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SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD



EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE 2ND SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, JANUARY 29, 1985.

Present:

Hon. Benjamin F. Tugonon	--	Acting Presiding Officer
Hon. Cristobal S. Mendola	--	Floor Leader
Hon. Anastacio D. Besabella	--	Kagawad
Hon. Dionisio B. Torre Villas	--	Kagawad
Hon. Jose O. Bandalan	--	Kagawad
Hon. Iñaki P. Larrazabal, Jr.	--	Kagawad
Hon. Romeo M. Hermosilla	--	ABC President, Kagawad
Hon. Ma. Emily C. Codilla	--	CPMB President, Kagawad

Absent:

none

2 seats vacant.

RESOLUTION NO. 1691

A RESOLUTION EARNESTLY REQUESTING HIS EXCELLENCY FERDINAND M. MARCOS & HONORABLE MADAME IMELDA ROMUALDEZ MARCOS TO INTERCEDE FOR A ROLL BACK OF ELECTRIC POWER RATES IN AREAS SERVED BY THE LEYTE GEOTHERMAL POWER PROJECT COMMENSURATE TO THE RECENT ROLL BACK IN FUEL PRICES & THE RAISING UP OF THE DOLLAR-PESO RATES.

"WHEREAS, electric power member-consumers within the areas served by LEYTECO V have manifested that they are reeling under the outlandish and onerous power rates foisted upon them by the National Power Corporation (NPC), and for that matter not only areas of LEYTECO V but practically all areas in Region VIII, in comparison to other areas in the Philippines served by geothermal, ~~hydro~~ or fossil oil fired or operated power plants;

WHEREAS, people of the region have come to realize what cheap and abundant electricity will mean and consequently noting, nurturing and sponsoring the observation that smaller power bills would encourage people to increase consumption and that such heavier power purchases would eventually lower costs per unit of electricity;

WHEREAS, people of the region envision and desire that electricity could lift most of the drudgery of human life from the shoulders of men and women who toil by purchasing labor and time-saving appliances which can be used by commerce of man and in the process create new livelihood projects which would redound to the uplift of the people in the region, but, which, sadly, is negated by the very impracticability of using such tools and appliances of the trade due to the high cost of power which has forced people to resort to antiquated time-consuming and wasting methods which makes for high production cost and consequently reduces decent profit to unrealistic level which stops production and eventually erodes into the economic stability of the nation and breeds deteriorating peace and order conditions;

WHEREAS, even in households, which is the very soul of the nation, housewives are dreading the use of refrigerators and other basic appliances of a family and turn off these appliances to save on power bills, which, in essence, constricts the spectrum, and ideal market base for electric power which would reduce the costs of its production, which condition puts a heavy strain on our dollar reserves because instead of using cheap electricity for cooking, we have to use imported gas or use wood of which eventually will be cut, if it is not already done, from our precious watersheds, which, in the very near future will also shorten the expected life span of the geothermal steam reserves, not to mention the deleterious effects on the already suffering people due to the high costs of commodities predicated upon by expensive imported oil products;

WHEREAS, in a letter of the National Power Corp., to the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Ormoc City, dated Sept. 19, 1983, signed by Magdalena V. Manzo, paragraph 2 states among others, that "Though NPC's rate level in Leyte of P0.6751/kwh is higher compared to some regions, it is still below the cost of producing electricity in the grid. This will continue to be so even with the operation of the geothermal plants because of the relatively small market base compared to the huge investment outlays in the area." (underscoring ours), which, in the consensus of the member-consumers poses a

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short-sighted policy adopted to quickly recover investments because the rates imposed by NPC through the different cooperatives is anathema to the proliferation of small businesses which can avail of cheap power which on the over-all can produce a gigantic market base compared to the present situation which discourages electrical consumption encouraging further cut-back on power use which will worsen the situation sought to be relieved which consequently sabotages the efforts of the administration to establish a broad base of factories and export oriented industries which lead consumers to suspect that NPC's policies were adopted not within the context of the over-all national development scheme;

WHEREAS, in August 1982 LEYECO billed its customers additional charges because it availed of the power barge moored at Isabel, Leyte, from the former billing of:

