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Introduced by Representative Presley C. De Jesus, PHILRECA Party List
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A RESOLUTION
URGING HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THROUGH
THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS TO RESTORE THE
FISCAL YEAR 2021 PROPOSED SUBSIDY OF PHP 9.304 BILLION FOR
THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, the National Electrification Administration proposed a Php 9.304 Billion subsidy from the National Government for the continued implementation of the Sitio Electrification Program Phase II, Barangay Line Enhancement Program, and the Electric Cooperative Emergency Resiliency Fund of the government;

WHEREAS, the Department of Budget and Management reduced this amount to only Php 1.827 Billion as indicated in the FY 2021 National Expenditure Program submitted last 25 August 2019;

WHEREAS, in the budget hearing held on 7 September 2020, it was revealed that the Php 1.827 Billion will only be enough to energize around 1,085 sitios next year, as the average cost of electrifying a sitio is at least Php 1.5 Million;

WHEREAS, for the first semester of the current year alone, the NEA was able to energize 667 sitios and start enhancement of grid line connection for a few barangays;

WHEREAS, the NEA, thru the Electric Cooperatives as its implementing arm, have been able to energize 123,726 sitios or 84% of the targeted 147,989 sitios;

WHEREAS, the rural electrification program contributed to the provision of electricity to 13.85 million consumer connections nationwide to date;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued a directive to DOE and NEA to complete the rural electrification and ensure total electricity access for all Filipinos by 2022;

WHEREAS, there are about 12,000 sitios or about 1.7 million households left without access to electricity and the NEA approximates that it would need at least Php 18 Billion to do so;

WHEREAS, the granting the proposed budget would allow NEA to energize an additional 3,915 sitios and start enhance the grid connections of 74 barangays including 7 barangays under the National Task Force-End Local Communist Armed Conflict and 13 submarine cabling projects;

WHEREAS, the proposed budget would also augment the recommended Php 200 million Electric Cooperative Emergency Resiliency Fund making it a total of Php 750 million as provided for in R.A. 11039 for restoration and rehabilitation of the damaged infrastructures after fortuitous events or force majeure;

WHEREAS, to be able to fully and effectively implement the directive of President Duterte as well as to finally provide access to electricity for all Filipinos, the NEA should be given the full amount it has proposed;


WHEREAS, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, the access to electricity is becoming an increasingly necessary prerequisite as we transition to a society and the new normal;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives, that the Committee on Appropriations restore the FY 2021 NEA subsidy appropriation of Php 9.304 Billion that was reduced by the Department of Budget and Management to Php 1.827 Billion.

Adopted,


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