REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD LUNGSOD NG ORMOC

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Hon. Corinne M. Corro,

Chapter President, Liga ng mga Barangay ng Ormoc

Ex-Officio City Councilor,

SK Federation President

ABSENT:

Hon. Nepomuceno P. Aparis I,

(Official Business), Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-125

A RESOLUTION VEHEMENTLY OPPOSING THE PETITION OF NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION (NPC) TO INCREASE THE COST OF ELECTRICITY BY P2.0207/KWH IN THE VISAYAS, AND P0.1720/KWH IN LUZON.

WHEREAS, a local newspaper in Ormoc in its June 1-7, 2009 issue had the banner headline, to wit: "NPC ASKS ERC FOR ANOTHER P2/KWH INCREASE";

WHEREAS, the aforementioned news item further state, among others: "x x x that would increase the cost of electricity by P2.0207 a kilowatt hour in the Visayas, if approved, and P0.1720 a kilowatt hour in the Luzon. Napocor filed the petition last week or on May 25, with the Energy Regulatory Commission saying it was proposing to adjust its charges as a result of the rising cost of crude oil, which it uses to run most of its power plants, as well as its increasing contractual costs with independent power producers"; (Underscoring supplied)

WHEREAS, the reasons given for the increase is not valid, reasonable and equitable, considering that the electricity produced in the Visayas, specifically in Ormoc City, comes from geothermal and NOT from CRUDE OIL, and the "increasing contractual cost with the independent power producers" is not justifiable, since electricity produced by geothermal power plants is one of the cheapest;

WHEREAS, the discrepancy in the requested increase in the energy cost which is P2.0207/KWH for the Visayas, and P0.1720/KWH for Luzon, boggles the imagination of the people of the Visayas, because should there be an increase in the cost of electricity, the people of the Visayas must be given the preferential rate as the cheapest source of electricity (geothermal) comes from their area;



WHEREAS, this Sanggunian approved unanimously Resolution No. 2009-079, entitled, "A RESOLUTION STRONGLY OPPOSING THE APPLICATION OF NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION (NPC) AND POWER SECTOR ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (PSALM) TO INCREASE THE BASIC GENERATION RATE AND THE PROVISIONAL INCREASE GRANTED THERETO, AND LIKEWISE, SUPPORTING AND INDORSING THE OPEN-LETTER ADDRESSED TO HER EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL ARROYO OPPOSING NAPOCOR'S PROVISIONAL INCREASE OF \$1.1460/KWH IN THE VISAYAS GRID BY THE MEMBER CONSUMERS OF ALL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES IN REGION 8" a machine copy of which hereto attached, and the grounds for the opposition stated therein are hereby reiterated and shall form part of this resolution;

WHEREAS, the successive increase of electric charges by NPC is at this time most inopportune, inhumane and oppressive considering the present economic turmoil obtaining in our country and the whole world;

FOREGOING PREMISES CONSIDERED, on MASS MOTION OF THE BODY; be it

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED to pass a RESOLUTION VEHEMENTLY OPPOSING THE PETITION OF NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION (NPC) TO INCREASE THE COST OF ELECTRICITY BY P2.0207/KWH IN THE VISAYAS, AND P0.1720/KWH IN LUZON;

RESOLVED FURTHER to request the ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION to consider this Resolution as the Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Ormoc's opposition to the petition of National Power Corporation to increase the cost of electricity by P2.0207/KWH in the Wisayas, and P0.1720/kwh in Luzon;

RESOLVED FINALLY, to furnish copies of this resolution to Her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal- Arroyo, Malacañang Palace, Metro Manila; the Senate President, Hon. Juan Ponce Enrile; The Speaker of the House of Representative, Hon. Prospero Nograles; The Secretary of the Department of Energy, Hon. Angelo Reyes; The President of National Power Corporation, Hon. Proilag A. Tampingco; The Chairman, Energy Regulatory Commission; The City Mayor, Eric C. Codilla, The General Manager, LEYECO V, Jovenal R. Alesna; Board President of LEYECO V, Dir. Wilfredo P. Madjus and others concerned;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

Secretary to the

Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:

FERNANDO P. PARRILLA
Temporary Presiding Officer
(City Counciles)

(City Councilor)