bill No. 5244, introduced by Reps. Erico B. Aumentado, Teddy
Brawner Baguilat, Jr., Tomas V. Apacible, Mark Llandro L. Mendoza,
Salvador P. Cabaluna III, Michael Angelo C. Rivera, Rodel M. Batocabe,
Christopher S. Co, Alfredo A. Garbin, Jr., Homer A. Mercado, Sharon S.
Garin, Eulogio "Amang" R. Magsaysay, Arnel U. Ty and Raymond
Democrito C. Mendoza, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION, AMENDING PD 269, PD 1645 AND OTHER RELATED LAWS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES;"

House Bill No. 5306, introduced by Rep. Rodel M. Batocabe, entitled:

"AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION (NEA), AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 269 FOR THE PURPOSE;"

House Bill No. 5380, introduced by Reps. Michael Angelo C. Rivera and Rodel M. Batocabe, entitled:

"AN ACT REVITALIZING THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION (NEA), AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 269 FOR THE PURPOSE;" and

House Bill No. 5578, introduced by Reps. Henedina Razon-Abad, Arnulfo P. Fuentebella and Kimi S. Cojuangco, entitled:

"AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 269, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION DECREE."

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 5214, entitled:

"AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 269, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION DECREE"

be approved in substitution of House Bills No. 1018, 1019, 5244, 5306, 5380 and 5578 with Representatives Henedina Razon-Abad, Arnulfo P. Fuentebella, Cresente M. Paez, Jose R. Ping-Ay, Erico B. Aumentado, Teddy Brawner Baguilat, Jr., Rodel M. Batocabe, Michael Angelo C. Rivera, Kimi S. Cojuangco, Tomas V. Apacible, Mark Leandro L. Mendoza, Salvador P. Cabaluna III, Christopher S. Co, Alfredo A. Garbin, Jr., Homer A. Mercado, Sharon S. Garin, Eulogio "Amang" R. Magsaysay, Arnel U. Ty, Raymond Democrito C. Mendoza, Rufus B. Rodriguez and Eduardo R. Gullas as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:


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HOUSE BILL NO. 5214

(As prepared by the Committee on Energy in substitution of
House Bills No. 1018, 1019, 5244, 5306, 5380 and 5578)

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES HENEDINA RAZON-ABAD,
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AN ACT
STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION
ADMINISTRATION FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 269, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE "NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION DECREE"

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

CHAPTER I – POLICY AND DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "National Electrification
Administration Reform Act of 2012."

SEC. 2. Section 2 of Presidential Decree No. 269, as amended, is
hereby further amended, to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. *Declaration of National Policy.* - [The total electrification of the
Philippines on an area coverage basis being vital to the welfare of its people
and the sound development of the Nation, it is hereby declared to be the
policy of the state to pursue and foster, in an orderly and vigorous manner,
the attainment of this objective. For this purpose, the State shall promote,
encourage and assist all public service entities engaged in supplying electric

1 service, particularly electric cooperatives, which are willing to pursue
2 diligently this objective.

3 Because of their non-profit nature, cooperative character and the
4 heavy financial burdens that they must sustain to become effectively
5 established and operationally viable, electric cooperatives, particularly, shall
6 be given every tenable support and assistance by the National Government,
7 its instrumentalities and agencies to the fullest extent of which they are
8 capable; and, being by their nature substantially self-regulating and
9 Congress, having, by the enactment of this Decree, substantially covered all
10 phases of their organization and operation requiring or justifying regulation,
11 and in order to further encourage and promote their development, they
12 should be subject to minimal regulation by other administrative agencies.

13 Area coverage electrification cannot be achieved unless service to the
14 more thinly settled areas and therefore more costly to electrify is combined
15 with service to the most densely settled areas and therefore less costly to
16 electrify. Every public service entity should hereafter cooperate in a national
17 program of electrification on an area coverage basis, or else surrender its
18 franchise in favor of those public service entities which will. It is hereby
19 found that the total electrification of the Nation requires that the laws and
20 administrative practices relating to franchised electric service areas be
21 revised and made more effective, as herein provided. It is therefore hereby
22 declared to be the policy of the State that franchises for electric service areas
23 shall hereafter be so issued, conditioned, altered or repealed, and shall be
24 subject to such continuing regulatory surveillance, that the same shall
25 conduce to the most expeditious electrification of the entire Nation on an
26 area coverage basis.]

27 IT IS HEREBY DECLARED THE POLICY OF THE STATE TO:

28 (A) PROMOTE THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE RURAL
29 AREAS THROUGH RURAL ELECTRIFICATION;

30 (B) EMPOWER AND STRENGTHEN THE NATIONAL
31 ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION (NEA) TO PURSUE THE RURAL
32 ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAM THROUGH THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES
33 AS ITS IMPLEMENTING ARM; AND

1 (C) EMPOWER AND ENABLE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES TO COPE
2 WITH THE CHANGES BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE RESTRUCTURING OF
3 THE ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO.
4 9136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY
5 REFORM ACT OF 2001."

