



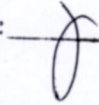
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**Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri**

**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPENDING POWER DISCONNECTION OF THE BUKIDNON SUB-TRANSMISSION CORPORATION (BSTC) TO THE SERVICE AREA OF THE BUKIDNON SECOND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (BUSECO) IN THE PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON WITH THE END VIEW OF PREVENTING THE RECURRENCE OF SIMILAR EVENTS THAT DISRUPT ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES AND PROTECTING THE INTEREST OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

**WHEREAS**, the Bukidnon Sub-transmission Corporation (BSTC) has issued a public notice to the different local government units (LGUs) of Bukidnon that BSTC is set to effect a Disconnection/Suspension of Service to BUSECO on 15 September (Thursday), 2016 at exactly 12:00 noon for non-payment of BUSECO's obligation;

**WHEREAS**, BUSECO is servicing the City of Malaybalay, Municipalities of Lantapan, Cabanglasan, Impasugong, Sumilao, Manolo Fortich, Malitbog, Libona, Baungon, Talakag and Brgy. Lilingayon in Valencia City, all in the Province of Bukidnon;

**WHEREAS**, these areas to be affected by the power disconnection of BSTC are the industrial, agri-industrial and commercial districts of the Province of Bukidnon, thus such power disconnection will have serious economic impact in the whole province;

**WHEREAS**, this impending power disconnection by BSTC is causing widespread panic and anxiety to the people and end-consumers in the service area of BUSECO;

**WHEREAS**, this impending power disconnection by BSTC will cause serious injury on households, businesses, schools, financial institutions and will hamper the delivery of basic services by the LGUs such as social and security services;

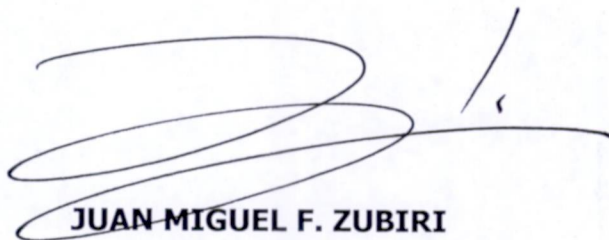
**WHEREAS**, there are nineteen (19) hospitals in the service area of BUSECO that will be affected and their delivery of health services will be hampered, thus will seriously endanger human lives;

**WHEREAS**, the transmission and distribution of electric power are imbued with public interest and shall be a regulated common electricity carrier business and therefore subject to the powers of the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) as specified in the Energy Power Industry Reform Act;

**WHEREAS**, the ERC, the Department of Energy and National Electrification Administration should look seriously on this impending power disconnection of BSTC to BUSECO's service area and immediately prevent its implementation in the interest of the public and the delivery of basic services in the affected LGUs;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Philippine Senate, to direct the Senate Committee on Energy, to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, on the impending power disconnection of the Bukidnon Sub-Transmission Corporation (BSTC) to the service area of the Bukidnon Second Electric Cooperative (BUSECO) in the province of Bukidnon, with the end view of preventing the recurrence of similar events that disrupt economic activities and protecting the interest of the general public.

*Adopted,*



**JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI**