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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE LENGTHY AND COSTLY
PERMITTING PROCESS IN SECURING NET METERS FOR RESIDENTIAL
HOUSES

WHEREAS, in the public hearing conducted by the Senate Committee on Energy on February 7, 2017, it was brought into the committees attention the lengthy and costly process of securing a net meter for a residential house¹;

WHEREAS, according to Mr. Miguel De Guzman, who represents the rooftop sector for solar, it would take three months to one year to get the net meter for a residential house²;

WHEREAS, he said that the application process for a net meter includes a distribution impact studies fee, another fee called the CRECA, and the certificate of renewable energy³;

WHEREAS, he added that they do find permitting as the challenge which could fall under the Local Government Units for they have to get a certificate of final electrical inspection etc., but the greatest delay would be the conduction of distribution impact study fee⁴;

WHEREAS, the committee was also enlightened that homeowners are turned off by the requirements, the money and also the time it takes to get net metering⁵;

WHEREAS, this investigation is in line with the efforts of the Duterte Administration to reduce transaction time and remove redundant requirements to government offices⁶;

¹ Committee on Energy, Public Hearing, February 7, 2017, Transcript, [https://janus.senate.gov.ph/go/http://vesta/legis/committee/Records/Energy/17th%20Congress%20\(1st%20Regular%20Session\)/energy_07Feb17.pdf](https://janus.senate.gov.ph/go/http://vesta/legis/committee/Records/Energy/17th%20Congress%20(1st%20Regular%20Session)/energy_07Feb17.pdf)

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Inquirer News Website, Duterte cracks down on red tape, <http://news.abs-cbn.com/business/06/30/16/duterte-cracks-down-on-red-tape>

WHEREAS, the lengthy and costly permitting process in securing net meters for residential houses is a matter of public interest that clearly warrants an investigation, in aid of legislation, in order to reduce the number of steps and time needed in securing permits in government offices;

BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED to direct the proper Senate committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the lengthy and costly permitting process in securing net meters for residential houses.

Adopted,


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