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**House Resolution No. 1535**



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Introduced by

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**A RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE RECURRING GRID DISTURBANCE OF THE WESTERN VISAYAS PANAY ISLAND TRANSMISSION LINE RESULTING TO UNSCHEDULED POWER OUTAGE IN THE SAID AREA**

**WHEREAS**, in April 2023, a system disturbance in the Visayas Grid caused by subsequent generation trippings, as reported by the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP), resulted in a three-day power outage in the Western Visayas area;

**WHEREAS**, the three-day power outage caused by grid disturbance had been the subject of a Committee on Energy investigation and a separate review conducted by Interim Grid Management Committee (IGMC) as authorized by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC);

**WHEREAS**, on January 2, 2024, less than a year after the April 2023 incident, residents and businesses across the Panay Island again experienced a widespread unplanned power outage, disrupting their daily lives and economic activities;

**WHEREAS**, according to reports of the NGCP, the power outage was caused by a system disturbance in the Panay grid and part of Negros;

**WHEREAS**, the system disturbance cascaded into the entire Western Visayas with the tripping of six (6) power plants due to grid voltage imbalance and maintenance shutdown;

**WHEREAS**, NGCP claims that the primary cause of the power interruption was the unscheduled maintenance shutdowns of the largest power plants in the island;

**WHEREAS**, NGCP, as the national grid's System Operator, is mandated to ensure reliability of the grid by anticipating such disturbances and implementing mechanisms to avoid the simultaneous tripping of power plants, as what have recently happened in Panay;

**WHEREAS**, this recent island-wide power outage has raised concerns among citizens and business groups regarding the reliability of the country's energy infrastructure, especially the grid, and its impact on the overall economy of the affected areas;

**WHEREAS**, while power has been reportedly restored in parts of the Island, the fact remains that our constituents in Western Visayas spent the first days of the new year plunged into darkness due to the prolonged outage in their areas;

**WHEREAS**, it is the duty of Congress to safeguard the interests and welfare of the Filipino people by ensuring the reliability of the country's power system;

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that the House Committee on Energy assess the performance of the grid's System Operator and its adherence to established standards during the recent island-wide power outage;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, for the House of Representatives through the Committee on Energy to immediately conduct an investigation in aid of legislation on the recurring grid disturbance of the Western Visayas Panay Island transmission line resulting to unscheduled power outage in the said area.



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