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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1536**

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**Introduced by Representative Ivan Howard A. Guintu**

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**RESOLUTION**  
**DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT AN**  
**INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, IN THE MASSIVE POWER OUTAGE**  
**IN THE PROVINCE OF CAPIZ**

**WHEREAS**, on January 2, 2024, the Province of Capiz experienced a massive power outage;

**WHEREAS**, Capiz Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CAPELCO) reported that the entire Province of Capiz was without power due to “system disturbance” from the grid operated by NGCP and that it had decided to shutdown power in Capiz to protect its distribution assets and its customers appliances from sudden voltage surges.

**WHEREAS**, the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP), in its advisory announced that all power plants in Panay has shutdown and the entire Negros-Panay grid was totally out.

**WHEREAS**, as a result of this system-wide power disturbance, households and individuals suffered inconvenience and disruption of their activities due to loss of electricity and business and commercial activities in Capiz were detrimentally affected resulting in widespread economic losses.

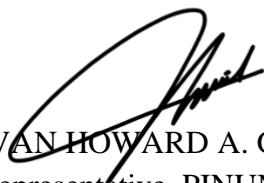
**WHEREAS**, the NGCP, as the system operator tasked with maintaining grid stability, failed to take proactive measures in preventing a system-wide collapse. Specifically, the Department of Energy (DOE) faulted NGCP and stated that the grid would not have collapsed if the NGCP had intervened on time. As pointed out by the Independent Electricity Market Operator of the Philippines (IEMOP), there was a 2-hour window of opportunity for NGCP to prevent the system from collapsing but it did not resort to any manual load dropping during that 2-hour period.

**WHEREAS**, this power outage could have also been prevented if those responsible had heeded to the lessons of the loss of power in the Western Visayas Region last April 2023.

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to determine the accountability of each participant in the energy sector and to explore the passage of legislative measures to prevent similar incidents from happening.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the House of Representatives, to direct the appropriate House Committee on Energy to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation in the power outage in the Province of Capiz.

**ADOPTED,**

  
IVAN HOWARD A. GUINTU  
Representative, PINUNO Party-list