6 **SEC. 3.** A new section is hereby inserted to be designated as Section
7 2-A, to read as follows:

8 "SEC. 2-A. SCOPE. - THIS ACT SHALL ESTABLISH A FRAMEWORK
9 FOR STRUCTURAL REFORMS IN THE NEA AND THE ELECTRIC
10 COOPERATIVES."

11 **SEC. 4.** Five new paragraphs, to be designated as Paragraphs (s), (t),
12 (u), (v) and (w), are hereby inserted under Section 3 of Presidential Decree
13 No. 269, as amended, to read as follows:

14 "SEC. 3. *Definitions.* As used in this Decree, the following words or
15 terms shall have the following meanings, unless a different meaning clearly
16 appears from the context:

17 XXX XXX XXX

18 (S) CDA SHALL REFER TO THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT
19 AUTHORITY CREATED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6939;

20 (T) DOE SHALL REFER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
21 CREATED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7638, AS AMENDED;

22 (U) ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE SHALL REFER TO AN ELECTRIC
23 DISTRIBUTION UTILITY ORGANIZED AND REGISTERED PURSUANT TO
24 PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 269, AS AMENDED, REPUBLIC ACT NO.
25 9520, AND OTHER RELATED LAWS;

26 (V) EPIRA SHALL REFER TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9136 OR THE
27 "ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY REFORM ACT OF 2001"; AND

28 (W) ERC SHALL REFER TO THE ENERGY REGULATORY
29 COMMISSION CREATED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9136."

30 **CHAPTER II**

31 **THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION**

32 **SEC. 5.** Section 4 of Presidential Decree No. 269, as amended, is
33 hereby further amended to read as follows:

1 [Sec. 4. *NEA Authorities, Powers and Directives.* The NEA is hereby
2 authorized, empowered and directed to promote, encourage and assist
3 public service entities, particularly cooperatives, to the end of achieving the
4 objective of making service available throughout the nation on an area
5 coverage basis as rapidly as possible; and for such purpose it is hereby,
6 without limiting the generality of the foregoing and in addition to other
7 authorizations, powers and directives established by this Decree, specifically
8 authorized, empowered and directed:

9 (a) To have a continuous succession under its corporate name until
10 otherwise provided by law;

11 (b) To prescribe and thereafter to amend and repeal its by-laws not
12 inconsistent with this Decree;

13 (c) To adopt and use a seal and alter it at its pleasure;

14 (d) To sue and to be sued in any court: *Provided*, That NEA shall,
15 unless it consents otherwise, be immune to suits for acts *ex delicti*;

16 (e) To make contract of every name and nature and to execute all
17 instruments necessary or convenient for the carrying on of its business;

18 (f) To make loans to public service entities, with preference to
19 cooperatives, for the construction or acquisition, operation and maintenance
20 of generation, transmission and distribution facilities and all related
21 properties, equipment, machinery, fixtures, and materials for the purpose of
22 supplying area coverage service, and thereafter to make loans for the
23 restoration, improvement or enlargement of such facilities: *Provided*, That
24 the public service entity supplying for a loan, if neither a cooperative nor a
25 local government, must be in operation at the time of application;

26 (g) To promote, encourage and assist public service entities and
27 government agencies and corporations having related functions and
28 purposes, with preference to cooperatives, in planning, developing,
29 coordinating, establishing, operating, maintaining, repairing and renovating
30 facilities and systems to supply area coverage service, and for such purpose
31 to furnish, to the extent possible and without change therefor, technical and
32 professional assistance and guidance, information, data and the results of
33 any investigation, study, or receipt conducted or made by the NEA;

1 (h) To approve or disapprove any loan from other lenders to public
2 service entities which at the time are borrowers from NEA under
3 subparagraphs (f) or (i) of this section, and thereafter, pursuant to Section
4 10 (b) to disapprove advances of loans from other lenders;

5 (i) To make loans for the purpose of financing the wiring of premises of
6 persons served or to be served as a result of loans made under
7 subparagraph (f) of this Section, and for the acquisition and installation by
8 such persons of electrically-powered appliances, equipment, fixtures and
9 machinery of all kinds for residential, recreational, commercial, agricultural
10 and industrial uses, such loans to be made directly (1) to public service
11 entities which have received loans under sub-paragraph (f) of this section,
12 which entities shall in turn relend such funds to persons served or to be
13 served by them, or (2) to any persons served or to be served by public service
14 entities which have received loans under sub-paragraph (f) of this section:
15 *Provided*, That at no time shall the total loans made under this sub-
16 paragraph (i) to a public service entity and/or to persons served or to be
17 served by such entity exceed twenty-five (25%) per centum of the
18 outstanding loans to such entity made under sub-paragraph (f) of this
19 section;

20 (j) To so cooperate, coordinate and exchange such information, studies
21 and reports with, and to seek such cooperation and coordination from, other
22 departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the National Government,
23 including the NPC, as will most effectively conduce to the achievement of the
24 purposes of this Decree;