Residential (0-15KWH)	Residential (0-10 KWH)
Minimum - P9.75	Minimum - P10.00
Excess, per KWH - .65	Excess, per KWH - 1.00

after which a series of rate increases were effected by NPC throughout the country so much so that presently LEYECO V consumers are billed, on residential houses, 0-10 KWH P13.17, Excess: P1.317, which is roughly twice the original rate;

WHEREAS, on June 21, 1983, the Sangguniang Panlungsod Ng Ormoc was in receipt of a letter from the NPC signed by Engr. R. M. Ordoña, Project Manager IV in answer to a query from said body, dated June 19, 1983, clarifying that the power barge supplementing LEYECO V was pulled out on May 30, 1983, which in effect should have triggered a move to restore power rates to the pre-power barge levels, which was not done;

WHEREAS, in a bid to supplicate the aid of His Excellency President Ferdinand Marcos and First Lady, Madame Imelda Romualdez Marcos and others, the following resolutions have been passed by different groups:

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| 1. Resolution No. 3-s-1984 | -- Municipality of Villaba, Leyte |
| 2. Resolution No. 84-20 | -- Municipality of Matalom, Leyte |
| 3. Resolution No. 7, s-1985 | -- Municipality of Tabango, Leyte |
| 4. Resolution No. 28-s-1983 | -- Municipality of Kananga, Leyte |
| 5. Resolution No. 29, 9-5-83 | -- Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte |
| 6. Resolution No. 1-A-S-1984 | -- Municipality of Villaba, Leyte |
| 7. Resolution No. 29, 2-25-84 | -- Municipality of Palompon, Leyte |
| 8. Resolution No. 204-11-83 | -- Municipality of Tunga, Leyte |
| 9. Resolution No. 49, 12-2-83 | -- Municipality of Capoccan, Leyte |
| 10. Resolution No. 57, 11-26-83 | -- Municipality of Alang-Alang, Leyte |
| 11. Resolution No. 31, s-1983 | -- Municipality of Barugo, Leyte |
| 12. Resolution No. 1323 | -- City of Ormoc |
| 13. Resolution No. 1373 | -- City of Ormoc |
| 14. Resolution No. 1374 | -- City of Ormoc |
| 15. Resolution No. 1375 | -- City of Ormoc |
| 16. Resolution No. 1409 | -- City of Ormoc |
| 17. Resolution No. 1426 | -- City of Ormoc |
| 18. Resolution No. 1427 | -- City of Ormoc |
| 19. Resolution No. 141 | -- LEYECO V, Ormoc City |
| 20. Resolution No. 204-11-83 | -- LEYECO III - Tunga, Leyte |
| 21. Resolution No. 8-s-1983 | -- Villaba Ladies Circle |
| 22. Resolution No. 6-s-1983 | -- HUGPO Ass., Villaba, Leyte |
| 23. Resolution No. 1-s-1984 | -- PLAUSIBLE RENOVATORS Ass. Villaba |
| 24. Resolution No. 1-s-1984 | -- Supreme Lions Club, Ormoc City |
| 25. Resolution No. 052-s-1984 | -- Kiwanis Club of Ormoc City |
| 26. Resolution No. 199-s-1983 | -- Kiwanis Club of Metro Ormoc |
| 27. Resolution (unnumbered)s-1983- | -- Ormoc Host Lions Club |

not to mention countless other telegrams, messages, letters and personal pleas made by representatives of different cooperatives;

WHEREAS, up to today no solution has been made to solve the problem in spite of the Presidential directive that Leyte must not be billed more than the Luzon grid of which member-consumers took to mean that His Excellency, the President and the First Lady is of the stand that this utilization of this stupendous heritage of geothermal power be shared and enjoyed at the cheapest possible by the people of Region VIII, which, ironically, is billed more than other areas which use geothermal, dendro or fossil oil fired power plants, in direct contravention to the Presidential directive;

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Presidential directive;

WHEREAS, it has come to the information of member-consumers that PASAR which has not even used up its allocated power is billed very much cheaper than the cooperatives and has not been penalized, as stipulated by Magdalena V. Manzo, so much so, that member-consumers consider that they are indirectly subsidizing PASAR due to the very steep power rates foisted upon the member-consumers, which they consider unfair;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Kagawad Hermosilla, unanimously seconded by all the Nga Kagawads present; be it

