



CONSOLIDATED COMMISSION ON UTILITIES
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GPA RESOLUTION NO. 2020-15
GWA RESOLUTION NO. 30-FY2020

**RELATIVE TO THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY AND THE GUAM
WATERWORKS AUTHORITY (GPWA) OFFERING PAYMENT PLANS FOR
CUSTOMERS EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DURING THE
CORONAVIRUS STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, under 12 G.C.A. § 14105, the Consolidated Commission on Utilities (“CCU”) has plenary authority over financial, contractual, and policy matters relative to the Guam Power Authority (GPA) and Guam Waterworks Authority (“GWA”); and

WHEREAS, GPA and GWA are Guam Public Corporations established and existing under the laws of Guam; and

WHEREAS, in response to the Global Health Emergency declared by the World Health Organization and the national emergency declared by President Donald Trump, on March 14, 2020, Governor Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, issued Executive Order 2020-03 declaring a State of Emergency to respond to coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2020-05 ordered the closure of businesses except for certain exemptions such as healthcare operations, grocery stores, gas stations and hardware stores during the COVID-19 emergency period; and

WHEREAS, between March 16, 2020 and June 30, 2020, GPA and GWA suspended customer account disconnections during the pandemic emergency period; and

WHEREAS, Executive Orders 2020-06, 2020-09, 2020-11 and 2020-16 extended the COVID-19 State of Emergency and shut down non-essential government and business

1 operations through April 13, 2020, May 5, 2020, May 30, 2020 and June 29, 2020 respectfully;
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4 **WHEREAS**, GPA & GWA responded to the COVID-19 pandemic by suspending non-
5 payment disconnections to protect the health and safety of customers and assist those suffering
6 economic hardship due to job loss or reduced or lost business; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, as of June 12, 2020, 1508 businesses have reported 27,190 employees have
9 been laid off, furloughed or had their work hours reduced as a direct result of the COVID-19
10 pandemic; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, as of June 6, 2020, 1999 businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic
13 have received more than \$194 Million in Paycheck Protection Program forgivable low-interest
14 loans to retain workers, maintain payroll, and cover certain other existing overhead costs; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, in joint coordination, GPA & GWA General Managers extended the
17 suspension of non-payment disconnections through June 30, 2020 to allow time for customers to
18 receive assistance from federal and local economic relief programs; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, the CCU has expressed the desire to keep utility payments affordable for
21 customers and maintain continuity of utility services by allowing extended payment plans to
22 customers with outstanding amounts owed due to the hardship caused by the COVID-19
23 pandemic; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, both utilities propose to offer residential customers a payment plan option,
26 up to twelve (12) months, on a case by case basis, to provide customers with enough time to pay
27 their current utility bills and outstanding amounts owed; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, both utilities propose to offer business customers a payment plan option up
30 to twelve (12) months, on a case by case basis, after evaluating their ability to remain current
31 with future bills and pay outstanding amounts owed; and,
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1 **WHEREAS**, each utility’s ability to provide payment plans may be constrained by
2 promulgated service rules or PUC orders and may require authorization to seek PUC approval
3 for the proposed COVID-19 Relief Programs; and,
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5 **WHEREAS**, GPA and GWA are committed to helping all ratepayers get through these
6 difficult times and encourage customers to make their utility payments before July 1, 2020 or
7 enter into a payment plan.
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9 **NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, the Consolidated Commission on Utilities
10 does hereby approve the following:

- 11 1. The CCU recognizes the hardship caused to GPA and GWA residential customers
12 because of the COVID-19 pandemic and approves creating a COVID-19 Relief Program
13 to offer up to twelve (12) month payment plans for unpaid bills for residential customers.
- 14 2. The CCU recognizes the hardship caused to GPA and GWA business customers because
15 of the COVID-19 pandemic and approves creating a COVID-19 Relief Program to offer
16 business customers a payment plan option up to twelve (12) months, on a case by case
17 basis after evaluating the customer’s ability to remain current with future bills and make
18 partial payments on outstanding amounts owed.
- 19 3. All penalties and late fees, including interest are waived for all residential and business
20 customers entering a COVID-19 payment plan.
- 21 4. The CCU authorizes GPA and GWA to petition the PUC as needed for approval of the
22 proposed COVID-19 Relief Programs.
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24 **RESOLVED**, that the Chairman of the Commission certifies and the Secretary of the
25 Commission attests the adoption of this Resolution.
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1 **DULY and REGULARLY ADOPTED and APPROVED THIS 16th DAY OF JUNE,**
2 **2020.**

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4 Certified by:

Attested by:

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7 **JOSEPH T. DUENAS**
8 Chairperson



9 **MICHAEL T. LIMTIACO**
Secretary

10 **SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE**

11 I, Michael T. Limtiaco, Board Secretary of the Consolidated Commission on Utilities as
12 evidenced by my signature above do hereby certify as follows:

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14 The foregoing is a full, true and accurate copy of the resolution duly adopted at a regular
15 meeting by the members of the Guam Consolidated Commission on Utilities, duly and
16 legally held at a place properly noticed and advertised at which meeting a quorum was
17 present and the members who were present voted as follows:

18 AYES: _____ 5
19 NAYS: _____ 0
20 ABSENT: _____ 0
21 ABSTAIN: _____ 0
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