



RESOLUTION NO.: 2017 - 30

**RELATIVE TO THE AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT MASTERCARD PAYMENTS
FROM COMMERCIAL ACCOUNT HOLDERS**

WHEREAS, in March 2016, the Guam Power Authority (GPA) and Guam Waterworks Authority (GWA) procured and awarded the merchant banking services contract with the Bank of Hawaii (BOH); and

WHEREAS, BOH is able to offer both GPA and GWA the Utility Interchange rate when utility bills are paid with MasterCard. This rate is \$0.65/transaction for MasterCard consumer credit cards, \$0.45/transaction for MasterCard debit cards and \$1.50/transaction for MasterCard commercial and business cards plus BOH's nominal processing fee passed on to GPA; and

WHEREAS, a large commercial customer would generate fees of approximately between \$50 - \$100 using a commercial or business MasterCard; and

WHEREAS, GPA estimates the total cost to the Authority will be approximately \$160,000 annually assuming all commercial accounts use MasterCard; and

WHEREAS, during the last year, BOH has assessed an average of 1.25% in fees of the total debit and credit card payments processed, including MasterCard, VISA and Discover; and

WHEREAS, currently, GPA is only authorized to accept debit and credit card payments from residential customers; and

WHEREAS, GPA feels with the favorable Utility Interchange rates for MasterCard it can now offer to commercial customers the convenience of paying their power bills with MasterCard debit and credit cards at a reasonable cost; and

WHEREAS, GPA is now requesting for the authority to extend the use of MasterCard debit and credit cards as payment for commercial accounts.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the following policy is adopted by the Consolidated Commission on Utilities as follows:

1. Effective immediately, the Guam Power Authority is authorized to accept MasterCard debit and credit card payments from commercial customers for payment of their utility bills.

RESOLVED, that the Chairman certifies and the Board Secretary attests to the adoption of this Resolution.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 25th DAY OF JULY 2017.

Certified by:

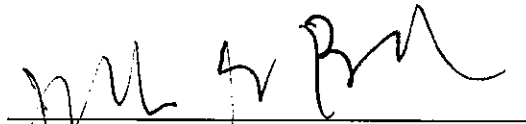
Attested by:



JOSEPH T. DUENAS

Chairperson

Consolidated Commission on Utilities



J. GEORGE BAMBA

Secretary

Consolidated Commission on Utilities

I, **J. George Bamba**, Board Secretary of the Consolidated Commission on Utilities (CCU), as evidenced by my signature above, do hereby certify as follows:

The foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting by the members of the Guam CCU, duly and legally held at a place properly noticed and advertised at which meeting a quorum was present and the members who were present voted as follows:

Ayes:	<u>5</u>
Nays:	<u>0</u>
Abstentions:	<u>0</u>
Absent:	<u>0</u>