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— The Philippines' Electric Cooperatives —

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HON. GUS S. TAMBUNTING

Chairperson

House Committee on Legislative Franchises
Batasan Hills, Quezon City

Dear *Hon. Tambunting*:

Greetings of Peace from PHILRECA!

Respectfully forwarding herewith our organization's **FULL SUPPORT to House Bill No. 8966** entitled "An Act Extending the Existing Franchise of Camarines Sur IV Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CASURECO IV) to Construct, Install, Establish, Operate, Own, Manage and Maintain Distribution Systems for the Conveyance of Electric Power to the End Users in the Municipalities of Ocampo, Tigaon, Sagnay, Goa, San Jose, Lagonoy, Presentacion, Garchitorena, Caramoan and its Neighboring Suburbs."

With this regard, we would like to express our utmost and unconditional support to the franchise application of Camarines Sur IV Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CASURECO IV), which was filed on 29 August 2023, under the Committee on Legislative Franchises.

CASURECO IV has been a great partner of the government in energizing the municipalities in Camarines Sur namely: Ocampo (part of the 3rd Congressional District; and towns of Tigaon, Sagnay, Goa, San Jose, Lagonoy, Presentacion, Garchitorena, and Caramoan (all under 4th Congressional District). Since 1977, CASURECO IV continuously operates as a non-stock, non-profit electric service provider in the following areas, with a consistent excellent performance over the last five years.

CASURECO IV has been serving 94,303 members among the 258 barangays under its coverage area and a total of 96,177 actual connections were energized in 2023. Thus, the 2015 PSA survey declared that it has achieved a commendable status of electrification performance with a rate of 117%.

From a "D" rating in its early years, CASURECO IV has posed improvements where it got the current highest categorization rating of "AAA" in 2015. It was certified by the National Electrification Administration (NEA), following a rate of 100% in 2021. As of 2022, CASURECO IV has also successfully registered 100% energization of its franchise area. It was made possible through the efficient planning of the Cooperative, which

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introduced different solutions in energizing the households, including those located in unserved and underserved areas.

For almost four (4) decades, CASURECO IV consistently demonstrated its readiness through effective planning and continuous implementation of programs despite being confronted with threats and challenges. Truly, CASURECO IV remained committed to its very purpose as a provider of electricity to all households in Camarines Sur.

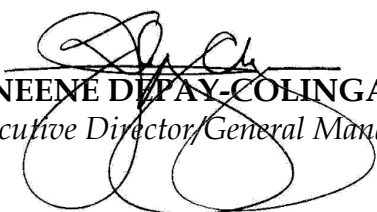
Thus, we respectfully urge the Committee in approving this franchise application. As enshrined in Section 2 of the Presidential Decree No. 269 as amended, *"Because of their non-profit nature, cooperative character and the heavy financial burdens that they must sustain to become effectively established and operationally viable, electric cooperatives, particularly, **SHALL BE GIVEN EVERY TENABLE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE** by the National Government, ITS INSTRUMENTALITIES and AGENCIES to the FULLEST EXTENT of which they are capable..."* Granting this franchise extension to CASURECO IV will enable them to operate and empower their respective communities as part of its mandate in serving the people.


In light of this, the Association believes that CASURECO IV should be granted this franchise application to be able to extend its service to all areas in Camarines Sur, as part of its commitment in the consistent implementation of the total electrification program.

We hope and pray that the Committee on Legislative Franchise will approve this franchise application of CASURECO IV at the earliest possible time.

Thank you and Power On!

Respectfully yours,


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