



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Iloilo
MUNICIPALITY OF OTON
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN



EXCERPT from the Minutes of Session of the Sangguniang Bayan ng Oton, Iloilo recorded during its Regular Session held at the SB Session Hall on July 25, 2025 at 9:00 the morning.

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| PRESENT: | Vice Mayor Jose Neil Portugalete Olivares Hon. Annie Rose Dajay Paro Hon. Dennis Quillo Geroche Hon. Jimmy Robles Olivares Hon. Dell Cartago Hosillos Hon. Evaristo Miguel Ledesma Flores, Jr. Hon. Ma. Lorna Tumambo Geonigo Hon. Josephus Ambrosius Renatus Talamera Escanlar Hon. Rodolfo Zurita Alconga, Jr. Hon. Paul Mediavilla Buenafe Hon. Hyacinth Celiz Gardose | Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer SB Member SB Member SB Member SB Member SB Member SB Member SB Member SB Member SB Member (LNB Representative) SB Member (PPSK Representative) |
| ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS: | None. | |
| ABSENT: | None. | |

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 173

**REQUESTING HON. CONGRESSWOMAN JANETTE L. GARIN TO INITIATE
LEGISLATIVE ACTION FOR THE INCLUSION OF DISTRICT 1, ILOILO
PROVINCE, IN THE EXPANSION FRANCHISE OF MORE ELECTRIC AND
POWER CORPORATION (MORE POWER).**

WHEREAS, approximately three years ago, consumers, local government units (LGUs), and congressional representatives from the Second and Fourth Districts of Iloilo province collectively expressed their desire for improved electric service by supporting the expansion of MORE Electric and Power Corporation (MORE Power) into their respective areas;

WHEREAS, this clamor led to the passage of Republic Act No. 11918, which was approved by both the House of Representatives and the Senate and took effect in August 2022. The said law expanded the franchise of MORE Power, authorizing it to establish, operate, and maintain electric power distribution systems in 15 municipalities and one component city within the Province of Iloilo;

WHEREAS, the municipalities comprising the First District of Iloilo, currently under the service area of Iloilo Electric Cooperative I (ILECO I), were not included in the coverage of the said expansion law;

WHEREAS, ILECOs, including ILECO I, filed legal challenges to contest the constitutionality of MORE Power's expanded franchise, arguing that such expansion infringes upon their existing franchises and service areas;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the Philippines has since issued a decision upholding the constitutionality of Republic Act No. 11918, affirming that the franchise of electric cooperatives like ILECO I is not exclusive, thereby removing legal impediments to further expansion of MORE Power's franchise area;

WHEREAS, it has been observed and verified that MORE Power offers significantly lower residential electricity rates and generation charges compared to those currently charged by ILECO I, along with more efficient and reliable customer service, modern infrastructure, and quicker response times to service interruptions;

WHEREAS, residents and consumers of District 1 in Iloilo Province are entitled to fair and competitive access to reliable and affordable electricity services. It is the collective desire of the constituents to benefit from the same improved quality of service currently enjoyed by consumers in areas already served by MORE Power;

WHEREAS, the Hon. Congresswoman Janette Garin, Representative of the First District of Iloilo, is hereby requested to explore legislative measures and consider authoring or sponsoring a bill that will amend or supplement Republic Act No. 11918 or otherwise enact a new law to include the municipalities of District 1 within the franchise area of MORE Electric and Power Corporation;


NOW THEREFORE, as proposed by Hon. Annie Rose Paro, as requested by the Local Chief Executive Mayor Sofronio L. Fusin, Jr and BNB 101 Association, on motion of Hon. Dennis Q. Geroche, Chair Committee on PUF and duly seconded by Hon. Evaristo Miguel Flores, Jr., be it


RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Sangguniang Bayan ng Oton to pass Resolution Requesting Hon. Congresswoman Janette Garin to Initiate Legislative Action for the Inclusion of District 1, Iloilo Province, in the Expansion Franchise of MORE Electric and Power Corporation (MORE POWER).

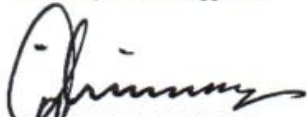
RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Mayor, BNB 101 Association , MPDC, Office of Congresswoman Janette Garin, MORE Electric and Power Corp., the Department of Energy (DOE), the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC), and other relevant government agencies for their information and appropriate action.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY, CONCUR AND ATTEST respectively to the correctness of the foregoing **Resolution.**


KERRY ANN T. LACIFICAR
Secretary to the Sanggunian


JIMMY R. OLIVARES
Chair, Committee on Rules and Privileges


JOSE NEIL P. OLIVARES
Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer


SOFRONIO L. FUSIN, JR.
Municipal Mayor