25 (k) To borrow funds from any source, private or government, foreign or
26 domestic, and, not inconsistently with section 8, to issue bonds or other
27 evidences of indebtedness therefor and to secure the lenders thereof by
28 pledging, sharing or subordinating one or more of the NEA's own loan
29 securities;

30 (l) To receive from Cooperatives all articles of incorporation,
31 amendments, consolidation, merger, conversion and dissolution, and all
32 certificates of changes in the location of principal offices and of elections to
33 dissolve, and, upon determining that such are in conformity with this

1 Decree, to certify the same, to file them in the records of the NEA, and to
2 maintain a registry of such filings the provisions of Act No. 1459, as
3 amended, to the contrary notwithstanding;

4 (m) To acquire, by purchase or otherwise (including the right of
5 eminent domain, which is hereby granted to the NEA, to be exercised in the
6 manner provided by law for the institution and completion of expropriation
7 proceedings by the National and local governments,) real and physical
8 properties, together with all appurtenant rights, easements, licenses and
9 privileges, whether or not the same be already devoted to the public use of
10 generating, transmitting or distributing electric power and energy, upon
11 NEA's determination that such acquisition is necessary to accomplish the
12 purposes of this Decree and, if such properties be already devoted to the
13 public use described in the foregoing, that such use will be better served
14 and accomplished by such acquisition: *Provided*, That the power herein
15 granted shall be exercised by the NEA solely as agent for and on behalf of
16 one or more public service entities which shall timely receive, own and
17 utilize or replace such properties for the purpose of furnishing adequate and
18 dependable service on an area coverage basis, which entity or entities shall
19 then be, or in connection with the acquisition shall become, borrowers from
20 the NEA under sub-paragraph (f) of this section: *Provided further*, That the
21 costs of such acquisition, including the cost of any eminent domain
22 proceedings, shall be borne, either directly or by reimbursement to the NEA,
23 whichever the NEA shall elect, by the public service entity or entities on
24 whose behalf the acquisition is undertaken; and otherwise to acquire,
25 improve, hold, transfer, sell, lease, rent, mortgage, encumber and otherwise
26 dispose of property incident to, or necessary, convenient or proper to carry
27 out, the purposes for which NEA was created;

28 (n) At least annually, not later than June 30th, to report to the
29 President and when the same comes into existence, the Prime Minister and
30 the National Assembly, on the status of electrification of the Philippines,
31 including a comprehensive reporting of loans made, loan funds advanced,
32 loans secured from other sources and the advances thereof, the names and
33 locations of the borrowers, the number of services contemplated by such

1 loans, the number actually receiving service as a result of such loans, the
2 number of electrified and the remaining number of unelectrified households
3 throughout the Nation, the amounts of usage by consumers, loan and other
4 activities programmed for the ensuing year, and all such other information
5 and data as will accurately reveal the progress being made toward the
6 achievement of the purposes of this Decree; and to publish such report for
7 dissemination to and use by other interested departments, agencies and
8 instrumentalities of the National Government and by borrowers under this
9 Decree; and

10 (o) To exercise such powers and do such things as may be necessary
11 to carry out the business and purposes for which the NEA was established,
12 or which from time to time may be declared by the Board of Administrators
13 to be necessary, useful, incidental or auxiliary to accomplish such purposes;
14 and generally, to exercise all the powers of a corporation under the
15 Corporation Law insofar as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of
16 this Decree.]

17 **"SEC. 4. POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND PRIVILEGES OF THE NATIONAL**
18 **ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION. - TO STRENGTHEN THE ELECTRIC**
19 **COOPERATIVES, HELP THEM BECOME ECONOMICALLY AND**
20 **FINANCIALLY VIABLE AND PREPARE THEM FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION**
21 **OF OPEN ACCESS AND RETAIL COMPETITION PURSUANT TO SECTION 31**
22 **OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9136, THE NEA SHALL:**

23 (A) SUPERVISE THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS OF ALL
24 ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES;

25 (B) EXERCISE STEP-IN RIGHTS AS HEREIN DEFINED;

26 (C) PROVIDE INSTITUTIONAL, FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL
27 ASSISTANCE TO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES;

28 (D) PURSUE THE TOTAL ELECTRIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY
29 THROUGH THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES, IN COORDINATION WITH THE
30 NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION - SMALL POWER UTILITIES GROUP
31 (NPC-SPUG);

32 (E) DEVOTE ALL RETURNS FROM ITS CAPITAL INVESTMENT TO
33 ATTAIN THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS ACT;

1 (F) ENSURE THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL VIABILITY AND
2 OPERATION OF ALL THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES;

