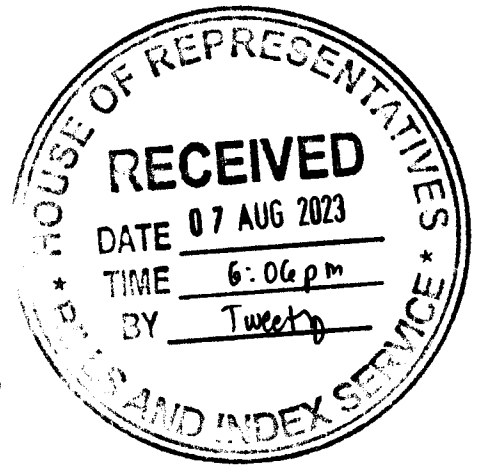




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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1168

Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE NELSON L. DAYANGHIRANG**

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SUCCESSIVE POWER INTERRUPTIONS WITHIN THE FRANCHISE AREA OF THE DAVAO ORIENTAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (DORECO) WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING CONTINUOUS ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLY IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL

WHEREAS, the Davao Oriental Electric Cooperative (DORECO) is the sole power distributor in the Province of Davao Oriental registered under the National Electrification Administration (NEA) on December 30, 1977 with NEA Franchise Certificate No. 064 for 50 years and expiring on August 13, 2030 covering the City of Mati as well as the Municipalities of Boston, Cateel, Baganga, Caraga, Manay, Tarragona, Lupon, Banaybanay, San Isidro, and Governor Generoso.

WHEREAS, on 4 October 2022, the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) found that DORECO submitted incomplete quarterly interruption reports for the year 2020 and that its 2021 reports showed that its System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI) exceeded the allowable maximum under pertinent ERC rules;

WHEREAS, Honorable Cheeno Miguel D. Almario, Representative of the 2nd District of Davao Oriental, filed House Resolution (HR) No. 526 on 8 November 2022 urging the National Electrification Administration (NEA) to assist DORECO in improving its services in the Province of Davao Oriental;

WHEREAS, during the 28 February 2023 hearing of the Committee on Energy on HR No. 526, DORECO expressed that the power outages within its franchise area is caused, among others, by the low voltage it receives from the National Grid Corporation of the

Philippines (NGCP) which will be addressed by the construction of the Maco-Mati 138 kV Transmission Line;

WHEREAS, the NGCP has committed to DORECO the construction of the 138 kV Transmission Line by 2021 but the same was pushed back to 2028, as reported by DORECO during 28 February 2023 hearing;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Manay promulgated on 7 February 2023 Resolution No. 2023-20-15 expressing that the issue of low voltage within the franchise area of DORECO is a problem that has existed since time immemorial;

WHEREAS, in a letter dated 23 May 2023, Mayor Jon Marco Dayanghirang of the Municipality of Manay expressed that electrical power problems have “persistently plagu[ed]” their Municipality, which have, in turn, “significantly hindered the[ir] well-being and progress”;

WHEREAS, Mayor Juanito C. Inojales of the Municipality of Governor Generoso, in a letter dated 13 June 2023 likewise expressed that the Municipality of Governor Generoso has, in recent months, been facing recurrent and extended power outages which has led to “frequent disruptions in daily life and business operations”;

WHEREAS, this decade-old problem of persistent power interruptions and low voltage in the Province hindering the day to day activities and business operations in the Province of Davao Oriental remains unsolved up to this time;

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, the House of Representatives direct the appropriate House Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the successive power interruptions within the franchise area of the Davao Oriental Electric Cooperative (DORECO) with the end in view of ensuring continuous electric power supply in the Province of Davao Oriental.

Adopted.



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