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Dear Chairman Albano:

Greetings!

The Commission's records show that Manila Electric Company's actual use of electricity in 2004 which it passed on to its customers as part of the system loss was 84,000,000 kWh. Very surprisingly, this consumption rose by 49,000,000 kWh in 2005 thus making the company use of electricity increase to 133,000,000 kWh.

Considering that Meralco has a lot of subsidiaries and affiliates and sister companies like the giant ABS-CBN TV Network, it behooves this Honorable Commission to determine how this big jump to 133,000,000 kWh in 2005 was incurred especially so that in the subsequent years this fell down to 81,000,000 kWh in 2006 and 77,000,000 kWh in 2007.

In this regard, may we request the Commission to organize a team composed of representatives from the Commission on Audit, residential, commercial and industrial customers to be led by the Honorable Commission? That will identify all the meters from where Meralco's consumption is recorded.

In addition, since this consumption by Meralco is passed on to the consumers, may we also request ERC, in compliance with its mandate of protecting consumer interests, to assign meter readers who record Meralco's monthly consumption and use this to validate the submission of Meralco's consumption for a particular month?

We hope the Honorable Commission will favorably act on these request the soonest possible time in light of the current complaints on the high cost of electricity charged by Meralco to its customers an in order to damp suspicions that this 2005 jump in electricity consumption was used by its subsidiaries, affiliates and sister companies,

Thank you so much.

Very truly yours,

PETE L. ILAGAN

President