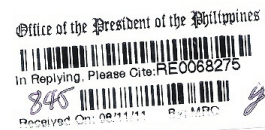




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President, Republic of the Philippines
Malacañan Palace
Manila



Attention: HON. TEOFILO S. PILANDO, JR.
Deputy Executive Secretary

**Subject: ATTENDANCE OF ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES
TO THE 2011 NRECA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Dear President Aquino,

Warm greetings!

Please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your prompt response to our letter of May 20, 2011 on the above subject (Copy Attached) through the General Administration Office (GAO) Indorsement dated May 25, 2011, a copy of which we received on June 1, 2011.

We note, however, that as of today, the GAO Indorsement to the Administrator, National Electrification Administration (NEA) for **“appropriate action”** on our request for NEA to submit or provide, within 15 days, copies of the liquidation reports of all the participants to the 2011 NRECA Conference in the USA covered by the NEA Institutional Advisory of 04 November 2010 has not been complied with or acted upon.

Our first request with NEA for copies of the liquidation reports was filed March 29, 2011, and after two months of NEA inaction and indifference, we deemed it wise to bring this matter to the President knowing that this has a direct bearing on your personal campaign to stamp out “CORRUPTION” in all government operations.

Regrettably, it has been another two months and the President has not been favored, either, with any reply or compliance from the NEA Administrator.

The matter at hand involves a number of Officers and Managers of our Electric Cooperatives (ECs) who attended the 2011 Annual Conference of US-based NRECA, charging the cost of that attendance to their EC members. As the backbone of rural and countryside electrification, the ECs serve the marginalized and the disadvantaged segments of electricity consumers, and are the least capable to underwrite attendance in foreign conferences by their Officers and Managers.

Moreover, unless reports detailing not only the expenses incurred but experiences shared and learned at the Conference are made public, the growing perception that the trips in question were junkets, and nothing more, will persist unabated.

In raising these queries and calling for a review of the fundamental necessity and underlying costs of this and other similar undertakings, we are merely manifesting in quite concrete terms our commitment to support His Excellency's call for the Filipino to take the "**RIGHT PATH**" in fighting CORRUPTION which has greatly undermined the development projects of the government that aim to alleviate the prevalent poverty in the country.

In this regard, and at the risk of being bold and brash, may we know what the Office of the President, which issued the 1st Indorsement, will do to an agency that openly ignores a request from the Office of the President to produce within 15 days the liquidation report of all the participants to the 2011 NRECA conference?

We can only take NEA's non-compliance with the Indorsement to mean that the said attendance to the NRECA conference was indeed a "JUNKET" and this junket happened on the first year of your administration.

Such being the case, may we, therefore, respectfully request His Excellency to use the powers of the Office of the President to rid NEA of undesirable officials who have shown utter disrespect for the Office of the President and to direct NEA to order the management of the Electric Cooperatives that attended the junket trip to reimburse the Cooperatives of the amount they used for such trip?

Further, may we also request that we be furnished proof of NEA's compliance with this directive from the President? This action will serve as a strong warning to all those who refuse to heed the President's call to take the "**RIGHT PATH**".

We pray that His Excellency will give this request his immediate and precious attention.

Thank you so much and may our Lord Almighty continue to bless our President with strength, courage, wisdom, and faith as he continues to serve the best interests of the Members-Consumers of the Electric Cooperatives.

Most respectfully yours,



PETE L. ILAGAN
President

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Hon. Antonio P. Roman, PLLO, Secretary
The Honorable Cabinet Secretaries
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"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom".
(Proverbs 9:10)