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Undersecretary  
Department of Energy

Dear Undersecretary Aguilos,

Good day!

I am writing in response to your solicitation for comments and ideas concerning the proposed amendments to the EPIRA Law.

I regret to inform you that I will not be able to attend this historical gathering today. The situation in our coop compels me to stay. Nevertheless, I hope to participate in your next round of activities.

Without discounting the competence of the Department of Energy and the Undersecretary on this matter, hereunder are my comments to this very crucial, very necessary, very timely effort of trying to amend the over 13-year old EPIRA Law.

Before determining the specific amendments that have to be made, it is my humble suggestion that we should develop a “re-view framework” that would guide us to attain our intended purposes. The following may not be perfect ideas, but the principle is coming up with an objective and effective output.

1. **Specific, Concrete and Honest Re-view Objective.** For instance:
  - 1.1. Energy sufficient country, regions, islands and communities
  - 1.2. Affordable level of power rate (level of competitive country in Asia)
2. **Comprehensive & Broad Re-view.** For instance:
  - 2.1. Instead of looking at the specific provisions of EPIRA or that law itself, let us look at and re-view the power industry.
  - 2.2. We might need an overhaul, not just an amendment.
3. **Open & Democratic Re-view.** For instance:
  - 3.1. Encourage as many individuals and organizations to present their views on our power industry, using the DOE framework but open to variations. For instance:
    - 3.1.1. The Situation of the power industry
    - 3.1.2. The Problems of the power industry
    - 3.1.3. The Causes
    - 3.1.4. The Solutions

### 3.1.5. The Process of attaining that solutions

If we are able to gather and consolidate genuine perspectives on our power industry from the different sectors of our country (i.e., progressive, business, academe, professionals), most probably, we will be able to come up with genuine solutions that would address whatever issues in the industry that need to be rectified. Thereafter, we will be able to come up with proposals that will address the real problems of the industry, not just the problems of the EPIRA.

Thank you very much for the opportunity and good luck to your very crucial task.

*Very truly yours,*

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