3 (G) DEVELOP, SET AND ENFORCE INSTITUTIONAL, TECHNICAL
4 AND FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE STANDARDS FOR THE EFFICIENT
5 MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES SUCH AS,
6 BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE OBSERVANCE OF APPROPRIATE
7 PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE, INCLUDING TRANSPARENT AND
8 COMPETITIVE BIDDING. SUCH SHALL BE ENFORCED THROUGH A
9 MECHANISM OF INCENTIVES AND DISINCENTIVES TO COMPLYING AND
10 NON-COMPLYING ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES, RESPECTIVELY;

11 (H) FORMULATE AND IMPOSE ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS AND
12 PENALTIES AND WHEN WARRANTED, FILE CRIMINAL CASES AGAINST
13 THOSE WHO ARE FOUND IN VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF
14 THIS ACT AND ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS;

15 (I) SERVE AS GUARANTOR TO ALL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES IN
16 THEIR TRANSACTIONS SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CO-SIGNING IN
17 POWER SUPPLY CONTRACTS;

18 (J) GRANT LOANS TO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES FOR THE
19 CONSTRUCTION OR ACQUISITION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF
20 GENERATION, SUB-TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES AND
21 ALL RELATED PROPERTIES, EQUIPMENT, MACHINERY, FIXTURES, AND
22 MATERIALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPLYING ELECTRICITY ON AN
23 AREA COVERAGE BASIS, AND THEREAFTER FOR THE RESTORATION,
24 IMPROVEMENT OR EXPANSION OF SUCH FACILITIES AND FOR SUCH
25 OTHER PURPOSES AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY;

26 (K) DETERMINE THE AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES OF THE
27 ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES IN BANK TRANSACTIONS AND OTHER LEGAL
28 INSTRUMENTS IN CASES OF DISPUTES AND CONFLICTS;

29 (L) SUBJECT TO THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE MONETARY
30 BOARD, BORROW FUNDS FROM ANY SOURCE, PRIVATE OR
31 GOVERNMENT, FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC, AND SECURE THE LENDERS
32 THEREOF BY PLEDGING, SHARING OR SUBORDINATING ONE OR MORE
33 OF ITS OWN LOAN SECURITIES;

1 (M) EXERCISE PRIMARY AND EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION IN THE
2 ADJUDICATION OF COMPLAINTS ON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
3 OFFICERS, ELECTION DISPUTES AND ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THE
4 EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT;

5 (N) ENLIST THE ASSISTANCE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES
6 IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ORDERS AND REGULATIONS ISSUED BY
7 IT;

8 (O) EXERCISE SUCH OTHER POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AS MAY
9 BE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE BUSINESS AS MAY BE
10 DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS AS VITAL, USEFUL,
11 INCIDENTAL OR AUXILIARY TO ACCOMPLISH SUCH PURPOSES; AND

12 (P) GENERALLY, TO EXERCISE ALL THE POWERS OF A
13 CORPORATION UNDER BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 68, OTHERWISE
14 KNOWN AS THE "CORPORATION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES" INSOFAR
15 AS THEY ARE NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT."

16 **SEC. 6.** A new section, to be designated as Section 4-A, is hereby
17 inserted, to read as follows:

18 "SEC. 4-A. *SUPERVISORY POWERS OF THE NATIONAL*
19 *ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION OVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES.* - IN
20 THE EXERCISE OF ITS SUPERVISION OVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES,
21 THE NEA SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING POWERS:

22 (A) ISSUE ORDERS, RULES AND REGULATIONS, *MOTU PROPRIO*
23 OR UPON PETITION OF THIRD PARTIES, CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS,
24 REFERENDA AND OTHER SIMILAR ACTIONS ON ALL MATTERS
25 AFFECTING THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES; AND

26 (B) ISSUE PREVENTIVE OR DISCIPLINARY MEASURES,
27 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SUSPENSION OR REMOVAL AND
28 REPLACEMENT OF ANY OR ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
29 DIRECTORS, OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES OF THE ELECTRIC
30 COOPERATIVE, AS THE NEA MAY DEEM FIT AND NECESSARY AND TO
31 TAKE ANY OTHER REMEDIAL MEASURES AS THE LAW OR ANY
32 AGREEMENT OR ARRANGEMENT WITH NEA MAY PROVIDE, TO ATTAIN
33 THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS ACT.

1 THE NEA SHALL, IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS SUPERVISORY AND
2 DISCIPLINARY POWERS UNDER THIS ACT, STRICTLY OBSERVE DUE
3 PROCESS."