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to supplicate the help of His Excellency, President Ferdinand E. Marcos and the First Lady, Madame Imelda Romualdez-Marcos to intercede for:

1. A roll back of power rates in areas served by LEYCO V or if possible for Region VIII due to the recent roll back of fuel and oil prices and the easing up recently of the dollar-to-the-peso rates;

2. That the power rates of LEYCO V be rolled back to the August 1982 rate without the additional charges because of the power barge which was originally 0-15 kWh - P9.75 - Excess, per kWh - .65 and on that original rate all other additional charges be put on top of;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be furnished His Excellency, President Ferdinand E. Marcos and the Hon. Imelda Romualdez-Marcos, in Malacañang; Hon. Benjamin Romualdez, Governor, Tacloban City; Hon. Coroniso Velasco, Minister of Energy, Office of the President, Malacañang; Hon. Gabriel Y. Pachon, President, National Power Corporation, Quezon Avenue corner BIR Road, Diliman, Quezon City; and Hon. Pedro Dumol, Administrator, National Electrification Administration, 10090 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City; also to the General Manager and Board of Directors of LEYCO V, Ormoc City;

And to the following, for their information, guidance and support:
The Sangguniang Panglungsod of Tacloban and Catbalogan cities; the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Southern Leyte, in Masin, Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Biliran sub-province, Biliran; the Sangguniang Panglungsod of Calbayog City, Samar I; the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Samar I, in Calbayog City; Samar II, in Catbalogan City; Eastern Samar, in Borongan; and Northern Samar, in Catarman;

To the Sangguniang Bayans of the following:
LEYTE: Tausan, Dagami, MacArthur, Tabon-Tabon, Mahaplag, Julita, Dulag, Tolosa, Mayorga, Buraun, La Paz, Javier, Abuyog, Babatngon, Palo, Jaro, Sta. Fe, Tunga, Carigara, Alang-alang, Barugo, Capocan, Pastrana, San Miguel, Baybay, Hilongos, Inopacan, Bato, Matalon, Madang, Florida, Isabel, Tabango, Matag-ob, Calubian, San Isidro, Leyte, Albura, Palompon, Pananga and Villaba;

BILIRAN SUB-PROVINCE: Biliran, Cabugayan, Naval, Almeria, Kawayan, Oulabe, Caibiran;

SOUTHERN LEYTE: Maasin, Macarhon, Padre Burgos, Malibog, Tomas Oppus, Bontoc, Segod, Libagon, Saint Bernard, San Juan, Anahawan, Hinundayan, Liloan, San Francisco, Hinunangan, Silago, Pintuyan and San Ricardo;

SAMAR I: Sta. Margarita, Tarangan, Gandara, Oquendo, Tinambacan, San Jorge, Pagsanjan, Matunina and San Jose de Buan;

SAMAR II: Mabong, Calbiga, Wright, Hinabangan, Notiong, Villareal, Pinsaodao, San Sebastian, Sta. Rita, Talalora, Basey and Marabut;

EASTERN SAMAR: Borongan, Balangkayan, Lorente, Maydolong, San Julian, Sulat, Taft, Canavid, Dolores, Ogas, San Policarpo, Arteche, Naslog, Jipadpad, Hermene, Gen. MacArthur, Lawan, Balangiga, Guinapundan, Ciporlos, Mercedes, Salcedo and Guinan;

NORTHERN SAMAR: Catarman, Bobon, San Jose, Allen, Rosario, Victoria, San Isidro, Mondragon, Lavezares, San Roque, Dambujan, Silvino Lobos, Las Navas, Catubig, Laoang, Palapag, Mapanas, Ganay and Lapinig.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY."

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above-quoted resolution.

ATTESTED: *Benjamin P. Suralino*
Asst. Board Secretary

Benjamin P. Tugonon
Acting Presiding Officer

APPROVED: *Jose C. Aviles*
Acting City Mayor

ATTESTED AS APPROVED: *Sotero M. Popto*
Secretary to the City Mayor