

Motion 2

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Draft Motion

The Parliament of Sint Maarten, in its meeting of today, June 29th, 2011

CONSIDERING:

- That the ever increasing cost of electricity is placing a severe burden on the consumers of Sint Maarten;
- That many consumers have problems paying their monthly electricity bill;
- That the Fuel Clause is the main reason for the ever increasing bills;
- That the annual accounts of 2009 has indicated that GEBE has made a profit of over 20 million Guilders;
- That we are at the start of the slow season on Sint Maarten, which usually negatively affects the labour force;
- That these effects of the slow season will make it even more difficult for consumers to be able to pay their monthly electricity bills;
- That with a temporary reduction of the Fuel Clause, GEBE is still expected to continue to make a profit;
- That it is the desire of the Parliament of Sint Maarten to provide the consumers of Sint Maarten with some measure of relief during the slow season;
- That the possibility should be explored within the shortest possible time frame to grant, if possible, as much as 50% relief on the Fuel Clause for a period of 6 months;

RESOLVES:

- To instruct the Share Holder Representative of GEBE to request the management and Board of Supervisors of GEBE to submit within 30 days an answer on the possibility to grant consumers up to 50% reduction on the Fuel Clause for a period of 6 months.

And goes over to the order of the day.

Copies of this motion to be sent to
The Governor of St. Maarten
The Government of St. Maarten
The Parliament of St. Maarten