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RESOLUTION NO. SP- **6049** S-2014

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE STRONG SENSE OF PROTEST AND OPPOSITION TO THE HIGH ELECTRICITY RATES BEING CHARGED BY POWER COMPANIES AND CALLING THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (ERC) TO STRICTLY EXERCISE ITS REGULATORY POWERS TO REDUCE THE COST OF ELECTRICITY.

Introduced by Councilor KARL EDGAR C. CASTELO.

Co-introduced by Councilors Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Dorothy A. Delarmente, Victor R. Ferrer, Jr., Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Roderick M. Paulate, Ramulfo Z. Ludovica, Ramon P. Medalla, Estrella C. Valmocina, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Franz S. Panaren, Jaime F. Borres, Jesus Manuel C. Sontay, Vincent DG. Belmonte, Raquel S. Malañgen, Jessica Castelo Daza, Bayani V. Hipol, Jose A. Visaya, Julianne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Godofredo T. Liban II, Andres Jose G. Yllana, Jr., Allan Butch T. Francisco, Candy A. Medina, Diorella Maria G. Sotto, Marivic Co-Pilar, Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr. and Donato C. Mutias.

WHEREAS, power generation charges in Metro Manila have risen from P4.87 per kilowatt hour (kWh) in 2000 to P11.40 per KWh in 2013 which represents an increase of 134.1 percent;

WHEREAS, in December 2013, the Manila Electric Company (MERALCO) announced a pass on additional charge of P4.15/kwh, the highest rate hike ever proposed by the utility firm which was not collected due to a petition filed with the Supreme Court;

WHEREAS, the Energy Regulatory Commission has ordered MERALCO to refund the overpayment of customers and to re-compute the generation charges collected from its customers;

WHEREAS, the price of electricity in Metro Manila is the third highest in the Asia-Pacific region;

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WHEREAS, the soaring electricity rates have tremendously affected the income of residential households, the production expenses of commercial and industrial establishments, and the operation of government agencies delivering frontline services;

and government electricity pricing is cited by consumers and business owners as an important factor that would improve the cost and quality of living and business climate;


WHEREAS, lowering the power rates would benefit the poor and marginalized sectors of the community. Low income households can spend more on basic necessities such as food and water.

NOW, THEREFORE,


BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to express, as it does hereby express the strong sense of protest and opposition to the high electricity rates being charged by power companies and calling the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) to strictly exercise its regulatory powers to reduce the cost of electricity.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that MERALCO and the Energy Regulatory Commission be furnished with copies of this Resolution.

ADOPTED: July 28, 2014.



MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on July 28, 2014 and was CONFIRMED on August 4, 2014.


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
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