4 **SEC. 7.** A new section, to be designated as Section 4-B, is hereby
5 inserted, to read as follows:

6 "SEC. 4-B. *NEA STEP-IN RIGHTS.* - TO PROTECT THE INTEREST OF
7 THE MEMBER-CONSUMERS AND THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL, THE NEA
8 SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO INTERVENE AND TAKE PREVENTIVE
9 MEASURES IN CASE AN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE FALLS UNDER ANY OF
10 THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES:

11 (1) UNABLE TO PAY ITS LIABILITIES AS THEY BECOME
12 DUE IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS;

13 (2) HAVE INSUFFICIENT REALIZABLE ASSETS, AS MAY BE
14 DETERMINED BY THE NEA, TO MEET ITS CURRENT
15 LIABILITIES;

16 (3) UNABLE TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC SERVICE DUE TO
17 TECHNICAL AND/OR FINANCIAL INSUFFICIENCIES
18 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, HIGH SYSTEMS LOSS,
19 LOW COLLECTION EFFICIENCY, BELOW STANDARD
20 CURRENT RATIO, OPERATING LOSS, HUGE LIABILITIES,
21 NEGATIVE NET WORTH AND INSTITUTIONAL PROBLEMS
22 SUCH AS GOVERNANCE, CONSUMER PER EMPLOYEE RATIO
23 AND ADHERENCE TO POLICIES; AND

24 (4) UNABLE TO PERFORM ITS ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION
25 UTILITY OBLIGATIONS OR CONTINUE IN BUSINESS DUE TO
26 ORGANIZATIONAL AND/OR INTERNAL CONFLICTS.

27 FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE NEA MAY TAKE-OVER THE
28 MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,
29 APPOINT OR ASSIGN THIRD PERSONS TO THE BOARD, OR CREATE A
30 MANAGEMENT TEAM WHOSE MEMBERS POSSESS THE QUALIFICATIONS
31 AND EXPERIENCE SUITED FOR THE TASK.

32 IF WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD, NOT EXCEEDING ONE (1) YEAR
33 FROM ITS TAKE-OVER, THE NEA DETERMINES THAT SUCH ELECTRIC

1 COOPERATIVE IS UNABLE TO CONTINUE ITS OPERATION IN THE
2 ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS, IT MAY INITIATE STRUCTURAL
3 REFORMS TO ENSURE ITS CONTINUED OPERATION AND EFFICIENT
4 DELIVERY OF ELECTRIC SERVICE WITHIN ITS FRANCHISE AREA; AND

5 IN THE CASE OF ORGANIZATIONAL AND/OR INTERNAL CONFLICTS
6 AS PROVIDED UNDER ITEM (4) OF THIS SECTION, THE NEA SHALL GIVE
7 THE AGENCY WHERE THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE IS REGISTERED,
8 THE OPPORTUNITY TO RESOLVE OR TAKE REMEDIAL MEASURES
9 WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE EXERCISE OF ITS STEP-IN RIGHTS."

10 **SEC. 8.** A new section, to be designated as Section 4-C, is hereby
11 inserted, to read as follows:

12 "SEC. 4-C. *INJUNCTION OR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER.* – NO
13 INJUNCTION OR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER SHALL BE ISSUED
14 AGAINST THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY ORDER, RULING OR DECISION
15 OF THE NEA, EXCEPT BY THE COURT OF APPEALS, AND ONLY UPON
16 THE POSTING OF A BOND SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE LIABILITIES AND
17 EXPENDITURES ARISING DURING THE PENDENCY OF THE WRIT OR
18 INJUNCTION OR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER: *PROVIDED*, THAT
19 THE INJUNCTION SHALL ONLY BE EFFECTIVE FOR A PERIOD OF NOT
20 EXCEEDING SIXTY (60) DAYS."

21 **CHAPTER III**

22 **THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

23 **SEC. 9.** Section 16, Paragraph (j), of PD 269, as amended, is hereby
24 further amended, to read as follows:

25 "SEC. 16. *Powers.* A cooperative is hereby vested with all powers
26 necessary or convenient for the accomplishment of its corporate purpose
27 and capable of being delegated by the President or the National Assembly
28 when it comes into existence; and no enumeration of particular powers
29 hereby granted shall be construed to impair any general grant of power
30 herein contained, nor to limit any such grant to a power or powers of the
31 same class as those so enumerated. Such powers shall include but not be
32 limited to, the power:

33 XXX XXX XXX

1 TOWARDS THIS END, NO PERSON SHALL BE ELECTED OR
2 APPOINTED AS AN OFFICER OR BE ELIGIBLE TO RUN AS A BOARD
3 MEMBER OF AN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE IF:

4 (A) THE PERSON OR THE SPOUSE HOLDS ANY PUBLIC OFFICE;

5 (B) THE PERSON OR THE SPOUSE HAS BEEN A CANDIDATE IN
6 THE LAST PRECEDING LOCAL OR NATIONAL ELECTION;

7 (C) THE PERSON HAS BEEN CONVICTED BY FINAL JUDGMENT
8 OF A CRIME INVOLVING MORAL TURPITUDE;

9 (D) THE PERSON HAS BEEN TERMINATED FOR CAUSE FROM
10 PUBLIC OFFICE OR PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT;

11 (E) THE PERSON IS RELATED TO ANY MEMBER OF THE EC
12 BOARD OF DIRECTORS, GENERAL MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT
13 MANAGERS WITHIN THE FOURTH CIVIL DEGREE OF CONSANGUINITY OR
14 AFFINITY;

15 (F) THE PERSON IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF A JURIDICAL
16 PERSON; AND

17 (G) THE PERSON IS EMPLOYED BY OR FINANCIALLY
18 INTERESTED IN A COMPETING ENTERPRISE OR A BUSINESS SELLING
19 ELECTRIC ENERGY OR ELECTRICAL HARDWARE TO THE COOPERATIVE
20 OR DOING BUSINESS WITH THE COOPERATIVE INCLUDING THE USE OR
21 RENTAL OF POLES."

