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House Bill No. **4973**



Introduced by Representatives Michael Angelo C. Rivera, Reynaldo V. Umali, and Rodel Batocabe

AN ACT URGING THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT TO GRANT THE SUM OF SIX HUNDRED MILLION PESOS TO THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION, REPAIR AND REHABILITATION OF DISTRIBUTION LINES/SYSTEM AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT TO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES RAVAGED BY TYPHOON GLENDA

Explanatory Note

Last July 15, 2014, Typhoon Rammasum, the Thai term for god of thunder, known in the Philippines as typhoon "Glenda" directly passed over Rapu-Rapu, in the Albay Province bearing 125 miles per hour sustained winds, similar in strength to a Category 3 hurricane. After the storm, total damage was estimated at PhP 7 billion with 24 deaths and 4 missing persons and several agricultural lands devastated per report of the Natural Disaster Risks Reduction and Management Center (NDRRMC). The damage brought by typhoon Glenda has left 18 electric cooperatives in 5 regions with about six hundred million pesos loss in substations, sub-transmission lines and distribution lines.

Initial assessment made by the National Electrification Administration (NEA), Department of Energy (DOE) and the electric cooperatives show that **Region V** suffered with the most damage from Sorsogon II Electric Cooperative (SORECO II) posting an estimated loss of P 122,749, 342.70, Camarines Sur II Electric Cooperative I (CASURECO I) estimated loss is at P 89, 715,180.00 , Camarines Sur III Electric Cooperative (CASURECO III), Camarines Sur IV Electric Cooperatives (CASURECO IV) estimated loss is at P 79,138,172.87, APEC EC estimated loss is at P 61,043,380.70, Camariens Sur II Electric Cooperative (CASURECO II) P30, 753,952.38, Sorsogon II Electric Cooperative (SORECO II) and Camarines I Electric Cooperative (CASURECO II) estimated loss is P9,013,437.50; **Region IV-A** Batangas I Electric Cooperative (BATELEC I) with estimated loss of P7,897,531.48, Batangas II Electric Cooperative with estimated loss of P24,157,016.22, First Laguna Electric Cooperative (FLECO) with estimated loss of P3,584,895.02, Quezon I Electric Cooperative (QUEZELCO I) with estimated loss of P45,262,155.05; **Region IV-B-** Marinduque Electric Cooperative (MARELCO) with estimated loss of P8,812,310.39, Oriental Mindoro Electric Cooperative (ORMECO) with estimated loss of P624,441.97; **Region III -** Zambales II Electric Cooperative (ZAMECO) with estimated loss of P4,200,285.76, Peninsula Electric Cooperative (PENELCO) with estimated loss of P138,000.00, Pampanga II Electric Cooperative (PELCO) with estimated loss of P1,784,765.03; **Region VIII-** Eastern Samar Electric Cooperative (ESAMELCO) with estimated loss at P200,978.00

NEA Electric cooperatives are designed not to earn profit so these ECs cannot build up funds to respond to natural disasters such as typhoons and earthquakes. The operation of an electric cooperative which is severely damaged by a natural calamity puts its integrity to a challenge. These electric cooperatives recently hit by typhoon Glenda are now on its knees and find it difficult to recover from the losses. There is a need to restore the damaged distribution lines/ system and repair other infrastructure support of these electric cooperatives that require inordinate amount of resources. Government should immediately help these electric cooperatives who serve millions of householders, cater to other basic services and move the wheels of the economy and prevent deterioration of the peace and order condition in the affected areas. It is for this reason that a subsidy to the electric cooperatives is requested to fund immediately this missionary endeavor.

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Reynaldo V. Umali**

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

**AN ACT URGING THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT TO GRANT SIX HUNDRED MILLION PESOS TO
THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION, REPAIR AND
REHABILITATION OF DISTRIBUTION LINES/SYSTEM AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT
TO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES RAVAGED BY TYPHOON GLENDA**

Section 1. Short Title.- This Act shall be known as the **Glenda Power Restoration and Rehabilitation Emergency Assistance Fund”**

Section 2. Declaration of Policy.- It is hereby declared the policy of the State to assist communities damaged or destroyed or adversely affected by Typhoon Glenda on July 16, 2014 by extending to electric cooperatives aid, relief, restoration of electricity and rehabilitation of power and transmission lines, repair and reconstruction of other infrastructure support to accelerate development of those affected by typhoon Glenda. For this purpose, the State shall promote, encourage and assist all public service institutions engaged in supplying electric service particularly electric cooperatives which are willing to pursue diligently this objective. The State acknowledges individuals, organizations, and financial institutions here and abroad as well as foreign governments who have spontaneously and willfully contributed their efforts and resources to help the areas devastated by nature’s convulsions.

Section 3. Statement of Objectives and Guidelines.- This Act is intended to help communities especially electric cooperatives heavily damaged by Typhoon Glenda in **Regions V, IV-A, IV-B, III and Region VIII**. It aims to provide funds for the immediate rehabilitation of damaged and destroyed transmission and power lines and other infrastructure support.

Section 4. Guidelines in the Allocation of Funds.- The government’s fund and resource herein appropriated shall be spent judiciously and effectively in consonance with the principle of providing the greatest good for the greatest number. Accordingly, the following guidelines shall be observed in allocating the funds Ne available under this Act.

- (a) In the repair and reconstruction of infrastructure and facilities, priority shall be given to the damaged transmission and power lines and other infrastructure facilities of electric cooperatives in the affected areas;
- (b) Repair and rehabilitation of damaged facilities, transmission and power lines shall be equitably extended to all identified communities affected by typhoon Glenda irrespective of political or party affiliation, sex, creed, religious belief, or ethnic origin;
- (c) No money shall be released without specific plans and programs of work nor shall be used to pay obligations incurred before the approval of this Act;

Section 5. Appropriation Clause.- To carry out the purposes of this Act, the sum of Six Hundred Million Pesos (P600,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated out of any available fund in the national treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Section 6. Creation of the GLEND A Power Restoration and Restoration Emergency Assistance Fund. – For purposes of this Act, the National Electrification Administration (NEA) thru the Department of Energy is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to promote, encourage and assist public service entities, particularly electric cooperatives, to the end of achieving the objective of making service available throughout the area devastated by typhoon Glenda as rapidly as possible.

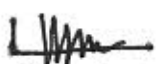
- (a) To make contract of every name and nature for the construction or repair of damaged transmission lines and distribution facilities and all related properties, equipment, machinery, fixtures and materials for the purpose of restoring supply of power in the area.
- (b) To plan and to develop to the extent possible and without charge therefore, technical and professional assistance, guidance, information and the results of any investigation, study or reviews conducted by NEA.
- (c) To report to Congress and the President of the Republic of the Philippines on the status of Glenda Power Restoration and Rehabilitation Emergency Assistance Fund and all other information and data as will accurately reveal the progress being made toward the achievement of the purpose of this Act; and to publish such report for the dissemination and for use of the National government.
- (d) To make proper evaluation, studies and recommendation on how to make the lines, and equipment and facilities more durable and weather-proof.

Section 7. Separability Clause.- If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 8. Repealing Clause.- Any law, decree, or rules and regulations which are

Section 9. Effectivity.- This Act shall take effect upon its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.


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