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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 309

Introduced by Representatives Fidel F. Nograles

A RESOLUTION
URGING THE PROPER COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF
LEGISLATION ON THE NEW CENTENNIAL WATER SOURCE-
KALIWA DAM PROJECT (NCWS-KDP) AND ITS ALLEGED
ANOMALOUS AWARD TO CHINA ENERGY ENGINEERING CO.
LIMITED

Whereas, the New Centennial Water Source Project- Kaliwa Dam Project (NCWSP-KDP) (“the Project”) is proposed to be developed in order to address the National Capital Region’s need for adequate and reliable water supply;

Whereas, it was revealed in a Commission on Audit (COA) Memorandum dated 10 June 2019 and released to the public on 18 July 2019, that the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) Technical Working Group (TWG) shortlisted three (3) Chinese contractors for the bidding of the Project even if all of them lacked prequalification requirements;

Whereas, contrary to MWSS protocol, the date of completion for past projects by the firms, including *China Energy Engineering Co. Limited*, the winning contractor, was not specified;

Whereas, *China Energy Engineering Co. Limited* and Consortium of *Guandong Foreign Construction Company Limited, Guandong Yuantian Engineering Company* did not indicate the completion date of construction projects they have undertaken;

Whereas, the Notice of Award (NOA) was already issued to *China Energy Engineering Co. Limited* last October 11, 2018, but the Notice to Proceed (NTP) is yet to be issued pending the submission of the required documents;

Whereas, *China Energy Engineering Co. Limited* already conducted preliminary project activities even if the loan agreement had not yet taken effect;

Whereas, aside from the alleged irregularities in the vetting procedure, there also exists various oppositions questioning the Project, including its potential damage to the environment and the displacement of indigenous peoples;

Whereas, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has earlier stated that the Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) has not been released due to the lack in documentation requirements, such as the Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) of Indigenous Peoples occupying the area;

Whereas, it is imperative that an investigation on the *vetting procedure* and the oppositions to the Project be conducted so that the legislature may enact the necessary measures to ensure the integrity of public bidding and faith in public works and infrastructures as respecting human rights and the environment;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives to direct the proper Committee to conduct an

investigation in aid of legislation on the New Centennial Water Source-Kaliwa Dam Project and the alleged anomalous award to China Energy Engineering Co. Limited.

Adopted,

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