



July 25, 2016

MEMORANDUM No. 2016-018

TO : ALL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES (ECs)

SUBJECT : President Rodrigo R. Duterte's Veto of House Bill No. 6080

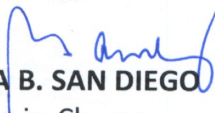
In a letter dated 20 July 2016, addressed to the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives, President Duterte exercised his veto power to House Bill No. 6080, and reasoned in the following manner:

"[I] consider the proposed amendments not necessary at this time. The law which the bill seeks to amend has just been fully implemented through various Department Circulars of the Department of Energy. Thus, prudent policy dictates that the law must be given ample time to develop and effect the reforms it seeks to institute.

The proposed Act must yield to the greater objective of professionalizing the leadership of electric cooperatives. This early, Republic Act No. 10531 has already had notable impact on how electric cooperatives currently operate. Those gains should not be wasted and the ongoing reforms should not be allowed to regress."

A copy of the letter is attached for ready reference.

For your information and proper guidance.


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20 JULY 2016

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
and Members of the House of Representatives
House of Representatives
Quezon City

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Section 27 (1), Article VI of the Constitution, I am returning herewith
the enrolled bill **HB 6080**, entitled:

**"AN ACT MODIFYING THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR, AND
CREATING A SCREENING COMMITTEE IN THE ELECTION OR
APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS OF
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
SECTIONS 26-A AND 26-B OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 269,
AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10531, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE "NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION
ADMINISTRATION REFORM ACT OF 2013"**

without my signature.

While the intent of the proposed Act to relax the stringent requirements of the qualifications/disqualifications of the members of the Board of Directors in electric cooperatives brought about by Republic Act No. 10531 (National Electrification Administration Reform Act of 2013) might be responsive to some public clamor, I consider the proposed amendments not necessary at this time. The law which the bill seeks to amend has just been fully implemented through various Department Circulars of the Department of Energy. Thus, prudent policy dictates that the law must be given ample time to develop and effect the reforms it seeks to institute.

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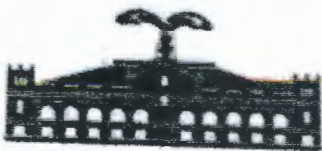
In view of these considerations, I am constrained to veto the abovementioned enrolled bill.

Very truly yours,



THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

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SENATE PRESIDENT
Philippine Senate
Pasay City



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