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**MR. JESUS P. FRANCISCO**

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**Dear Mr. Francisco:**

Greetings!

We are happy to read from the newspapers that Meralco now yields to audit by the Commission on Audit as per directive of the Supreme Court under the CONSOLIDATED SUPREME COURT DECISIONS (GR 166769 and GR 1668818) PROMULGATED ON DECEMBER 6, 2006.

However, it greatly disturbs Nasecore when Meralco uses Nasecore as an excuse for its earlier vacillation on its position regarding this COA audit by saying that it refuses a COA audit based on the request of Nasecore.

We find this statement baseless and irresponsible because as our letters will show these were all inquiries on the status of the Supreme Court Decision directing ERC to request COA to audit Meralco's book of accounts. Request was made only for these agencies to act in compliance with the directive of the Supreme Court because Nasecore saw the apparent ploy to hide the directive in the SC decision for reasons easy for consumers to understand.

And granting that Nasecore did so, public interest dictates that Meralco should submit to an ERC-ordered audit as it is ERC who ultimately decides regardless of who requested the COA audit. So, when a utility like Meralco rejects an Order by ERC to have its book of accounts audited, it is ERC's authority that it is challenging not the request of an NGO, like Nasecore.

We hope Meralco will learn to accept its obligation to the public to be transparent so that consumers will be led to commend rather than condemn Meralco.

Thank you and God bless.

Very truly yours,

**PETE L. ILAGAN**

*President*

Cc: Hon. Zenaida C. Ducut, ERC Chair