22 **SEC. 11.** A new section, to be designated as Section 26-B, is hereby
23 inserted, to read as follows:

24 "SEC. 26-B. *FIT AND PROPER RULE.* - TO ENSURE THAT THE
25 MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS OF AN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ARE
26 CARRIED OUT WITH DUE REGARD TO ITS ECONOMIC VIABILITY, THE
27 NEA SHALL PRESCRIBE, PASS UPON AND REVIEW THE QUALIFICATIONS
28 AND DISQUALIFICATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED OR ELECTED TO
29 AN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE AND DISQUALIFY THOSE FOUND UNFIT.

30 THE INTEGRITY, EXPERIENCE, EDUCATION, COMPETENCE AND
31 PROBITY OF A CANDIDATE SHALL BE CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING
32 WHETHER THE PERSON IS FIT AND PROPER TO BECOME A DIRECTOR
33 OR OFFICER OF THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE.

1 FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE THE MINIMUM
2 QUALIFICATIONS OF A DIRECTOR OR OFFICER OF THE ELECTRIC
3 COOPERATIVE:

- 4 (A) MUST BE A FILIPINO CITIZEN;
- 5 (B) MUST BE A GRADUATE OF A 4-YEAR COLLEGE DEGREE;
- 6 (C) MUST BE BETWEEN TWENTY FIVE (25) AND SEVENTY (70)
7 YEARS OLD, ON THE DATE OF THE ELECTION;
- 8 (D) MUST BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER;
- 9 (E) MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE IN
10 GOOD STANDING FOR THE LAST FIVE (5) YEARS;
- 11 (F) MUST BE AN ACTUAL RESIDENT AND CONSUMER IN THE
12 DISTRICT THE PERSON SEEKS TO REPRESENT FOR AT LEAST TWO (2)
13 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE ELECTION; AND
- 14 (G) MUST HAVE ATTENDED AT LEAST TWO (2) ANNUAL GENERAL
15 MEMBERSHIP ASSEMBLIES (AGMA) FOR THE LAST FIVE (5) YEARS.

16 THE NEA MAY, AFTER DUE NOTICE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
17 AND OFFICERS OF THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, DISQUALIFY,
18 SUSPEND OR REMOVE ANY DIRECTOR OR OFFICER WHO COMMITS ANY
19 PROHIBITED ACT OR FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS
20 ACT."

21 **SEC. 12.** Section 32 of Presidential Decree No. 269, as amended, is
22 hereby further amended, to read as follows:

23 [**Sec. 32.** *Conversion of Existing Corporation.* Any corporation
24 heretofore organized or registered under the Philippine Non-Agricultural
25 Cooperative Act and supplying or having the corporate power to supply
26 electric energy may convert itself into a cooperative under this Decree by
27 complying with the following requirements, and shall thereupon become the
28 subject to this Decree with the same effect as if originally organized
29 hereunder:

- 30 (a) The proposition for the conversion of such corporation and
31 proposed articles of conversion to give effect thereto shall be submitted to a
32 meeting of the members or stockholders of such corporation, the notice of

1 which shall have attached thereto a copy of the proposed articles of
2 conversion or an accurate summary thereof.

3 (b) If the proposition for the conversion and the proposed articles of
4 conversion, with any amendments, are approved by the affirmative vote of
5 not less than two-thirds of the total votes cast thereon by members at such
6 meeting, and/or, if such corporation is a stock corporation or has both
7 members and voting stockholders, by the affirmative vote of the holders of
8 not less than two-thirds of those shares of the capital stock of such
9 corporation represented at such meeting and voting thereon, articles of
10 conversion in the form approved shall be executed and acknowledged on
11 behalf of such corporation by its president or vice-president and its seal
12 shall be affixed thereto and attested by its secretary. The articles of
13 conversion shall recite that they are executed pursuant to this Decree and
14 shall state: (1) the name of the corporation and the address of its principal
15 office prior to the conversion into a cooperative; (2) a statement that such
16 corporation elects to become a cooperative, non-profit, membership
17 corporation subject to this Decree; (3) its name as a cooperative; (4) the
18 addresses of the principal office of the cooperative; and (5) the names and
19 address of the directors of the cooperative, and (6) the manner in which
20 members or stockholders of such corporation may or shall become members
21 of the cooperative; and may contain any other provisions not inconsistent
22 with this Decree that are deemed necessary or advisable for the conduct of
23 the business of the cooperative. The president or vice president executing
24 such articles of conversion shall make and annex thereto an affidavit stating
25 that the provisions of this section were duly complied with in respect to
26 such articles. The articles of conversion shall be deemed to be the articles of
27 incorporation of the cooperative.]

