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House Resolution No. 574



Introduced by the Honorable Precious Hipolito Castelo

A RESOLUTION

URGING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF THE FORTY PERCENT (40%) STAKE OF STATE GRID CORPORATION OF CHINA IN THE NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (NGCP)

WHEREAS, the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) is the country's sole transmission service provider;

WHEREAS, being the country's sole transmission service provider, NGCP lays the highways where reliable and sustainable power flows from generating plants to distribution utilities, industries, businesses, and households;

WHEREAS, NGCP is also tasked with the operations, maintenance and expansion of the power grid;

WHEREAS, the State Grid Corporation of China ("State Grid"), a Chinese company, owns a forty percent (40%) capital equity in the NGCP;

WHEREAS, national security concerns were recently raised when the National Transmission Corporation (TransCo) allayed fears that China might be capable of remotely shutting down the Philippines' sole power transmission grid;

WHEREAS, although the law allows 40% foreign equity in the NGCP, it would be prudent and pragmatic to ensure that safeguards are being implemented in order to protect the security and integrity of the country's sole transmission line;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to urge the appropriate House Committee to investigate, in aid of legislation, the national defense and security implications of the 40% capital ownership of the State Grid Corporation of China in the NGCP.

ADOPTED,


PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO
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