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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Resolution No. 1751



Introduced by Representatives Ron P. Salo and Ciriaco S. Calalang

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, REGARDING THE CAUSE OF INTERRUPTION IN THE WATER SUPPLY OF MAYNILAD

WHEREAS, Maynilad Water Services, Inc. (Maynilad) is the water and wastewater services provider for the 17 cities and municipalities that comprise the West Zone of the Metropolitan Manila area. It is an agent and contractor of the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS);

WHEREAS, In the Concession Agreement entered into by Maynilad and MWSS in 1997, Maynilad has the obligation to ensure the availability of uninterrupted 24-hour water supply and waste water services for the cities and municipalities in the West Zone of Metro Manila;

WHEREAS, There have been regular water supply interruption incidents in 2015, 2016, 2017, and up to the present due maintenance works and other operations;

WHEREAS, Maynilad said highly elevated portions of the West Zone concession continue to have low pressure to no water supply while necessary system adjustments to fill up reservoirs and distribute the limited water supply to more areas are being done;

WHEREAS, Based on the latest advisory, affected areas are majority of the barangays in Quezon City, Caloocan, Paranaque, Muntinlupa, and Las Pinas in Metro Manila. Outside Metro Manila, the areas of Imus, Cavite City, and Bacoor in Cavite are also affected;

WHEREAS, Maynilad has set up a new water treatment plant worth P6.75 billion in Muntinlupa which was expected serve 1.2 million in Muntinlupa, Las Piñas and Cavite and address the water supply interruption problems in the area;

WHEREAS, Customers of Maynilad continue to experience reduced to no water supply, while Manila Water Co. remains at a normal level of water supply;


WHEREAS, The affected residents have expressed their frustration and inconvenience regarding the inefficiency of Maynilad to immediately normalize the water services;


WHEREAS, Section 10.4 of the Concession Agreement between Maynilad and MWSS dated February 21, 1997, states the penalties against the concessionaire for its failure to meet its service obligations;

WHEREAS, the penalty in the Concession Agreement should be implemented since the continued water supply interruption has adversely affected the public welfare.

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, for the House of Representatives, to inquire on the cause of the water service interruption and the inefficiency and failure of Maynilad to immediately address the problem *vis-à-vis* its obligations as stated in the 1997 Concession Agreement with MWSS, and to recommend the imposition of appropriate penalties thereof, if warranted.

Adopted,


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