28 "SEC. 32. *REGISTRATION OF ALL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES.* - ALL
29 ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES MAY REMAIN OR CONVERT AND REGISTER
30 AS: (A) A NON-STOCK, NON-PROFIT COOPERATIVE; (B) A STOCK
31 COOPERATIVE; OR (C) A STOCK CORPORATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH
32 THE GUIDELINES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND
33 REGULATIONS (IRR) OF THIS ACT.

1 SUCH CHOICE SHALL CARRY THE ATTENDANT REQUIREMENTS OF
2 COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAWS AND REGULATORY GUIDELINES
3 GOVERNING THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES HAVING
4 JURISDICTION OVER THEIR REGISTRATION.

5 THE NEA SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY OVER ELECTRIC
6 COOPERATIVES, WHETHER STOCK OR NON-STOCK, WITH RESPECT TO
7 THEIR OPERATIONS AS ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES. AS SUCH,
8 THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES SHALL SUBMIT REPORTORIAL
9 REQUIREMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED
10 TO:

- 11 (A) MONTHLY FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORT (MFSR);
- 12 (B) MONTHLY STATUS OF BARANGAY AND SITIO ENERGIZATION
13 AND HOUSE CONNECTIONS;
- 14 (C) MONTHLY INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (ISD)
15 REPORT;
- 16 (D) MONTHLY PERFORMANCE STANDARD MONITORING REPORT
17 (PSMR);
- 18 (E) MONTHLY SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED AND
19 ACTED UPON;
- 20 (F) MONTHLY REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE GRID AND
21 DISTRIBUTION CODE;
- 22 (G) MONTHLY ENGINEERING REPORT (MER);
- 23 (H) QUARTERLY REPORT ON POWER SUPPLY CONTRACTS;
- 24 (I) ANNUAL WORKPLAN;
- 25 (J) ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION DEVELOPMENT PLAN (DDP);
- 26 (K) 5-YEAR INVESTMENT PLAN SUBMITTED ANNUALLY;
- 27 (L) ANNUAL CASH OPERATING BUDGET (COB);
- 28 (M) AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS;
- 29 (N) ANNUAL COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT (CBA) OR
30 COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATION AGREEMENT (CNA); AND
- 31 (O) COPY OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (CAPEX) AND OPERATING
32 EXPENDITURE (OPEX) PLANS.

1 LIKewise, SUPERVISORY AND OVERSIGHT FUNCTIONS OF THE
2 NEA AS MAY BE DETAILED IN THIS ACT AND ITS IRR SHALL BE
3 APPLICABLE TO BOTH STOCK AND NON-STOCK COOPERATIVES.

4 ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES WHICH REGISTER WITH THE CDA
5 SHALL CONTINUE TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES UNDER
6 THIS ACT.

7 EXISTING ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES MAY LIKewise OPT TO
8 REGISTER AS STOCK CORPORATIONS WITH THE SECURITIES AND
9 EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC): *PROVIDED, HOWEVER*, THAT SUCH
10 STOCK CORPORATIONS SHALL NO LONGER ENJOY THE BENEFITS AND
11 INCENTIVES CONTAINED UNDER THIS ACT.

12 DESPITE THE CONVERSION AND REGISTRATION OF AN ELECTRIC
13 COOPERATIVE UNDER THE CDA, THE NEA SHALL RETAIN ITS
14 SUPERVISORY AND DISCIPLINARY POWERS OVER SUCH ELECTRIC
15 COOPERATIVE IN THE CONDUCT OF ITS OPERATION AS AN ELECTRIC
16 DISTRIBUTION UTILITY.

17 TO ENABLE THE NEA TO EFFECTIVELY MONITOR THE STATUS OF
18 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RURAL ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAM,
19 DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES ARE HEREBY REQUIRED TO FURNISH THE NEA
20 COPIES OF REPORTS WITH RESPECT TO THEIR OPERATIONS INSOFAR
21 AS RURAL ELECTRIFICATION IS CONCERNED."

22 **SEC. 13.** A new section, to be designated as Section 32-A, is hereby
23 inserted to read as follows:

24 "SEC. 32-A. *INCENTIVES OF ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES.* -
25 CONSISTENT WITH THE DECLARED POLICY OF THIS ACT, ELECTRIC
26 COOPERATIVES WHICH COMPLY WITH THE FINANCIAL AND
27 OPERATIONAL STANDARDS SET BY THE NEA SHALL ENJOY THE
28 FOLLOWING INCENTIVES:

29 (A) TO BE ENTITLED TO CONGRESSIONAL ALLOCATIONS,
30 GRANTS, SUBSIDIARIES AND OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR
31 RURAL ELECTRIFICATION; AND

