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House Resolution No. 1826

Introduced by the Honorable Precious Hipolito Castelo

A RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO INVESTIGATE THE ROTATIONAL BROWNOUTS BEING EXPERIENCED IN METRO MANILA AND OTHER PARTS OF LUZON

WHEREAS, last May 31, 2021, the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) placed the Luzon Grid on red alert and yellow alert;

WHEREAS, being under red alert means there are no ancillary services available or there is insufficient power supply in the grid, while yellow alert means there is low power reserves due to high electricity demand;

WHEREAS, in light of this, NGCP implemented manual load dropping (MLD) which triggered rotational brownouts in Luzon and Metro Manila in order to maintain the integrity of the power system;

WHEREAS, this happened despite the assurance of the Department of Energy (DOE) during the hearing of the Joint Congressional Energy Commission last April that it does not see any “demand-driven energy shortage” during the summer season;

WHEREAS, electricity is all the more important now that the country is continuously implementing the national rollout of COVID-19 vaccines which require refrigeration at varying temperatures;

WHEREAS, the country cannot afford the spoilage of these vaccines considering that the COVID-19 situation now calls for a more aggressive vaccination drive given the alarming surge in COVID-19 cases recently;

WHEREAS, these power interruptions will also affect millions of students and teachers who conduct their classes online;

WHEREAS, businesses which are also utilizing online platforms due to work-from-home arrangements will also be affected by the rotational brownouts;

WHEREAS, considering that the country is still in the summer season and parts of Metro Manila and Luzon still log high temperatures daily, rotational brownouts will just worsen the

inconvenience brought about by heat and may even cause potential health risks such as heat cramps and heat stroke;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to direct the Committee on Energy to investigate the rotational brownouts being experienced in Metro Manila and other parts of Luzon.

ADOPTED,

PRECIOS HIPOLITO CASTELO