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Introduced by Representatives Presley C. De Jesus, Sergio C. Dagooc, Godofredo N. Guya, and Adriano A. Ebcas

A RESOLUTION
URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE POSSIBLE OVERLAPPING FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF TASK FORCE E-POWER MO (TFEM) CREATED UNDER DOE DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 2018-05-0010 AND THE MANDATE OF NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION (NEA) ON TOTAL ELECTRIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2 of the Republic Act No. 9136 or the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001 (EPIRA), the policy of the State, among others, is to ensure and accelerate the total electrification of the country; to ensure the quality, reliability, security and affordability of the supply of electric power; and to assure socially and environmentally compatible energy sources and infrastructure;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10531, also known as the “National Electrification Administration Reform Act of 2013,” (NEA Reform Act) declares the policy of the State
to promote the sustainable development of the rural areas through rural electrification, and further obligates the NEA to pursue total electrification of the country through the Electric Cooperatives (ECs) by way of enhancing distribution development and to ensure their economic and financial viability and operation, to supervise the management and operations of all electric cooperatives; and to develop, set and enforce institutional and governance standards for the efficient operation of electric cooperatives, among others;

WHEREAS, Department of Energy (DOE) issued Department Order No. 2018-05-0010 on the 24th of May 2018 creating the “Task Force E-Power Mo” (TFEM);

WHEREAS, Department Order No. 2018-05-0010 mandates the “Task Force E-Power Mo” (TFEM) to oversee the implementation of the total electrification program of the Government; to require all Distribution Utilities to submit a comprehensive master plan for total electrification within their respective franchise area and have the authority to review and assess them;

WHEREAS, the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the NEA Reform Act establishes the NEA as the government agency authorized and empowered to pursue total electrification throughout the country with supervisory powers over the performance of ECs and the responsibility and authority to submit reports and recommend policies to the DOE particularly related to rural/total electrification;

WHEREAS, The DOE Department Order No. 2018-05-0010 has effectively usurped the legislative mandate granted to NEA under Republic Act No. 10531 or the NEA Reform Act of 2013;

WHEREAS, inasmuch as DOE is the government’s leading agency for promoting an efficient, competitive, transparent and reliable energy sector in the country, there is an urgent need to probe and re-assess its existing policies, processes, and protocols in the implementation of the Rural Electrification (RE) program in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the TFEM has become an added layer of bureaucracy for both the NEA and the Electric Cooperatives that would result to delay in rural electrification projects implementation. That the issue is, with supervisory and administrative functions already delegated to NEA, the creation and existence of TFEM must be considered as a valid point of inquiry;

WHEREAS, there is a need for the House Committee on Energy to ensure that there is no overlapping of bureaucratic functions between the DOE and the NEA;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, for the House Committee on Energy to immediately conduct an investigation in aid of legislation on the abovementioned circumstances in order to ensure that there is no overlapping of bureaucratic functions between two entities and assess the propriety of the department order creating the said task force.

Adopted,

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