32 (B) TO RECEIVE ALL SUBSIDIES, GRANTS, AND OTHER
33 ASSISTANCE WHICH SHALL FORM PART OF THE DONATED CAPITAL AND

1 FUNDS OF THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES: *PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT*
2 THESE SHALL NOT BE SOLD, TRADED NOR DIVIDED INTO SHARE
3 HOLDINGS AT ANY TIME. SUCH DONATED CAPITAL AND FUNDS SHALL
4 BE APPRAISED AND VALUED FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING
5 THE EQUITY PARTICIPATION OF THE MEMBERS: *PROVIDED, THAT IN*
6 CASE OF DISSOLUTION OR CONVERSION OF THE ELECTRIC
7 COOPERATIVE, SAID DONATED CAPITAL AND FUNDS SHALL BE
8 SUBJECT TO ESCHEAT.

9 AS A FURTHER INCENTIVE, THE NEA MAY PRIORITIZE THE GRANT
10 OF INCENTIVES IN FAVOR OF ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES THAT ARE
11 MANAGED EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY AND CONSISTENTLY
12 COMPLY WITH THEIR MANDATES AND DIRECTIVES.”

13 CHAPTER IV

14 FINAL PROVISIONS

15 **SEC. 14.** A new section, to be designated as Section 64-A, is hereby
16 inserted, to read as follows:

17 “SEC. 64-A. *PENALTIES.* – ANY PERSON WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES
18 ANY RULE OR REGULATION PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THE
19 AUTHORITY GRANTED IN THIS ACT SHALL, UPON CONVICTION, BE
20 PUNISHED BY A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS
21 (P50,000.00) BUT NOT MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS
22 (P500,000.00) OR BY IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS THAN SIX (6)
23 MONTHS BUT NOT MORE THAN ONE (1) YEAR, OR BOTH, AT THE
24 DISCRETION OF THE COURT: *PROVIDED, THAT IF THE VIOLATION IS*
25 COMMITTED BY A JURIDICAL PERSON, THE PENALTY HEREIN SHALL BE
26 IMPOSED UPON THE OFFICIAL AND/OR EMPLOYEE THEREOF
27 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE VIOLATION: *PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT IF THE*
28 VIOLATION IS COMMITTED BY A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE,
29 INCLUDING THOSE IN GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR -CONTROLLED
30 CORPORATIONS, HE/SHE SHALL, IN ADDITION TO THE PENALTY AS
31 PROVIDED HEREIN, BE SUBJECTED TO ADMINISTRATIVE DISCIPLINARY
32 ACTION.”

1 **SEC. 15.** A new section, to be designated as Section 64-B, is hereby
2 inserted, to read as follows:

3 **"SEC. 64-B. CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT.** UPON THE EFFECTIVITY
4 OF THIS ACT, THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL POWER COMMISSION
5 CREATED UNDER SECTION 62 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9136 SHALL
6 EXERCISE OVERSIGHT POWERS OVER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS
7 ACT."

8 **SEC. 16. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within six (6) months
9 from the effectivity of this Act, the DOE shall, in consultation with the
10 Senate and House of Representatives Committees on Energy, NEA, CDA,
11 SEC, BSP and the electric cooperatives, promulgate the Implementing Rules
12 and Regulations of this Act.

13 **SEC. 17. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act is declared
14 invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall
15 remain valid and subsisting.

16 **SEC. 18. *Repealing Clause.*** – Any provision of law, presidential
17 decree, executive order, or rules and regulations inconsistent with the
18 provisions of this Act or with the rules and regulations issued pursuant
19 thereto is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

20 **SEC. 19. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect immediately upon its
21 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

22 Approved,

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 6214

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 269, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION DECREE"

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OBJECTIVES:

- To strengthen the National Electrification Administration (NEA) to pursue the rural electrification program through the electric cooperatives (ECs) as its implementing arm.
- To ensure that the NEA has adequate powers to protect its financial interest in the ECs and provide them with better options to guarantee the continued delivery of adequate and reliable electric service to the end-users.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Establishes a framework for structural reforms in the NEA and the ECs
- Strengthens the supervisory powers, functions and privileges of the NEA over the ECs and provides step-in rights of the NEA for ECs encountering problems in their management and operations.
- Specifies the conditions for the issuance of an injunction or temporary restraining order against the implementation of any order, ruling or decision of the NEA.
- Defines the qualifications and disqualifications of the officers and the Board of Directors of the ECs.

- Specifies the options on the registration of the ECs and enumerates the reportorial requirements.
- Provides certain incentives to the ECs.
- Provides penalties to any person found in violation of any rule or regulation promulgated pursuant to the authority granted in the Act.
- Empowers the Joint Congressional Power Commission to oversee the implementation of the Act.

RELATED LAWS:

- Presidential Decree No. 269 – NEA Creation
- Presidential Decree No. 1645 – Increase of NEA Capitalization and Broadening of Its Lending and Regulatory Powers
- Republic Act No. 6938 – Cooperative Code of the Philippines
- Republic Act No. 9136 – Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001