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A RESOLUTION
URGING SPEAKER ALAN PETER CAYETANO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS TO RESTORE THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 PROPOSED SUBSIDY FROM THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF PHP 6.146 BILLION FOR THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION REDUCED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT TO PHP 1.531 BILLION PESOS

WHEREAS, the National Electrification Administration proposed a Php 6.146 Billion subsidy from the National Government for the continued implementation of the Sitio Electrification Program Phase II and other electrification projects of the government;
WHEREAS, the Department of Budget and Management reduced this amount to only Php 1.531 Billion as indicated in the FY 2020 National Expenditure Program submitted last 20 August 2019;

WHEREAS, in the budget hearing held on 27 August 2019, it was revealed that the Php 1.531 will only be enough to energize around 775 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 469 sitios and start enhancement of grid line connection for 20 barangays;

WHEREAS, the NEA, thru the Electric Cooperatives as its implementing arm, have been able to energize 13,184,523 households and 61 million Filipinos across the country side;

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 14,876 sitios left without access to electricity and the NEA approximates that it would need at least Php 22 Billion;

WHEREAS, the granting the proposed budget would allow NEA to energize an additional 1,225 sitios and start enhance the grid connections of 47 barangays;

WHEREAS, the proposed budget would also cover an additional budget for renewable energy projects, calamity assistance not funded by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund, and an emergency resiliency fund for electric cooperatives among others;

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;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives, that the Committee on Appropriations restore the FY 2020 NEA COB subsidy appropriation of Php 6.146 Billion that was reduced by the Department of Budget and Management to Php 1.531 Billion.

Adopted,

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